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Introduction

Postage stamps and related objects are miniature communication tools, and they tell a story about cultural and political identities and about artistic forms of identity expressions. They are part of the world's material heritage, and part of history. Ever more of this postal heritage becomes available online, published by stamp collectors' organizations, auction houses, commercial stamp shops, online catalogues, and individual collectors. Virtually collecting postage stamps and postal history has recently become a possibility. These working papers about Africa are examples of what can be done. But they are work-in-progress! Everyone who would like to contribute, by sending corrections, additions, and new area studies can do so by sending an email message to the APH editors: Ton Dietz (dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl) and/or Jan Jansen (jansenj@fsw.leidenuniv.nl). You are welcome!

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Cape of Good Hope postage stamp 1853:

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Egypt postage stamp 1914:

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post_Stamp_Egypt.jpg

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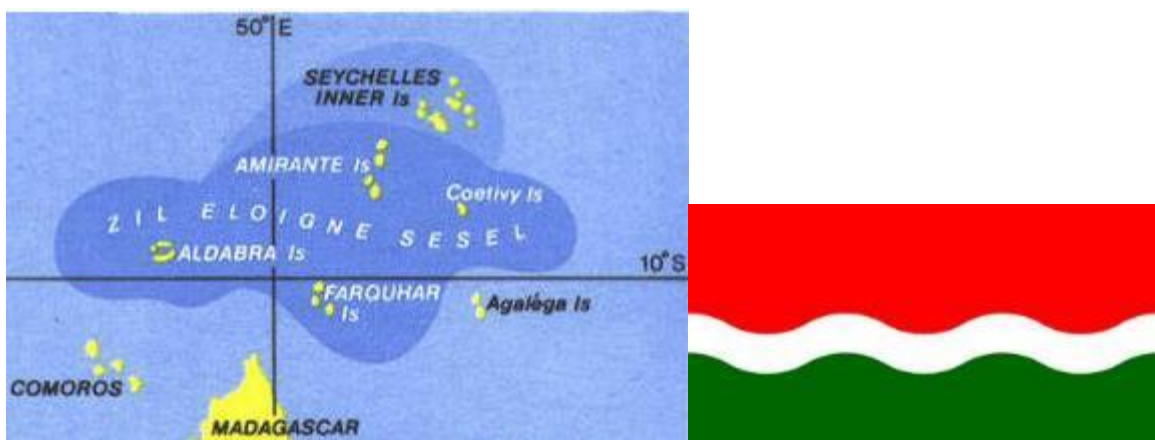
For Seychelles before 1976: see APH 31

For Seychelles after 1976: see APH 32

Part I: Outer Seychelles

Outer Seychelles, Introduction

In 1965 Great Britain separated the islands Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches from their Seychelles colony and, together with the Chagos Archipelago it formed the 'British Indian Ocean Territory', or B.I.O.T.: see the second part of APH 33. In 1976 the islands were united with Independent Seychelles (but not the Chagos Archipelago) and in 1980 separate postage stamps were issued, as 'Zil Eloigne Sesel', followed by 'Zil Elwagne Sesel' in 1982, and by 'Zil Elwannyen Sesel' in 1985. These stamps were also valid in the (Inner) Seychelles. This situation lasted until 1992. Afterwards the Outer Seychelles used stamps of the Seychelles.



https://www.unostamps.nl/country_zil_elwagne_sesel_bestanden/image001.jpg

https://www.unostamps.nl/country_zil_elwagne_sesel_bestanden/image006.jpg

https://www.unostamps.nl/country_zil_elwagne_sesel.htm: "The Outer Islands of the Seychelles (Corraline Seychelles, local name: Zil Elwagne Sesel) is a collective term for those islands of the Seychelles that are not on the shallow Seychelles Bank (Seychelles Plateau) which defines the location of the Inner Islands (or Granitic Seychelles). They are located at distances of 230 to 1150 km from the main Seychelles island of Mahé, and are all of coral formation. The islands are outside the administrative and electoral Districts of Seychelles.

The coral islands are flat with elevated coral reefs at different stages of formation. They are generally low-lying, and often form atolls around a central lagoon. The soils of the corraline Seychelles are generally sandy and infertile, and hold little fresh water. The lack of natural fresh water sources and infertile soils of these islands can sustain human life only with difficulty. The Granitic Seychelles, by contrast, are composed of granite, and are ancient fragments of continental crust. They are generally more mountainous and humid.

The Outer Islands are comprised of five groups:

Aldabra Group (Aldabra Atoll, Assumption Island, Cosmoledo Atoll, Astove Island)

Alphonse Group (Alphonse Atoll and St. François Atoll (Bijoutier-St. François)

Amirante Islands (3 atolls, 5 single sand cays, 3 uplifted sand cays)

Farquhar Group (Farquhar Atoll, Providence Atoll (Providence-Cerf), St. Pierre Island)

Southern Coral Group (Île Platte and Coëtivy Island).

From 1968 to 1976 the islands were part of the British Indian Ocean Territory but were transferred to the Seychelles when the islands became independent.

On 20 June 1980, stamps were issued inscribed Zil Eloigne Sesel. These were sold from the m.v. Cinque Juin which operated as a travelling post office. From 1982 to 1984 stamps were inscribed Zil Elwagne Sesel and from 1984 to 1992 Zil Elwanyen Sesel”.

“Zil Elwagne Sesel (Seychelles outer islands) - An isolated group of 25 islands north of Malagasy and the Comoro Islands, west of Seychelles and Mauritius, off the east coast of Africa. After 1976, the islands of British Indian Ocean Territory which were transferred to Seychelles used the stamps of that country. On 20 June 1980, stamps were issued inscribed ZIL ELOIGNE SESEL. These were sold from the m.v. Cinque Juin which operated as a TPO...

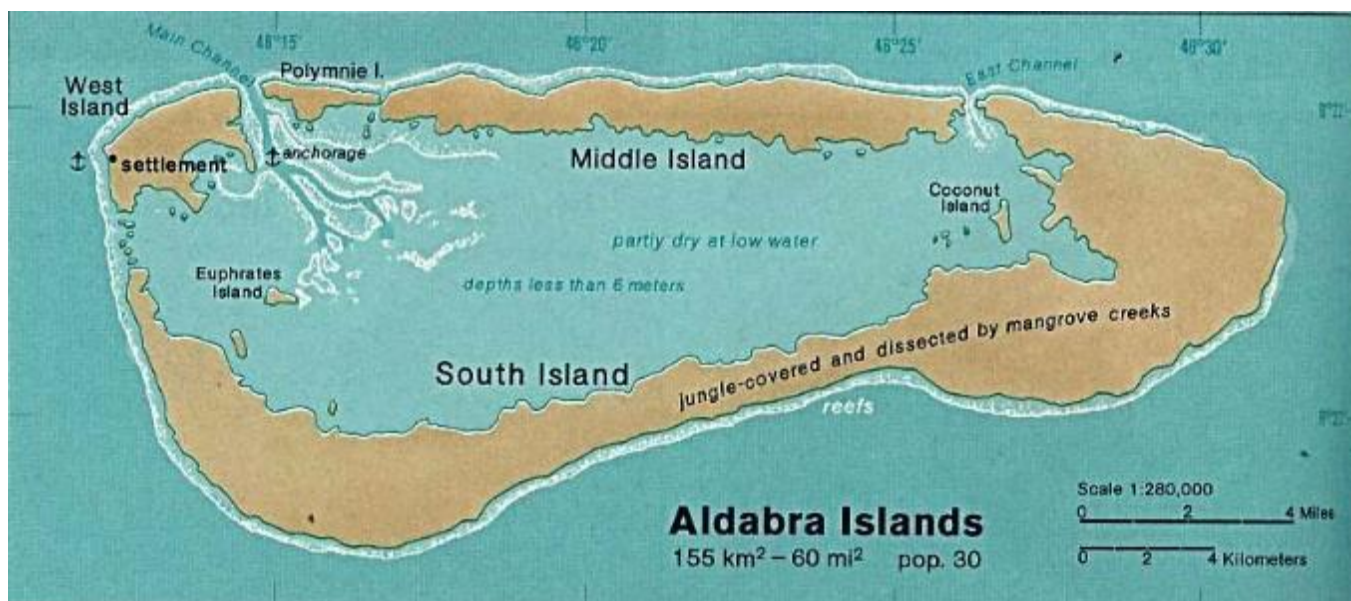
“<http://www.sandafayre.com/atlas/seych.htm>

