



Ivory Ban

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Dear LegCo,

I am writing to say that I strongly agree to ban incoming ivory in Hong Kong. I think it's a really terrible thing to kill an elephant just to get its tusks. So I have listed some of the reasons below why we should ban incoming ivory.

Firstly, the food chain is a really important cycle in the whole world, if one creature (animal or plant) extinct, than the whole food chain is broken!! And it could be quite dangerous sometime, and harmful to animals, plants, and even humans!

Next, I personally think 'why do people have to use ivory'. You know that diamonds and crystals are both quite expensive just like ivories. Why don't people just buy these, instead of killing an elephant just to get something beautiful.

Most importantly, in some people's religions, their god are elephants. One of the country is Thailand, and they see elephant as their 'friends'! You might think, 'oh, it's only some people's religions,' but think! If your Muslim, it's like people killing pigs and forcing you to eat pork; if you're Christian, it's like people burning the Christianity churches and people marching and shouting God isn't real!; and if you're Buddhism, it's the same thing as people disrespecting buddhas and making fun of it... And Buddhism teaches believer not to harm any animal.

Also, I think Hong Kong Governments should increase the penalties for the crimes of importing ivory, because I think they need to learn their lessons by really receiving harsher penalties.

Last but not least I think it is OK for Hong Kong Government to give a little bit of monetary compensation to each of the people selling and importing ivory people, so this way it would be easier to persuade them to stop the ivory selling and they could maybe get a legal job.

Regards,
Joyce