



Nobody should profit from crimes against wildlife.

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Dear Panel,

- The Hong Kong Government has made a commendable call to ban ivory. I fully support this ban.

- I want to congratulate the the Hong Kong Government for proposing to increase penalties for crimes against wildlife - many species are endangered or extinct as a result of humanity's greed and short-sightedness. I fully support the proposed penalty increase for crimes against wildlife. Well done and thank you to the Government of Hong Kong!

- But I am surprised and concerned that the Hong Kong Government wants to pay compensation to ivory traders for their ivory stocks. This goes against the intention behind the ivory ban. As soon as money is paid for ivory, it encourages crimes against elephants and the illegal trade in ivory! Under no circumstances should anyone, ever profit from trading ivory! By paying traders for ivory, the Government of Hong Kong is negating its ban on ivory and turning it into a joke. If the Government of Honk Kong is serious about protecting endangered species and putting an end to crimes against wildlife, then it should demonstrate this by being consistent in its laws and actions. It should take a hard stance against ALL ivory traders. The Hong Kong Government must NOT make any ivory profitable! Trade in ivory must be clearly and consistently discouraged by NOT PAYING ANYONE for it. Only when ivory stops being profitable, is there any hope that crimes against elephants will stop. But as long as people are receiving money for ivory, the crimes against wildlife will continue.

- THE SAME GOES FOR RHINOS AND THE TRADE IN RHINO HORN. Very soon all the rhinos will be gone forever. Extinct. Unless humanity works together, before its too late, we will lose our precious wildlife forever.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gareth and Joy Houghting

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1. 我支持香港政府象牙禁令

1. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's ivory ban.

2. 我支持香港政府增加野生動物罪行刑罰

2. I SUPPORT the Hong Kong government's proposed increase in penalties for wildlife crime.

3. 我反對香港政府對象牙商人仍持有的象牙存貨作出賠償

3. I OPPOSE the Hong Kong government paying compensation to the Hong Kong ivory traders for their ivory stocks.

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