http://www.stampevents.net/reference/entities/entity_z.asp?uID=

Aldabra Atoll



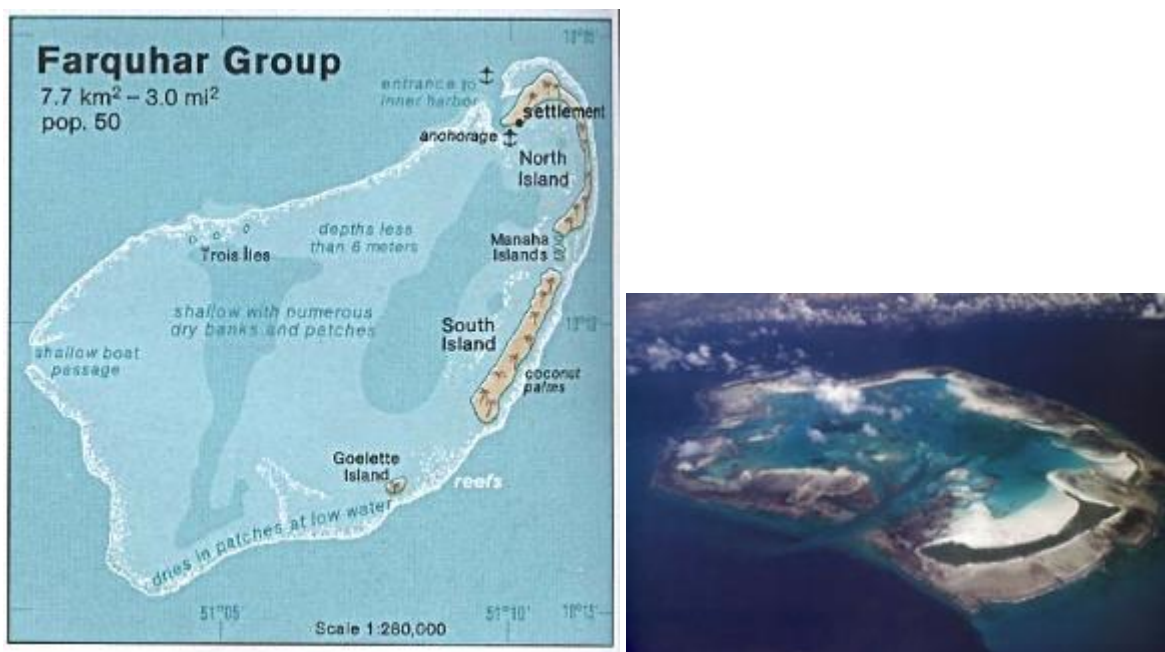
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https://farm5.staticflickr.com/4757/39487403874_87ecac0483_o.jpg

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aldabra>: (30 March 2018) "Aldabra is the world's second-largest coral atoll. It is situated in the Aldabra Group of islands in the Indian Ocean that are part of the Outer Islands of the Seychelles, with a distance of 1,120 km (700 mi) southwest of the capital, Victoria, on Mahé Island". "Historically, the name Aldabra was Al-Hadra or Al-Khadra (with several variants), given by Arab seafarers.. for "the atoll's harsh, sun-baked environment"; this name was included in the Portuguese maps of the 16th century.. They had named the Indian Ocean as Bahr-el zanj.. It was visited by Portuguese navigators in 1511. The islands were already known to the Persians and Arabs, from whom they got their name. In the middle of the 18th century, the atoll became a dependency of the French colony of Réunion, from where expeditions were made for the capture of the Aldabra giant tortoises.. As there are no surface freshwater sources on Aldabra, the interests of the explorers (no proof of any explorer's visit prior to 1742) was only to exploit the species of tortoise, turtle and fish, and not to inhabit the atoll.. In 1810, with Mauritius, Réunion, the Seychelles and other islands, Aldabra passed into the possession of Great Britain. Réunion was later returned to France, and Mauritius gained possession of Aldabra as well as the rest of the Seychelles. The previous inhabitants were emigrants from the Seychelles". "Aldabra, along with Desroches and Farquhar, was part of the British Indian Ocean Territory from 1965 until Seychelles' independence in 1976".

Farquhar Atolls



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b6/Farquhar_atoll.jpg

http://www.flyfishingdreams.com/upload/32/cosmoledo_copy_large.jpg

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farquhar_Atoll: (30 March 2018) “The atoll was named in honor of Robert Townsend Farquhar in 1824.. Previous visitors had named it after Portuguese explorer João da Nova who commanded that nation’s third expedition to India during which he encountered Farquhar (in the year 1504). Administration of the atoll was a grey area for many years, with both Mauritius and Seychelles claiming the right to administer it. In 1881 the authorities in Seychelles suggested Farquhar, along with several other outer islands, be administered from Victoria in Seychelles rather than from Mauritius. There were objections as the owners were based in Mauritius but after considerable argument, the owners lost their case and administration was passed from Mauritius to Seychelles. Fishing camps were established on north islands in 1850 .. In 1960, the village on the northern tip of South Island was abandoned.. From 1965 to the independence of the Seychelles in 1976, Farquhar was a part of the British Indian Ocean Territory.. In 2004 there were renovations in the village.. In 2014 Island Conservation Society opened a Conservation Centre on North Island.. On 16 April 2016 Farquhar Atoll was hit by Cyclone Fantala, the strongest tropical cyclone ever recorded in the south-west Indian Ocean, which destroyed most of the buildings except for the cyclone shelter”.

Coëtivy Island

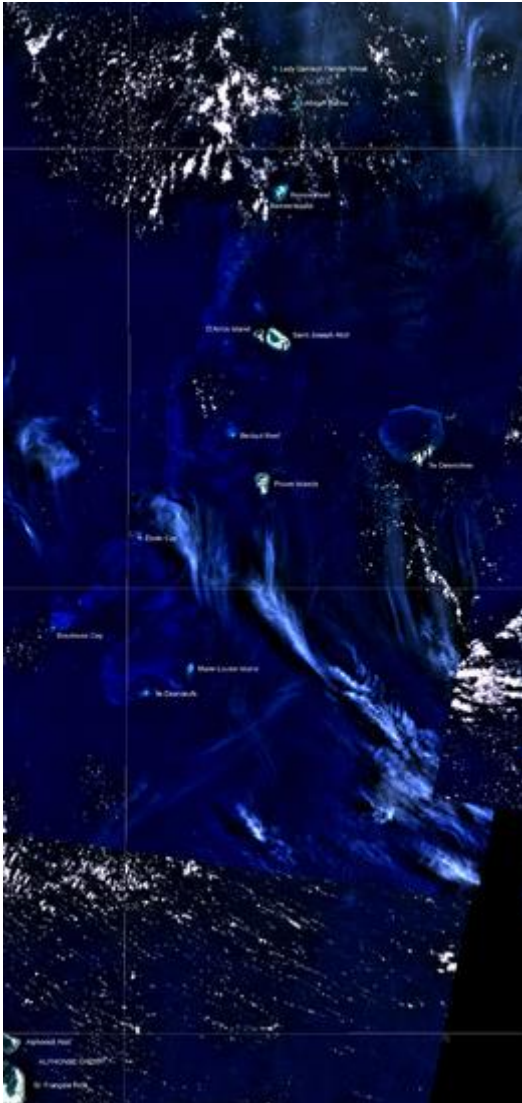


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<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/b/ba/Coetivy.png/260px-Coetivy.png>;

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Co%C3%ABtivy_Island (30 March 2018): “Coëtivy Island .. was named after Chevalier de Coëtivy, commander of the Ile de France who first sighted the island in 1771. In 1908 it was transferred from Mauritius to Seychelles. In 1970 the island was purchased by the parastatal Seychelles Marketing Board (SMB). In 1989, SMB began producing shrimp. Coëtivy Island became famous for its shrimp farms (black tiger prawn) and shrimp processing plant that operated on the island. Large scale production began on August 1992. However, in 1998, due to hard financial times, the plant closed. in 2009, the island became the site of an active prison (Ministry of Internal Affairs choice) for low security prisoners and a rehabilitation center for drug abusers. Visitation is strictly controlled and access is only possible by private airplane charter by 2020, the Prison should be increased to capacity of 600 inmates. by 2020, the island is expected to have more residential apartments”.

Amirante islands



<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/1/16/Amirantes-Sat.png/260px-Amirantes-Sat.png>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amirante_Islands (30 March 2018): "The Amirante Islands (Les Amirantes) are a group of coral islands and atolls that belong to the Outer Islands of the Seychelles. They stretch about 155 km from the African Banks (African Islands) in the north to Desnœufs (Isle des Noeufs) in the south, all on the shallow Amirantes Bank (Amirantes Plateau, with depths of mostly 25 to 70 m), except the main island Île Desroches in the east, and submerged Lady Denison-Pender Shoal at the northern end. 90 km south of the Amirante Islands is Alphonse Group, the closest group of islands, which are sometimes considered part of the Amirantes". The Amirantes were discovered by Vasco da Gama on his second voyage of exploration in 1503, and later named "Ilhas do Almirante" (Admiral Islands). Previous knowledge of the islands by Arab and Indian traders is possible. The islands were claimed by Sieur Michel Blin for France in 1802. By the Treaty of Paris (1814), the

islands were passed officially to the British, as a part of Mauritius. In 1909, the Seychelles became a separate colony, thereby including the Amirantes. On November 8, 1965, the United Kingdom split Île Desroches from the Seychelles to become part of the newly created British Indian Ocean Territory. The purpose was to allow the construction of a military base for the mutual benefit of the United Kingdom and the United States. On June 23, 1976, Île Desroches was returned to the Seychelles as a result of it attaining independence.”.

