

Ivory Trade Claire Chu to: panel_ea

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of banning ivory trade in Hong Kong.

I fully support the following points:

- 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. Support the increase of penalties under Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Plants and Animals Ordinance.

It is an inhumane and irresponsible product to trade in, and the market has had too many opportunities to exploit legal loopholes to allow this to continue.

It is terrible that future generations may only ever hear about and see elephants in stories and pictures - all because of human greed. We need to take a stand for the environment and not continue to knowingly push species to extinction. By not acting, we are personally responsible for such horrific actions.

Please discontinue the trade of ivory in Hong Kong. It is appalling and embarrassing that we are the largest retail market for ivory.

Regards, Claire Chu

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