



Hong Kong Government's Ivory Ban
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Dear the Clerk or Chairman of the LegCo Environmental Affairs Panel,

My name is Nellie Shute, and I am a 15 year old student. I am a permanent resident of Hong Kong after living there for seven years. I moved back to Australia last year for my senior school education. On behalf of children and teenagers all around the world, I'm asking you to support the Hong Kong government's ban on ivory and increase the penalties for those involved in wildlife related crimes.

Children like me are terrified for the future of these beautiful, magnificent, intelligent creatures who are being slaughtered for their ivory. It is SENSELESS that in HK retailers continue to sell, and buyers continue to buy ivory when an entire species is at risk of extinction. Hong Kong has the opportunity to ensure the survival of elephants so PLEASE don't ruin this chance. The longer you leave it the more elephants will be killed for their ivory, just to have it made into pointless trinkets and souvenirs. Once they are extinct, there is no getting them back. Please support and implement the ban before it's too late. Retailers should not be demanding compensation because if the ivory they are selling is legal, the stocks should have been exhausted long ago.

From,
Nellie Shute