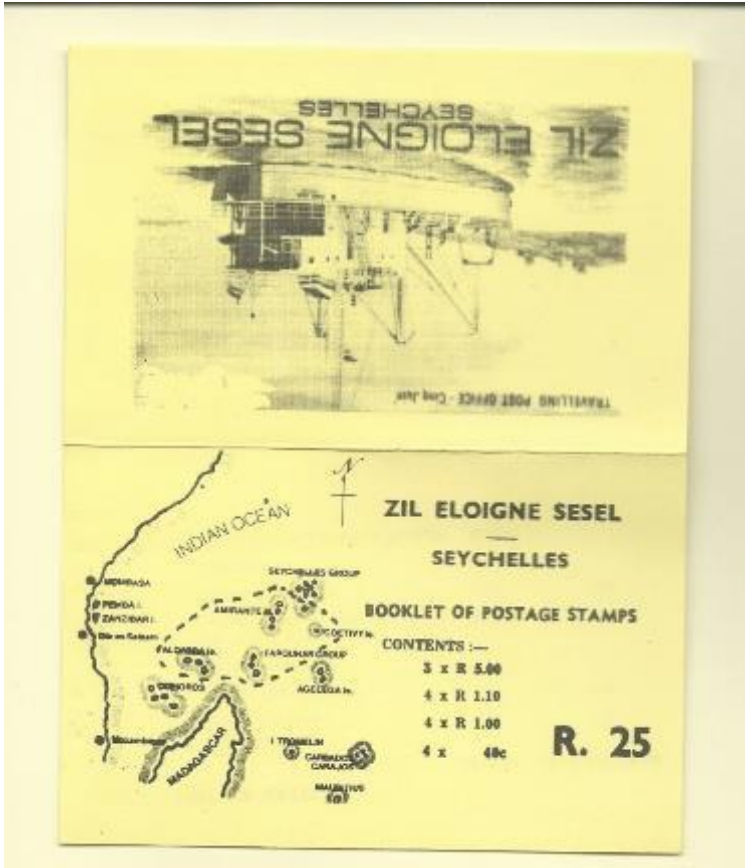
Postage stamps of Zil Eloigne Sesel, 1980-1982¹

1980: nature (15x) , and state arms (1x)



https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/z/e/zep0001.jpg: "1980, Yvert 1-16". Also: M1-16; nrs 13-16 in two varieties: K 13 3/4 (issued on 4/7/1980), and K 13 (issued in 1981).

¹ For references to Catalogue numbers the Michel Katalog ("M") was used, Nord- und Ostafrika 2005, pp. 1094-1102. Michel listed 203 different postage stamps between 1980 and 1992.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/bAsAAOSwlmRYP6l2/s-l1600.jpg>: "SEYCHELLES ZIL ELOIGNE SESEL 1980 STAMP BOOKLET RUPEES 25 MNH SC 6,9,10,13".

1980, October, Traveling Post Office



http://www.stampsonstamps.org/Rammy/Seychelles%20-20Zil%20Elwannen%20Sesel/Seychelles%20-%20Zil%20Elwannen%20Sesel_image004.jpg:
" Scott: #17-19; Issued: 24.10.1980; Traveling Post Office". M17-19.



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Below: From 1980 to 1992, separate postage stamps were released for the outer islands, reflecting the importance the Seychelles Government placed on their development. The first commemorative issue on October 24th 1980 was a set of three stamps depicting the Travelling Post Office aboard *MV Cinq Juin*.



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“Crazy Errors in Philately. Design Errors – SEYCHELLES”.



<http://www.edbmb.net/stamps/stampfig0/154aV3.jpg>

<http://www.edbmb.net/stamps/stampfig0/154aD3.jpg>



<http://www.edbmb.net/stamps/stampfig0/154V3.jpg>: “1980. The Agalega islands were wrongly added to the Se[y]chelles. This was corrected, together with a better position of the Aldabra-islands”.

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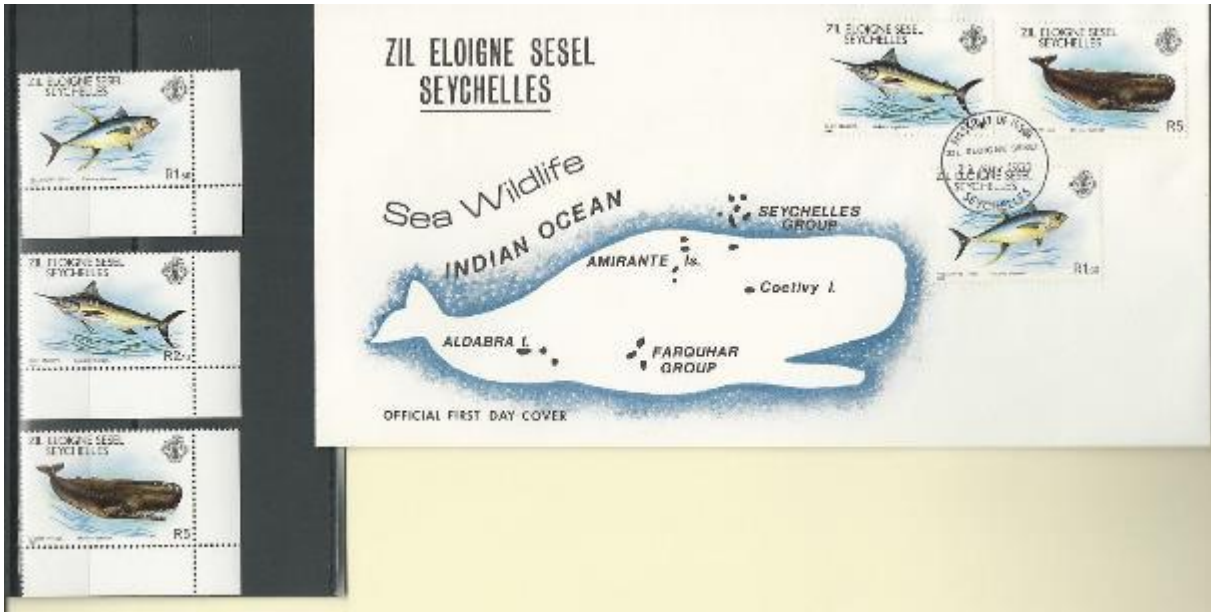
1980, 28 November, Fish species



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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/j0sAAOSw-0xYQib1/s-l1600.jpg>: "SEYCHELLES ZIL ELOIGNE SESEL 1980 OFFICIAL FDC & MNH SET SC 20-21 SEA WILDLIFE".

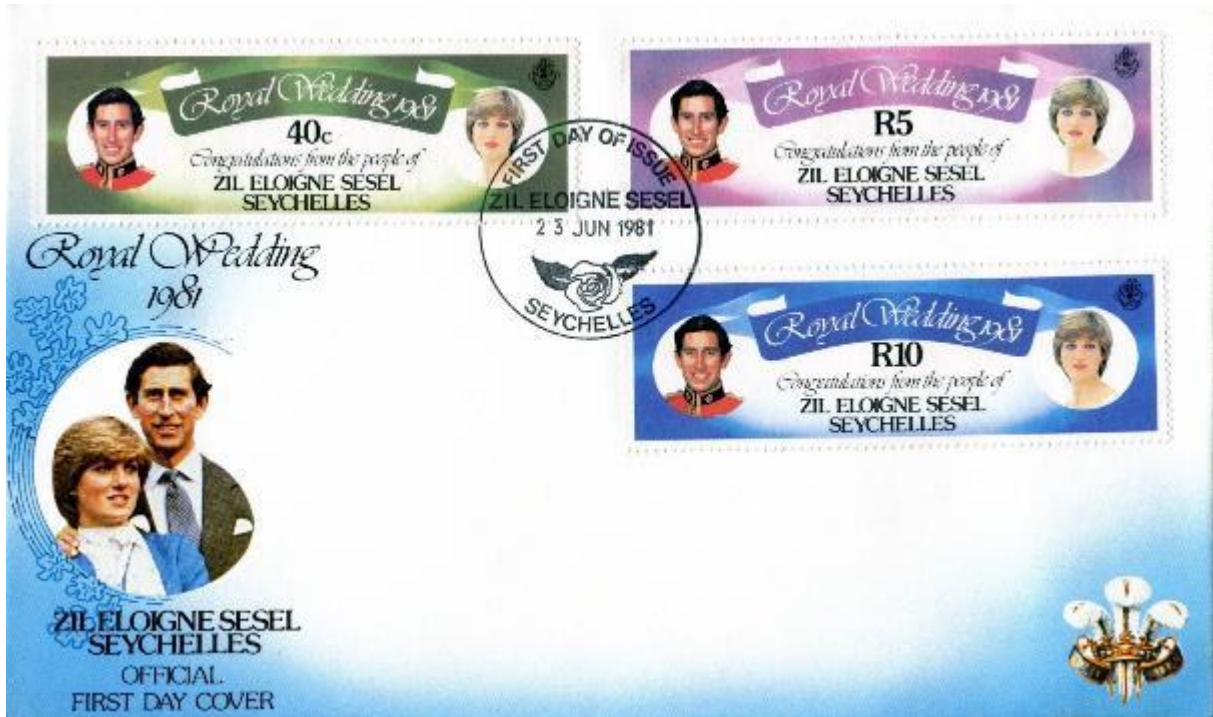
1981, June/December, Marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer



