



**Proposed plan for phasing out the local trade in elephant ivory**

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Dear Chairperson,

I support a complete ban on the import, re-export and trade of all elephant products in Hong Kong because elephants are approaching extinction. Habitat loss is one of the main reasons. It is more complicated to tackle in short term. However, the massive hunting of elephants for their ivory could be stopped by increasing difficulty in trading under market. Starting from the government, a ban in ivory trade is the first step to show Hong Kong determination to save the elephants.

I also strongly support increased penalties under the Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Plants and Animals Ordinance.

Yours sincerely,

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