



Hong Kong ivory trade
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ATTN: Hon Tanya Chan:

I fully endorse the Hong Kong government's ban of the importation of ivory. It is a cruel, unnecessary and unsustainable practice. I am also very encouraged by the proposal by the Hong Kong government to increase penalties for wildlife crime. This is another step in the right direction that I wish every country in the world would follow. However, I am rather confused by the proposed compensation to be paid out to ivory traders. I believe this sends the wrong message, provides a "reward" for obtaining ivory from wild animals, and contradicts the other two steps the Hong Kong government is taking.

Thank you,

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