

# WILDLIFE CRIME

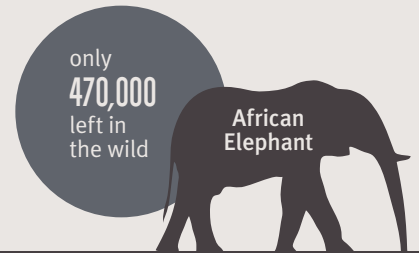
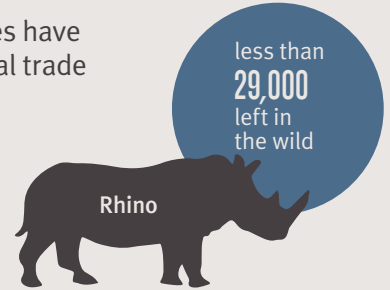
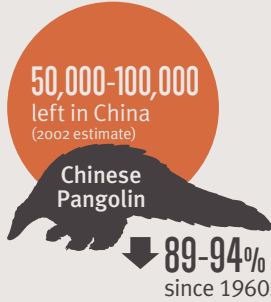
## IS HONG KONG DOING ENOUGH?



### SIZE OF ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE COMPARED TO OTHER ORGANISED CRIMES

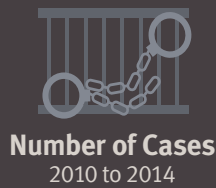


More than **35,000** species have restrictions on international trade



Many species smuggled across Hong Kong borders are at **risk of extinction**

### HONG KONG IS A MAJOR GLOBAL TRAFFICKING HUB



↑ by **350%**



↑ to **HK\$117 million+**

Seizure of Ivory over last decade



Price of rhino horn in Hong Kong  
**USD 65,000/kg**

### WHY WILDLIFE TRAFFICKERS LIKE HONG KONG

- Close proximity to China
- Low penalties
- Loopholes in legislation
- Lack of deterrent sentencing
- Lack of adequate regulation
- Insufficient enforcement

### THE HKSAR GOVERNMENT SHOULD...

1

Recognise wildlife crime as both a **SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME**

2

Increase maximum sentencing for wildlife crimes



3

Ban the domestic ivory trade



4

Actively participate in the global response to wildlife crime



5

Assign additional resources to combating wildlife crime



6

Create an accessible and transparent Wildlife Crime Database to facilitate collaboration



7

Invest forensic capability to aid in wildlife crime investigations

