



Domestic Ivory Trade Bill
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To Dear Honourable Ms. Chan,

I am a student at Edinburgh University, but was born and have lived in Hong Kong for most of my life.

I have a deep love for all animals, but elephants hold a special place in my heart. Growing up my favourite toy was a stuffed elephant called Eddy and I could not go anywhere without him, and I was recently lucky enough to see them in the wild in Tanzania. I was overwhelmed by how impressive and surprisingly elegant they were for such an enormous animal, and the highlight of my trip was watching the mothers and their calves splashing clumsily in mud baths. Sadly the horrific pictures of elephants with their faces chopped up ruthlessly by chainsaws are becoming all the more prevalent in the news and I am deeply saddened by the ever depreciating numbers of elephants left in the wild.

As such I would like you to know that I am overwhelmingly in favour of the push to ban the domestic ivory trade in Hong Kong. It is so encouraging that this Bill is moving towards a better future for elephants, and I truly believe that this is such a crucial step to encourage other countries to follow suit, and also allow Hong Kong tighten its domestic regulations and penalties and set a precedent for how we tackle the wildlife trade.

I look forward to reading about this soon.

All the best,
Katya