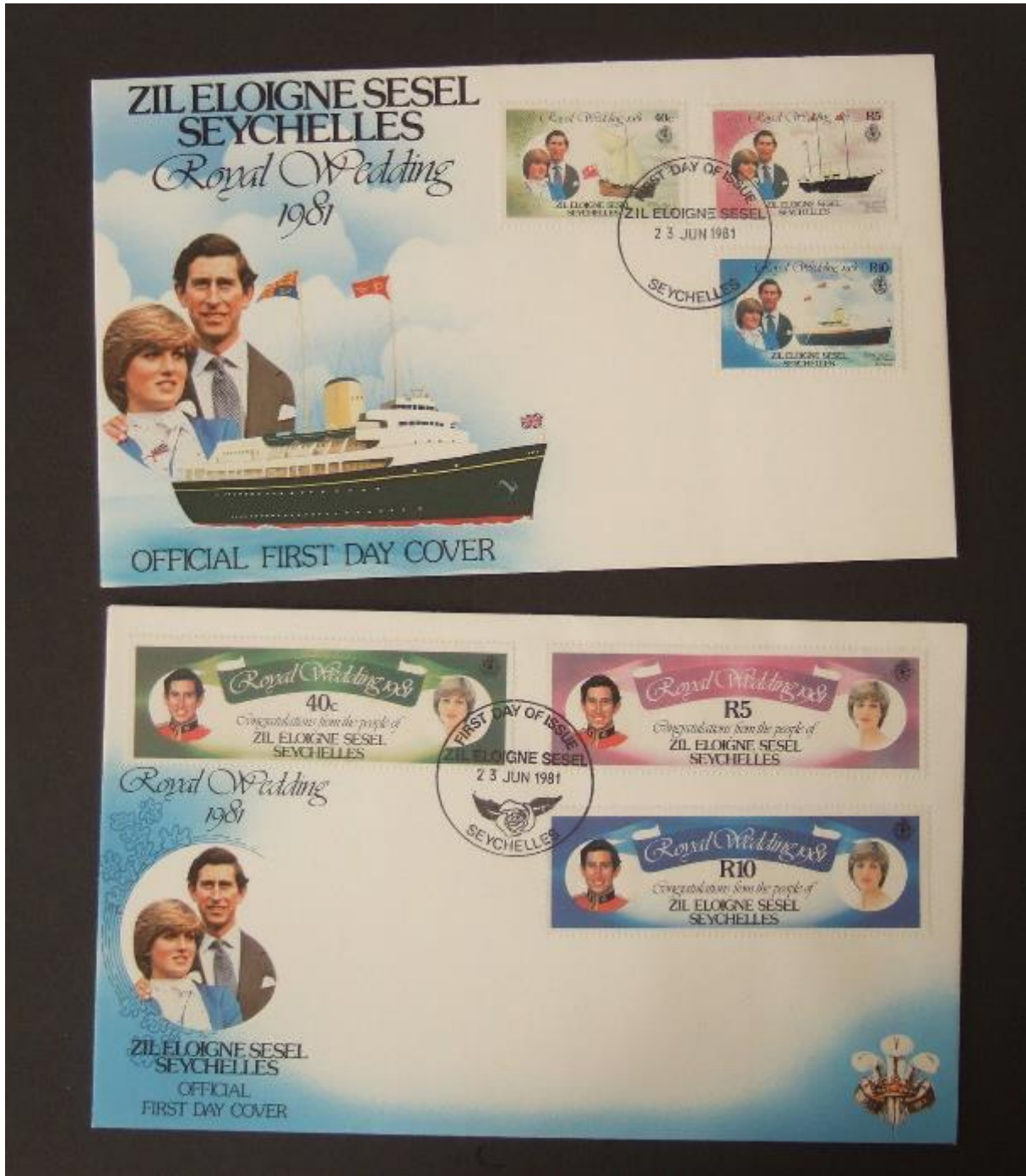
<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/z/e/zep0023.jpg> M23 (two varieties: K 14 ¼, and K 12), M25, M27.



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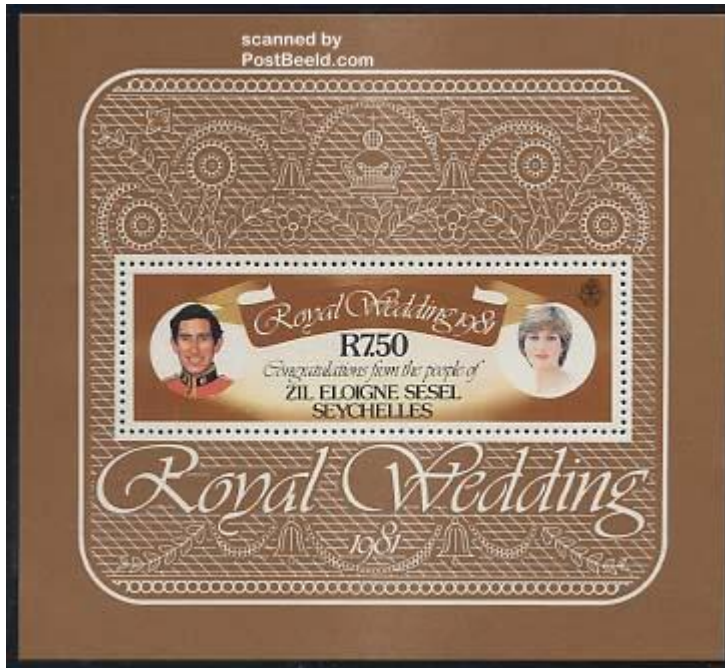
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1981, 11 December, animals.



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/z/e/zep0030.jpg> M30-32.



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1982, 11 March, Ships.



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/z/e/zep0033.jpg> M33-35.



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Postage stamps of Zil Elwagne Sesel, 1982-1984

1982, 22 July, Local mail vessels.



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1982, 19 November, Aldabra World Heritage Site.

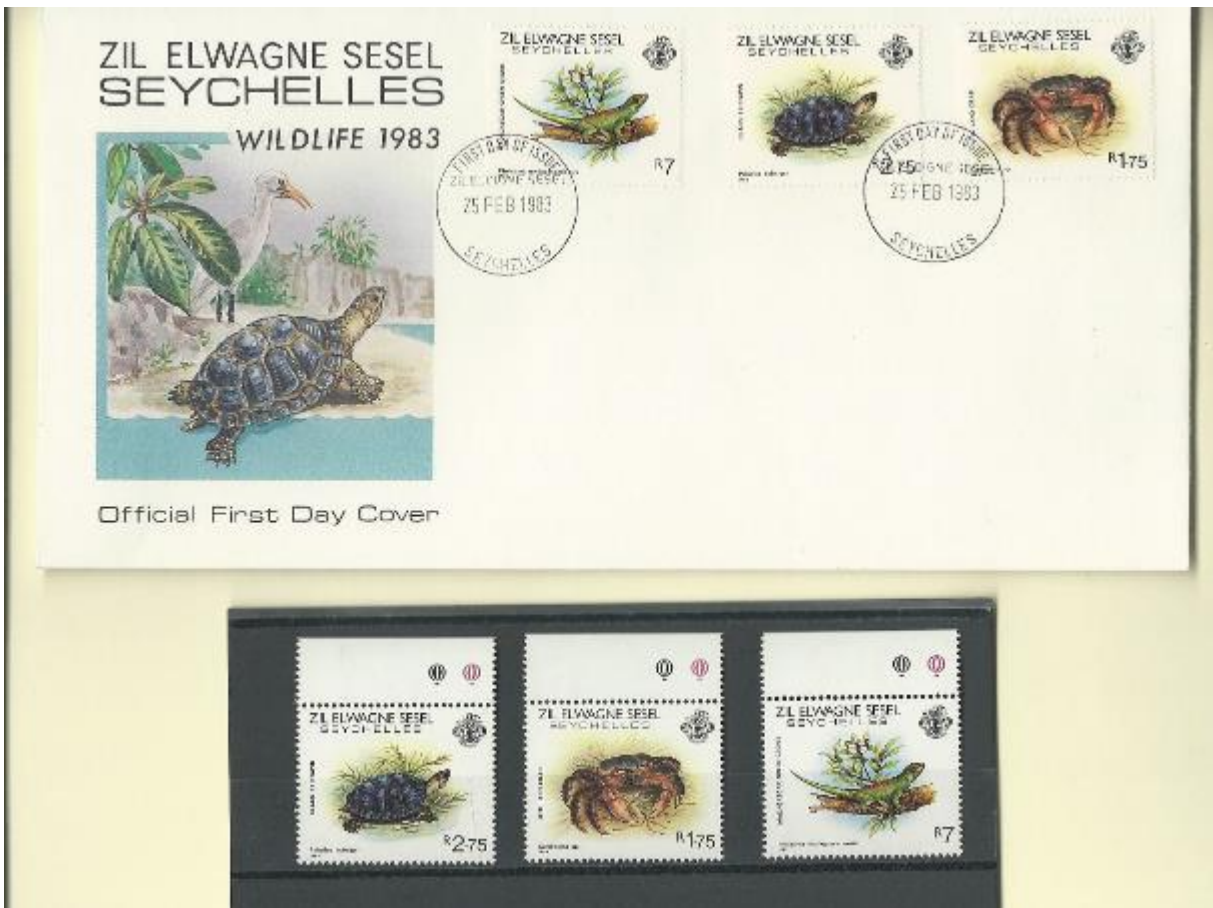


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1983, 25 February, Animals.



