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The Honorable Vincent CHEUNG Wing-shun, MH, JP,  
Chairman, Panel on Environmental Affairs,  
Legislative Council Road,  
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr Cheung,

**Member's Bill to amend the Organised and Serious Crimes Ordinance (OSCO) to add certain offences under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance to deter wildlife trading in Hong Kong**

We are writing in response to the proposed Private Member's Bill (ref: CB(1)594/20-21(01)) that advocates amending Schedule 1 of Cap 455 Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (OSCO) that will be discussed at the Panel meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

The SPCA strongly supports the proposed amendment of the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap 455) and believes that including certain Cap 586 (Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance) offences in Schedule 1 of The Organised and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap 455) (OSCO) is an important and much needed step to enhance the investigation of wild life crimes and ensure that organized, criminal syndicates engaging in illegal wildlife trade and trafficking are held to account and brought to justice. Including certain CAP 586 offences under OSCO Schedule 1 would also further disincentivise this activity for organized criminal networks as, on conviction, the authorities would be able to confiscate the proceeds linked to the wildlife crimes committed.

We hope that the Legislative Council will support the proposed Bill to amend OSCO that aims to further the fight against wildlife crime and protect endangered species.

Yours sincerely,  
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