



Ivory
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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Somer Ammar and I am an Australian writing to you urging you to take into serious consideration your recent review of Hong Kong's decision to phase out Elephant Ivory products by the year 2021. What is concerning to me is the stockpile of 7 tonnes of ivory that ivory traders are demanding compensation for and that this is now deemed too expensive to provide compensation, therefore putting your commendable decision to ban ivory products by 2021 in question and jeopardy. The trade in Ivory fuels more killing. As long as their allowed on the market the killing will go on.

I urge you to please not let this alter your decision. Ivory belongs to living beings, beings that have families and just want to live out their lives in peace. They are so important to our ecological system whether they face extinction or not now rests in your hands. Ivory is obtained in the most violent and cruelest way. Owning Ivory is a sign of cruelty and suffering, not prestige!

Please don't let money be the overriding factor in a decision that could save an entire specie. The world is watching.

Thank you for your time.

With warmest regards

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