



Dear Legco,

Thank you for reviewing Hong Kong's legal stance on this very important issue.

I strongly believe that it is vital for Hong Kong to take a strong stance and completely ban all trade, import & export in ivory. This is an outdated & horrific practice, where animals are slaughtered for the purpose of trinkets! There is nothing whatever to be gained by these, and it is high time that such barbaric practices are outlawed throughout the world.

Please stand strong & show lead China & the world into the current reality of life, where humans have gained enough awareness to no longer abuse animals & the environment in return for trinkets & profit.

There are a few areas in your proposal, however, that act as loopholes, and I urge you to strengthen the policy by addressing these also:

1. Ban the import and re-export of all elephant specimens that are currently permitted in HK.
2. Ban the local trade in ivory.
3. No compensation for ivory traders.
4. Increase the proposed penalties under Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Plants and Animals Ordinance.

Thank you for your attention. I trust that you will do what is morally & environmentally right, for Hong Kong and the world.

Yours sincerely,

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