<https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/e4ce05c41d7d5bf7ff3388ada4e40b3f.jpg> . M43-45.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/yDwAAOSw-0xYP7-w/s-l1600.jpg>

1983, 27 April, Maps of the outer islands of the Seychelles: Pepper island and south island; Ile des Roches, Astove Island, and Coëtivity Island.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/nRMAAOSwMstYQjxF/s-l1600.jpg>: "SEYCHELLES ZIL ELOIGNE SESEL 1983 OFFICIAL 2 FDC's & MNH SET & S/S SC 46-49A". M46-49.



<http://lighthousestampsociety.org/wp/seychelles-zil-elwagne-sebel/sey00049s01.jpg>. M

Block 2.

1983, 13 July, Birds



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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/kuoAAOSwux5YP8HP/s-l1600.jpg>

1983, 27 September, Tourism Day.



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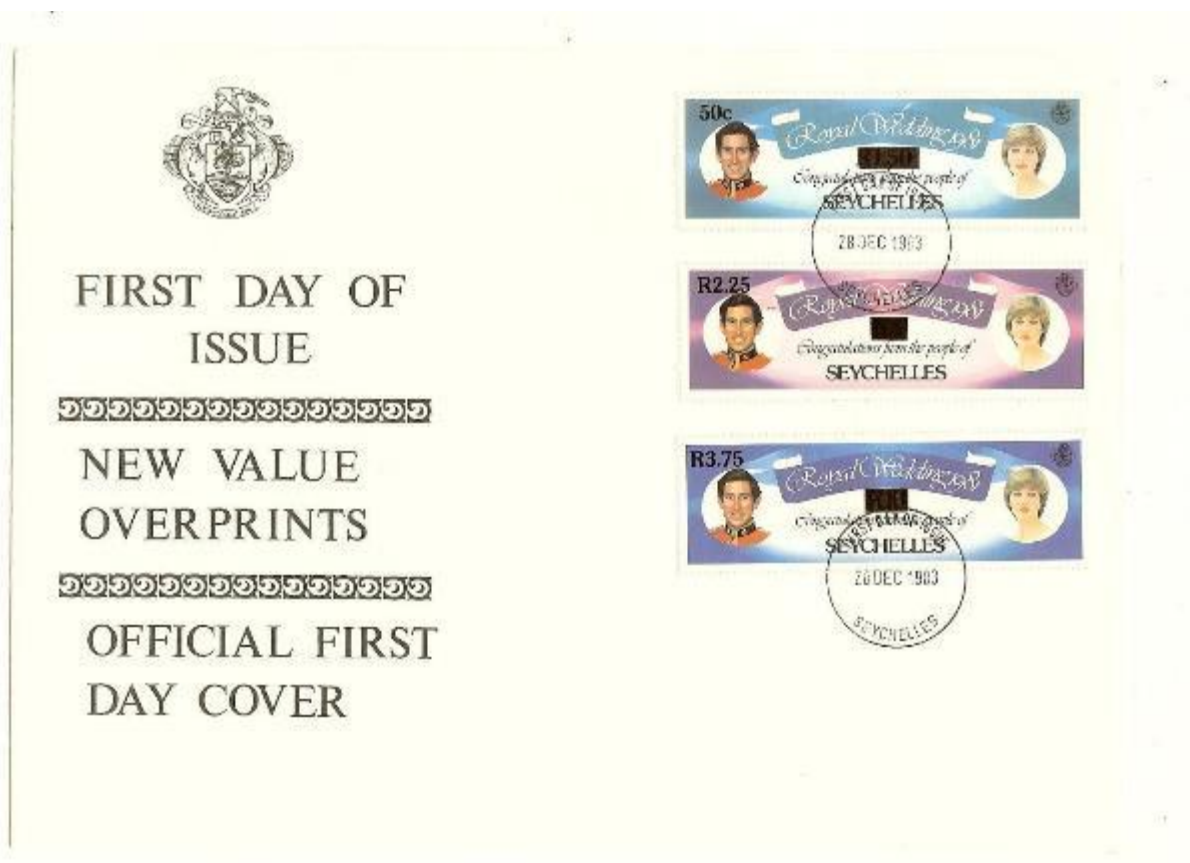


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1983, 16/28 December, Marriage stamps, with new values overprinted.



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1984, 30 March, Reopening of Post office at Aldabra



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1984, 31 May, sports fishing



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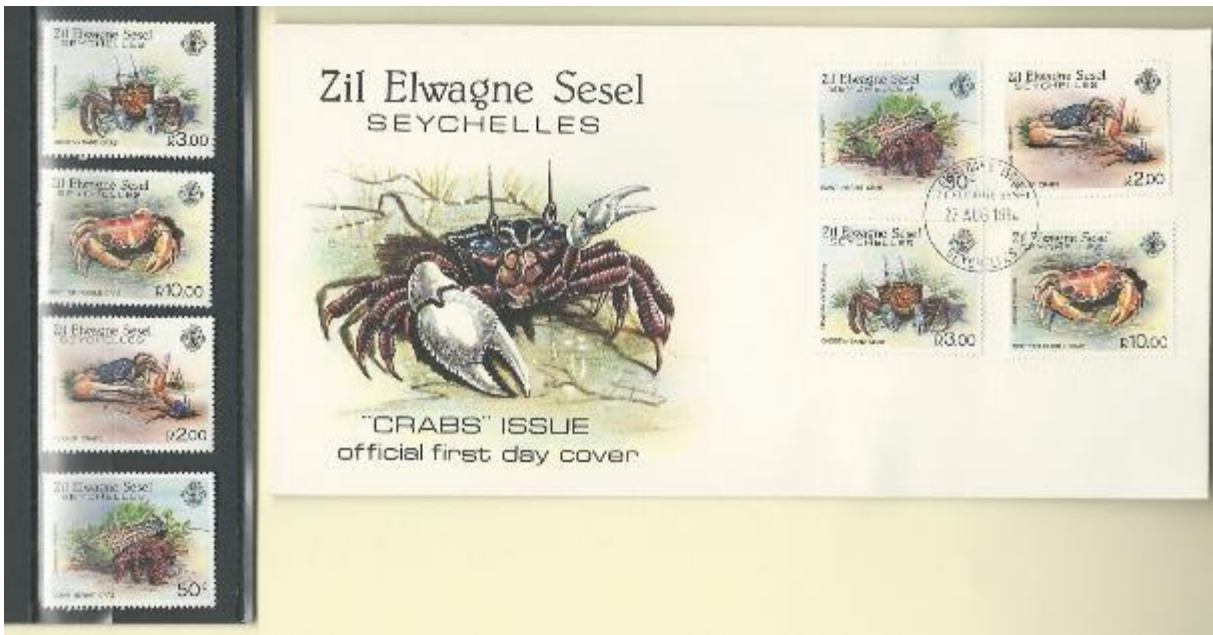


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1984, 27 August, Crabs



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1984, 16 October, Constellations



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Postage stamps of Zil Elwannyen Sesel, 1985-1992

1985, Mushrooms

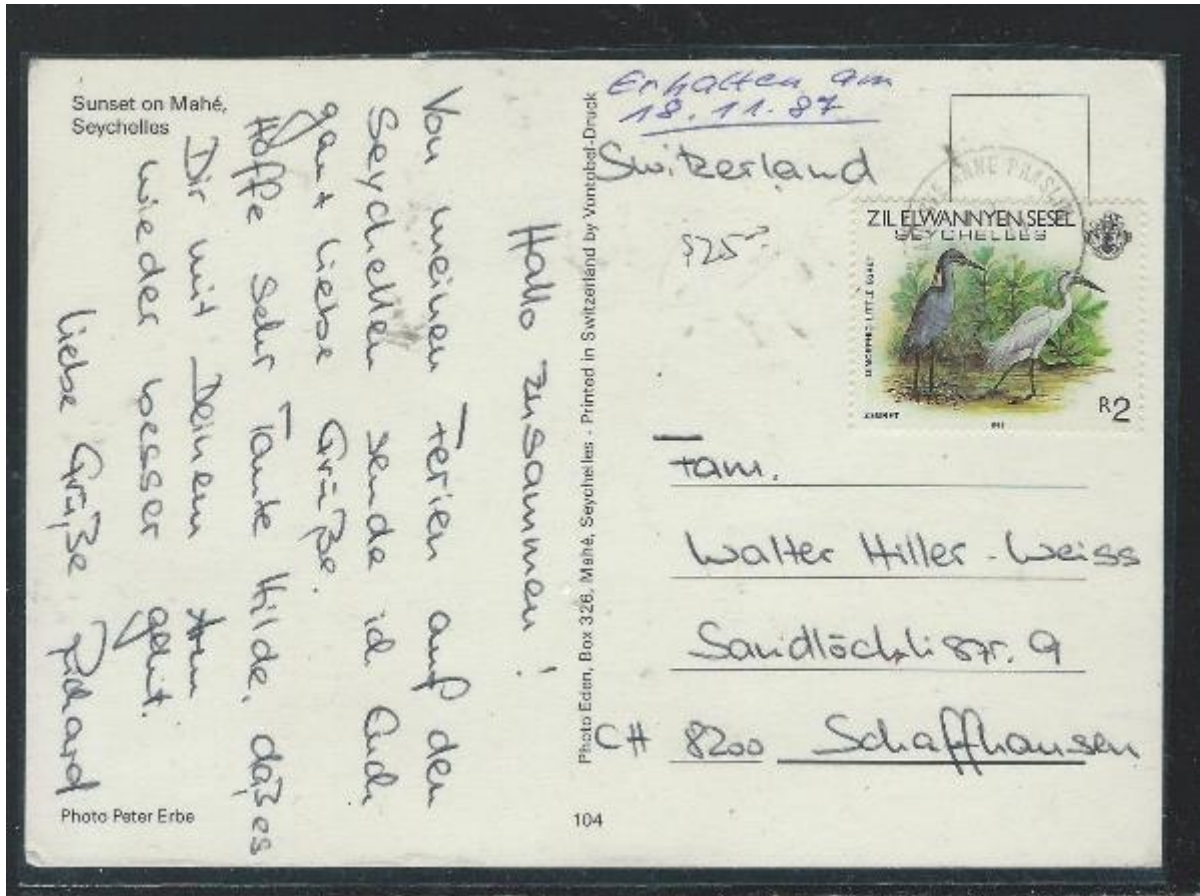


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1985, May, Birds, with 'Zil Elwannyen Sesel'



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<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/WoAAAOSwFnFWATQw/s-l1600.jpg>



<https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/z/e/zep0096.jpg> M96-98 with '1985'.

