



Please oppose compensation for ivory traders
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Dear Honorable Tanya Chen,

As someone who cares deeply about Hong Kong's reputation and endangered wildlife, particularly elephants, I'm concerned that the ivory trader lobby seems to be gaining momentum. I also understand that the issue of compensation has arisen. I have confidence that LegCo will support the Government's ban and I sincerely it will staunchly oppose the suggestion of compensation. Traders have had 27 years to sell off their stock and will have an additional five once the ban takes effect. It should also be noted no other country is providing compensation and nor will China when its ban comes into force at the end of this year. Most disturbingly, offering compensation could, quite likely, encourage traders to replenish their stock with illegal ivory, thus fueling the tragic poaching of animals that could become extinct without our lifetimes. A sobering thought.

Thank you very much Ms Chan for your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely Yours,
Susan Reingold