



Ivory Ban

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Dear Lecgo,

I strongly believe that the Hong Kong's government should ban ivory and increase the penalty for the wildlife crime. As you might know, we keep on killing elephants just for their ivory and their lives are limited. We are making the population of elephants decrease. Soon there would be no elephants left, if we don't prevent this from happening.

No elephants? It's not just that many food chains would break, but also, your kids, your grandkids..... wouldn't ever be able to see a real life elephant in the wild! Well, you might not really care, but think about it deeply.....

Let's begin with the huge food chain problem without elephants. Without elephants, there is no animal to knock down and eat trees, making room for savanna grasses, or making habitats for herd animals like zebra and wildebeest.

In addition did you know elephants dig watering holes during the dry season, making them vital as a water source for many smaller animals. Many animals would die of thirst without them. So the entire ecosystem would suffer greatly by the extinction of elephants. But there is more at stake as well.

Okay, If we ban Ivory from shipping into Hong Kong, the people that sell it wouldn't be really be happy will they? So because of that, I bet that 70% of the unsatisfied traders would still surreptitiously sell them out and that would be a crime if we ban it in Hong Kong right? Therefore, we have to increase the penalty for the wildlife crime to obstruct the sellers from selling them.

I do oppose the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stocks, because it is not right. Why should people give money to other people who are elephant killers? In fact, we should put them in prison for a long time.

Yours sincerely,

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