1985, 7 June, 85th birthday Queen Mother Elisabeth



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1985, 27 September, Nature conservation, Turtles of the Seychelles



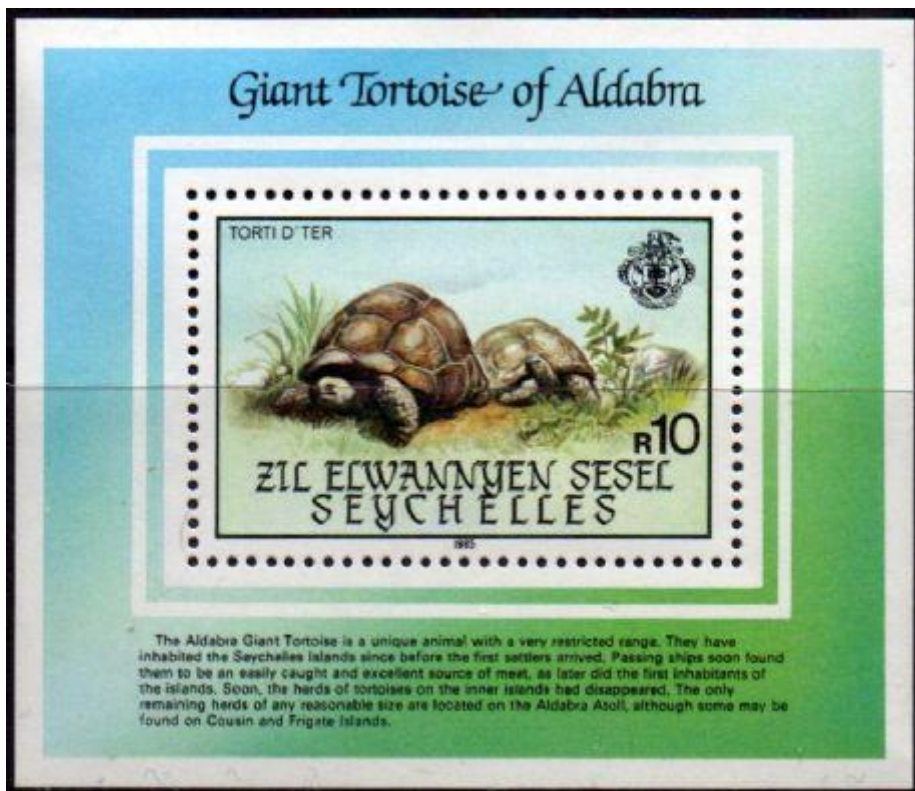
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1985, 25 October, Famous visitors



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1986, 21 April, 60th birthday Queen Elisabeth II



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1986, 23 July, Wedding Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson



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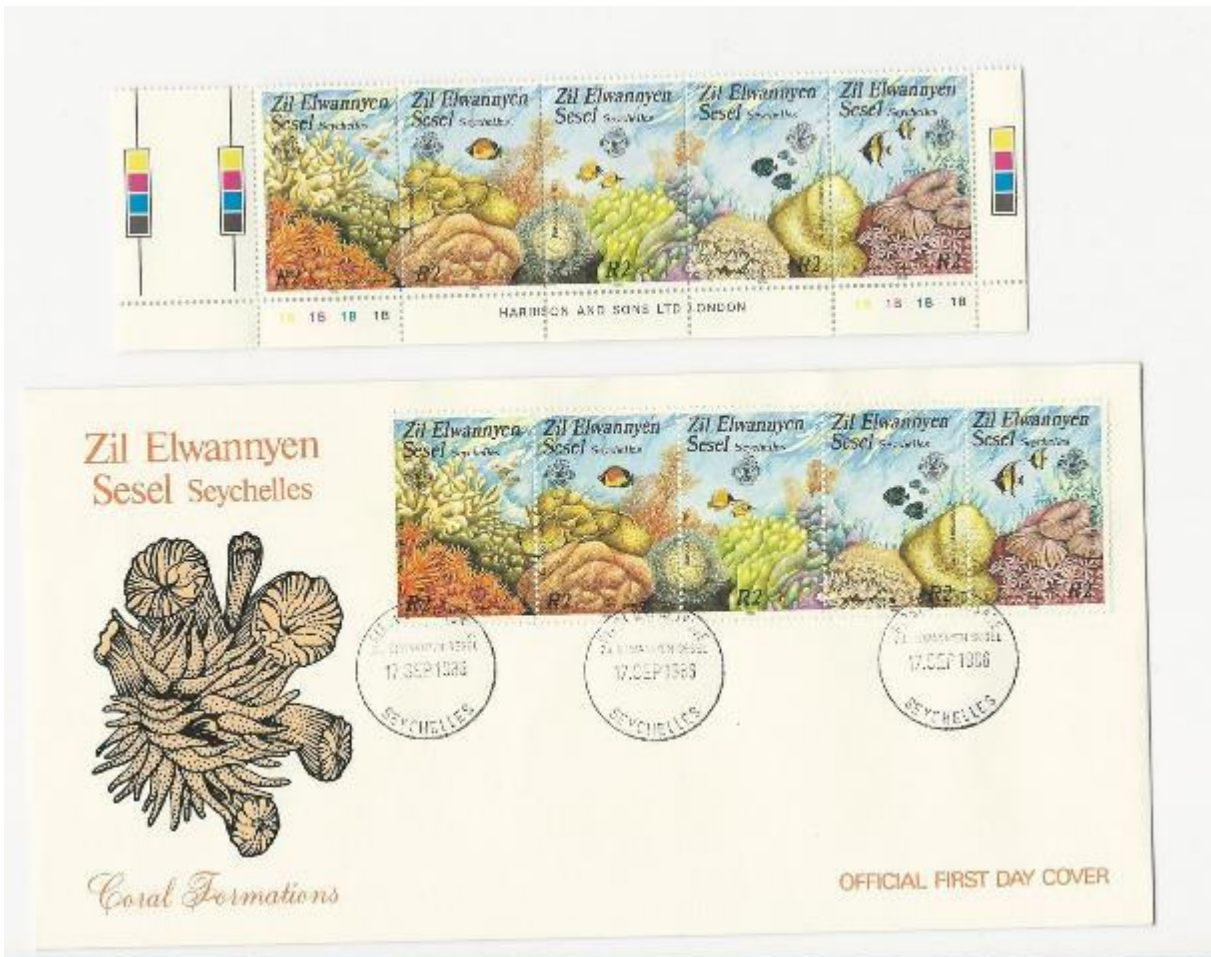


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1986, 17 September, Coral



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1986, 12 November, Flowers



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1987, Birds with Zil Elwannyen Sesel and '1987'



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1987, 26 March, Fish



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1987, 26 August, trees



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1987, 9 September, Nature conservation, other WWF emblem compared to 1985 issue.



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1987 40th wedding anniversary Queen Elisabeth II and Prince Philip



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1987, 16 December, Tourism



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1988, insects



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1988, 31 August, Seoul Olympics



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1988, 28 October, 300th anniversary of Lloyd's



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1988, 18 November, Christmas: children's drawings.



