



**The Government's Proposal to Ban The Local Ivory Trade**

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my support of the legislative proposal being put to the Environmental Affairs panel on the 6th of June 2017.

In particular, I support the ban on importing and re-exporting all elephant specimens that are currently permitted in Hong Kong and banning the local ivory trade in ivory. I support the increase of penalties under Cap. 586 Protection of Endangered Species of Plants and Animals Ordinance.

Elephants are an endangered, therefore they should be protected at all costs to prevent them from becoming an extinct species. The constant poaching of elephants in Africa are contributing and may even be the primary cause of the decreasing number of African elephants in Africa. They are killed and slaughtered mainly for their tusks for the ivory. The future of the elephants in Africa is bleak and maybe even non existent if their numbers continue dropping at the current rate.

The future of elephants doesn't have to be bleak and the future of the elephants doesn't have to be non existent. If these proposals pass, elephants will be protected and their numbers will grow and they won't be on the verge of extinction anymore. Elephants are part of our earth and we as human beings should protect them.

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Kind Regards,  
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