



HONG KONG IVORY BAN

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Dear Legco Panel,

I am writing to state that;

1/. I wholeheartedly SUPPORT the Hong Kong Government's Ivory Ban. As a civilised society, Hong Kong needs to detach itself, however belatedly, from this barbaric trade which it has played a key role in to date.

2/. I fully SUPPORT the Hong Kong Government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime. Heavy penalties befitting the gravity of the crimes are essential as a deterrent against such lawless activity.

3/. I strongly oppose the Hong Kong Government paying compensation to the Hong Kong Ivory traders for their ivory stocks. By doing so Hong Kong will fuel further demand for illegal ivory and encourage poaching and smuggling.

Hong Kong cannot be proud of it's leading role in this despicable, murderous and illegal trade to date and must now take overdue measures to assist in the global effort to stamp out the trade in ivory.

Yours faithfully,

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