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1988, July, Birds



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1989, 20 July, Men on the Moon, 20th anniversary



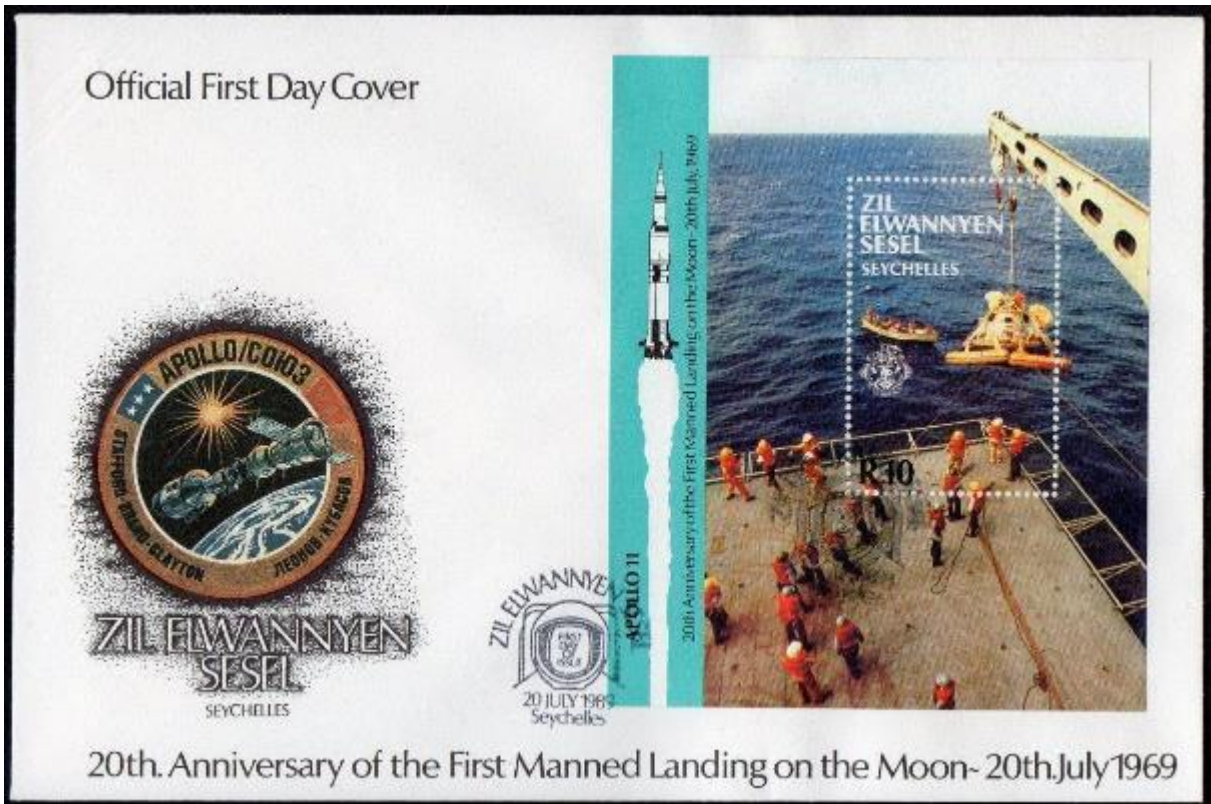
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1989, 9 October, poisonous plants, first series.



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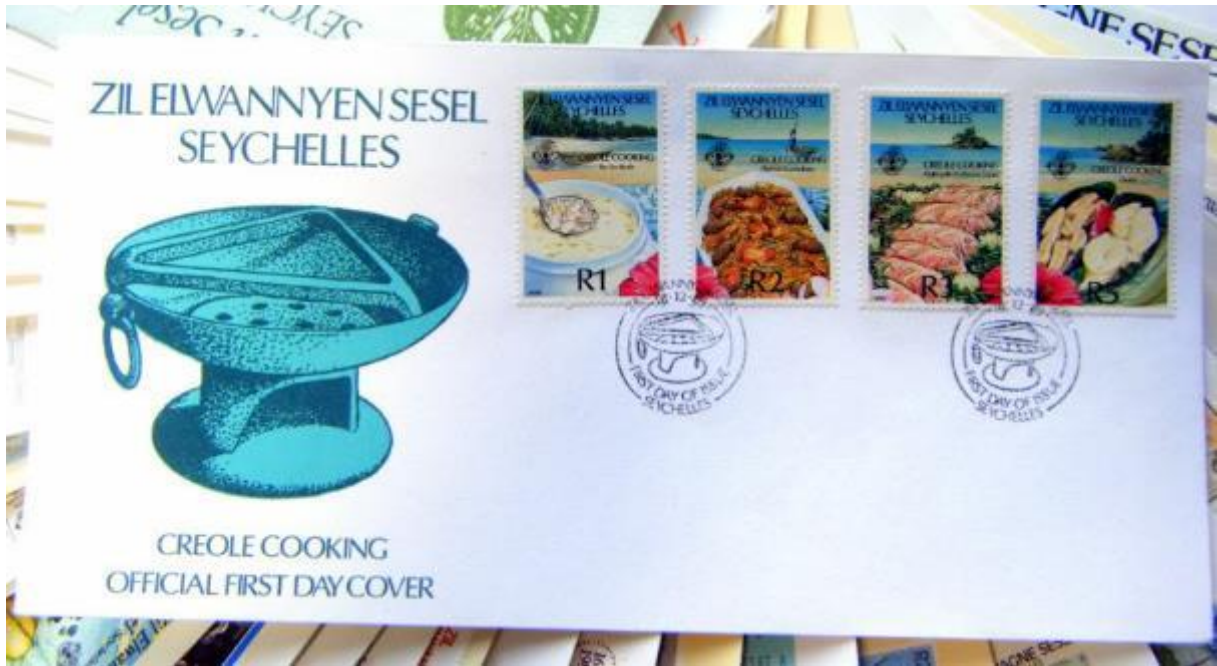


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1989, 18 December, Recipes



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1990, Birds, '1990'.



2R (1990): <http://www.birdtheme.org/showimages/zilelwan/i/zil199001.jpg> M165Y (1990)

1990, 3 May, Stamp World London exhibition



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1990, 4 August, 90th birthday Queen Mother Elisabeth



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1990, 5 November, Poisonous plants, second series



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1991, 17 June, 65th birthday Queen Elisabeth, and 70th birthday Prince Philip



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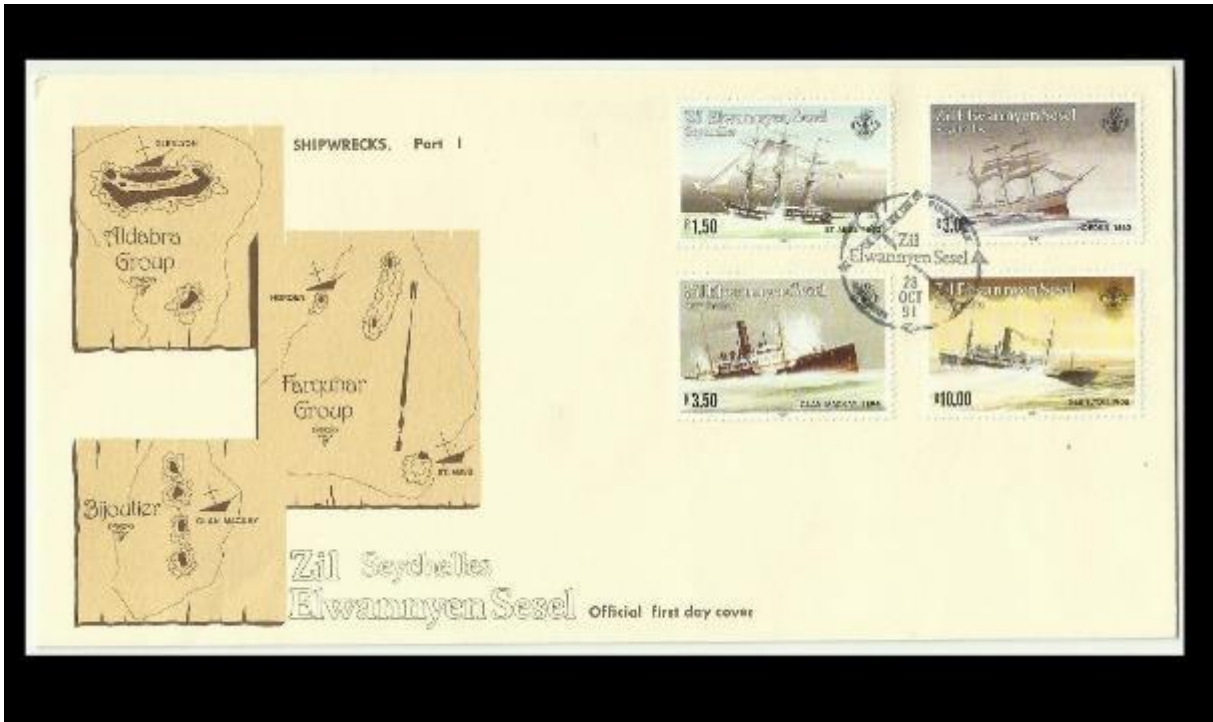


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1991, 28 October, Shipwrecks



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1992, 6 February, 40th anniversary Elisabeth II as Queen



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1992, 19 November, Nature conservation area Aldabra



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Iconography of the postage stamps of the Outer Seychelles

