



**Hong Kong ivory ban**  
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Good morning,

My name is Gina Allum and I live in the UK. I have been watching - in helpless sorrow - as poachers butcher and slash their way through sentient, social, intelligent elephant families for the rich reward that ivory brings. In Africa the elephant species is struggling for its life and has no answer to the guns and grenades of the attackers. In Asia the situation is even worse: we risk losing "Nature's great masterpiece... the only harmless great thing."

The government in the UK has recently entirely failed to take moral leadership on this issue and fresh ivory is regularly laundered through 'antique' channels. But Hong Kong has a huge opportunity to do the right thing. To show global authority.

I entirely support the Hong Kong Ivory Ban and urge the Hong Kong Legislative Council to refrain from supporting any action that compensates ivory traders.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Yours sincerely,

Gina Allum