

**緊急：促請香港政府立法永久禁止象牙買賣**

我們僅代表由一眾國際或本地野生動物保育組織及動物福利團體組成的全球聯盟，就有關於香港特別行政區內持續的象牙或象牙制品買賣，特此來函，促請香港政府立法制定緊急、全面及永久的象牙貿易禁令。

對於港府於本年1月勇敢承諾分階段焚燒自1976年以來於本港檢獲，合共29.6噸的充公去私象牙，我們深感鼓舞，大力支持。但是，我們認為，能夠並需要實施的，遠遠不僅於此，我們急需制定更有效措施，以減低消費者對象牙的需求，打擊非法貿易，遏止大象盜獵。

香港於全球象牙貿易活動中，擔當著不容置疑的重要角色。瀕危野生動植物種國際貿易公約(CITES)指出，香港乃走私象牙的主要市場及中轉站，因此，與另外8個象牙活動頻仍的國家/地區，一併被列為需要高度關注並採取行動。(1)

目前，盜獵情況是80年代以來最為嚴重的，已飆升至災難級水平。因為非法象牙貿易，每年數以萬計大象被盜殺。非法獵殺大象得來的象牙，大部分經香港走私到對象牙需求日益增加的中國大陸。近年中國經濟迅速發展，造就出大量中產富裕人士，他們以旅客身份到來香港，購買免稅奢侈品 - 包括象牙和象牙制品，導致需求大幅攀升。

一些香港象牙零售商漠視香港政府、國際或本地非政府組織、以及大量香港市民對大象保育的支持及不遺餘力，仍然活躍於象牙貿易活動。幸好事件經傳媒報導而曝光後，中藝香港有限公司，永安百貨及裕華國貨已經先後以行動證明它們在業界的領導地位，公開宣佈停止出售象牙。許多報告都分別指出，現有的合法大象和猛獁象象牙市場，正在為非法象牙貿易提供掩護，因此導致更多大象被獵殺。事實上，來自世界各地所有愛護大象的人，都期盼著香港政府，表明立場，採取負責任行動。

為有效削減中國人對象牙及象牙制品的需求，及積極打擊非法象牙貿易，我們深信，香港政府落實緊急，全面及永久的象牙貿易禁令，現在就是最佳時機。

世界各地都已作出行動，表態支持禁止象牙貿易。其中，本年3月中國籃球巨星兼全國政協委員姚明，於中國人民政治協商會議（人民政協）上公開發表《關於出台象牙及象牙制品貿易禁令》的提案。另外，美國政府於最近亦頒布了境內及出口象牙貿易全禁令。現在，香港政府就應向中國好好學習，踏出挽回國際聲譽的第一步，接著，更應該進一步效法美國政府為打擊象牙貿易而作出的重大承諾 - **制訂法例，全面禁止所有類型的象牙貿易。**

大象的屠殺必須停止，而香港在阻止殺戮上，位置舉足輕重。大象地區性滅絕已經發生，科學家估計，如盜獵情況不減，非洲的主要大象族群就有可能於未來數年內滅絕。沒有人需要象牙制品，但地球卻需要大象。大象乃地球上其中一個最具代表性及生態價值的物種，我們必須拯救牠們，讓牠們不再遭到肆意屠殺，走上滅絕之路。

**絕不容忍象牙消費、竭力減少需求及提高執法力度，本聯盟現在促請香港政府立法，全面禁止香港特別行政區內任何形式的象牙買賣。**

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(1) 參閱 CoP16 Doc. 53.2.2 (Rev. 1) 'ETIS Report of TRAFFIC' at <http://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/cop/16/doc/E-CoP16-53-02-02.pdf>; 及 SC64 Doc.2 'National Ivory Action Plans' @ <http://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/sc/64/E-SC64-02.pdf>

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