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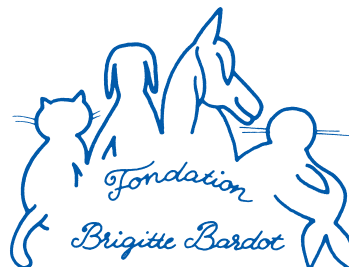
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SAVE THE ELEPHANTS



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**Subject: Raw ivory import to and re-export from Hong Kong.**

Distinguished Secretary for the Environment,

Tens of thousands of elephants are poached every year for their ivory to supply the Hong Kong and mainland China markets. Most African range States make tremendous efforts to protect live elephants. Hong Kong expressed its determination to tackle the illegal ivory trade and has destroyed over half of its seized ivory stock. We congratulate you for taking these actions.

According to the CITES-UNEP-WCMC trade database, in 2013 Hong Kong imported 206 elephant tusks, including 191 from the European Union. These importations of so called pre-convention ivory drive demand and thus may accelerate poaching. Moreover, there are concerns that re-export certificates issued by exporting countries are being re-used in importing countries to launder ivory from freshly poached elephants. Failures in checks and controls can enable to feed Hong Kong's legal market with illegal ivory.

Some countries, such as the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Sweden, France and the Netherlands have suspended the re-export of raw ivory from their territories. It is essential that complementary measures are taken by importing countries in demand markets.

**Therefore, the 51 non-governmental organizations signing this letter urge you to suspend the import and re-export of raw and cut ivory in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.**

Such a step would reduce the trafficker's room for maneuver and will facilitate the control of the legality of ivory in the numerous retail shops in Hong Kong. It will also be added proof of your determination and commitment to eradicate illegal trade of ivory and it will contribute to the protection of elephants.

We thank you for your support.  
Yours faithfully

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