1) Inventory

Topics	Zil Eloigne Sesel 1980-1982	Zil Elwagne Sesel 1982-1984	Zil Elwannynen Sesel		Total
			1985-89	1990-92	
Coat of arms	1-35 = 35	36-91 = 56	92-178 = 87	179-203 = 25	203
History	-		109-111 = 3	-	3
British royalty	23-29 = 7	70-75 = 6	99-103, 112- 118, 141-145 = 16	183-184, 189-190, 195-199 = 9	38
Postal symbols	18 = 1	-	-	-	1
Maps	19 = 1	41, 46-49, 76 = 6	-	-	7
Landscapes	-	36-40, 42, 67- 69, 80, 83, 88- 89, 91 = 14	109-111, 146- 148, 155, 175- 178 = 11	195, 197, 199 = 3	28
Buildings		68 = 1	156, 158 = 2	-	3
Flora	4, 15 = 2	50-63, 65, 78-79 =17	92-98, 104-108, 119-123, 128- 140, 162-165, 171-174 = 38	180-182, 185-188, 200, 203 = 9	66
Fauna: birds	9, 11 = 2	40, 50-65, 78-79 = 19	96-98, 162-165 = 7	180, 201, 203 = 3	31
Reptiles	2, 7, 10, 30 = 4	42, 44-45, 77 = 4	104-108, 137- 140 = 9	-	17
Amphibians	31 = 1	-	-	-	1
Fish and sea animals	1, 3, 6, 8, 13- 14, 20-22 = 9	43, 82-87 = 7	120-132 = 13	179, 181, 202 = 3	32
Insects	5, 32 = 2	-	149-152 = 4	182 = 1	7
Mammals	12 = 1	-	-	-	1
Boats	17, 23, 25, 27, 33-35 = 7	36-39, 70, 72, 74, 80, 81, 90 = 10	103, 109-111, 154-155, 157 = 7	191-194 = 4	28
Space	-	88-91 = 4	166-170 = 5	-	9
Tourism	-	66-69 = 4	146-148 = 3	-	7
Food culture	-	-	175-178 = 4	-	4
Sports	-	-	153 = 1	-	1
Drawings/children	-	-	158-161 = 4	-	4
Total stamps	35	56	87	25	203
Total images	72	148	214	57	491

The numbers refer to the Michel Catalogue, see before.

2) Analysis

The Outer Seychelles had 203 postage stamps between 1980 and 1992, and in total there were 491 images. Every stamp had at least a coat of arms on its stamp, the same practice as the Seychelles themselves, and copying the British tradition of a state symbol on (almost) every stamp. So in total out of the 491 images, 203, or 41% of all stamp images were about the coat of arms as the symbol of the state. The other major image was a picture of nature (155 in total, or 32% of all images), and these were predominantly flora (66), fish and sea animals (32), and birds (31), many of those present on the islands, and icons of its natural beauty and diversity. Landscapes have also been popular (with 28 images, 6% of all images), and boats as well (the same number of images). What is remarkable is the number of images of the British Royal Family (on 38 stamps, 8% of all images). No other foreign personalities have ever been shown on stamps of the Outer Seychelles, with the exception of the 'men on the Moon' (1989), and some anonymous tourists on the tourism series issued in 1983, and a loving couple admiring the stars in one of the 'constellations' stamps of 1984.

If we look at the various periods during the 1980-1992 period, the Zil Eloigne Sesel period (1980-1982) had fish and sea animals as its most popular image (9 out of 72 images on 35 stamps, or 13% of all images) after the coat of arms (that were always there, throughout the period). During the Zil Elwayne Sesel period (1982-1984) it shifted to birds (19 out of 142 images on 56 stamps, or 13% of all images). And during the Zil Elwanyen Sesel period (1985-1992) flowers and trees have been most popular (47 out of 271 images on 112 stamps). It is remarkable that the other image most popular during the last few years (1990-1992) was the British Royal Family. One wonders if this display of a colonial hangover is a result of lasting love for the British monarchy and happy memories of the colonial period, or because the postal authorities responsible for issuing stamps for the Outer Seychelles (or the Seychelles, because it is more or less the same story) wanted to tap the market for its postage stamps among British stamp collectors and among (British) tourists visiting the islands.

Part II: British Indian Ocean Territory

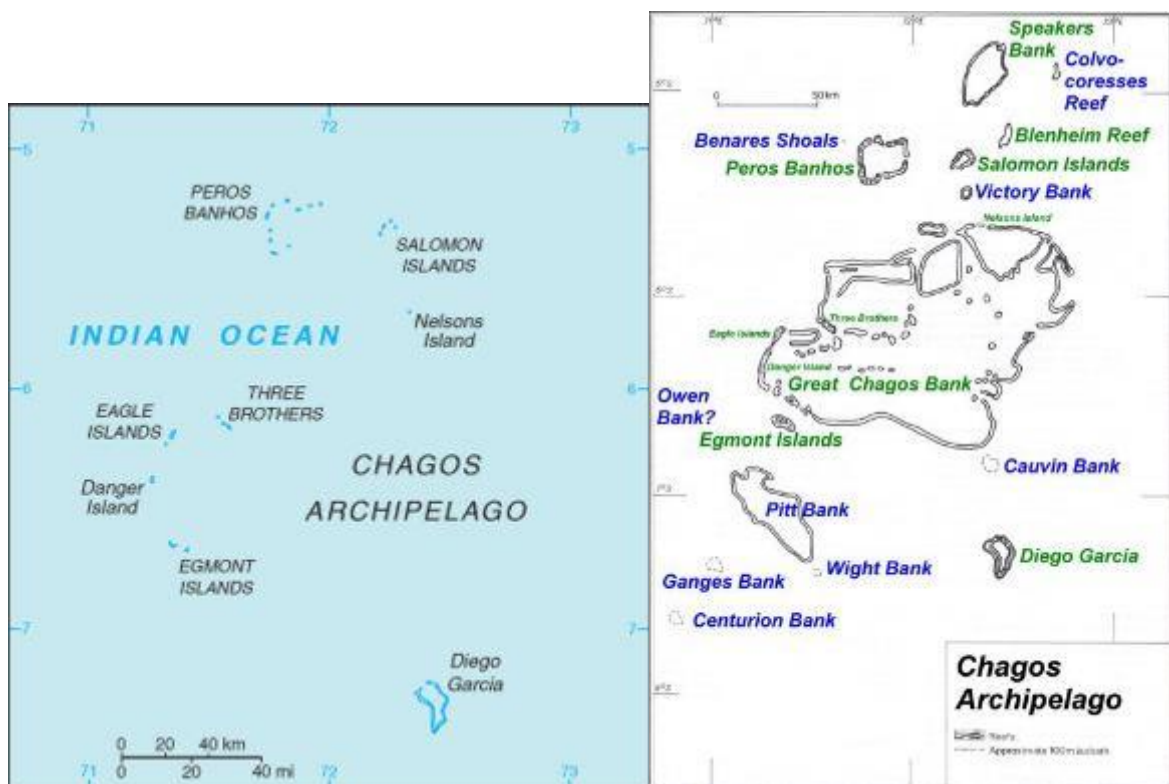
Introduction

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Indian_Ocean_Territory (accessed 1 April 2018)

“The British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) is a British overseas territory of the United Kingdom situated in the Indian Ocean halfway between Tanzania and Indonesia. The territory comprises the seven atolls of the Chagos Archipelago with over 1,000 individual islands – many very small – amounting to a total land area of 60 square kilometres (23 sq mi).. The largest and most southerly island is Diego Garcia, 27 km² (10 sq mi), the site of a joint military facility of the United Kingdom and the United States. The only [current] inhabitants are US and British military personnel and associated contractors, who collectively number around 2,500 (2012 figures).. The removal of Chagossians from the Chagos Archipelago occurred between 1968 and 1973. The Chagossians, then numbering about 2,000 people, were expelled by the British government to Mauritius and Seychelles to allow the United States to build a military base there. Today, the exiled Chagossians are still trying to return, arguing that the forced expulsion and dispossession was illegal.. The islands are off-limits to Chagossians, casual tourists, and the media. Mauritius has sought to gain control over the Chagos Archipelago, which was separated from its territory by the UK in 1965 to form the British Indian Ocean Territory. On 23 June 2017, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) voted in favour of referring the territorial dispute between Mauritius and the UK to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in order to clarify the legal status of the Chagos Islands archipelago in the Indian Ocean. The motion was approved by a majority vote with 94 voting for and 15 against.. In 1965, the United Kingdom split the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius and the islands of Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches (Des Roches) from the Seychelles to form the British Indian Ocean Territory. The purpose was to allow the construction of military facilities for the mutual benefit of the United Kingdom and the United States. The islands were formally established as an overseas territory of the United Kingdom on 8 November 1965.. On 23 June 1976, Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches were returned to Seychelles as a result of its attaining independence. Subsequently, BIOT has consisted only of the six main island groups comprising the Chagos Archipelago”.



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/British-Indian-Ocean-Territory-small.png>: “The 2,000 strong civilian population of the Chagos Archipelago – people with African, Indian and Malayan roots – were forcibly moved, between 1967 and 1973, to Great Britain, Mauritius and the Seychelles. On the main island of Diego Garcia a United States Air Force base has been established since 1973. The Chagos Archipelago has no civilian population other than what is required to support the air force base. The British Indian Ocean Territory probably became a British dependent territory in 1981 and, since 2002, has the status of British overseas territory. The Chagos Archipelago is contested by Mauritius and the Seychelles”.



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Postage stamps of B.I.O.T. 1965-1976²

1968, 17 January, 'B.I.O.T.' on postage stamps of the Seychelles



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² For references to a catalogue: Michel Nord- und Ostafrika, 2005, pp. 318-334. Michel notes 355 different postage stamps.



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/OXUAAOSwxzdaDjMp/s-l1600.jpg> Postmark Desroches Island.



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<http://www.fabiovstamps.com/images/Aldabra%20BIOT%20su%20Seychelles%20cancel%2057.jpg> Postmark Aldabra Island



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Postmark Aldabra Island.



<https://www.championstamp.com/Prod-img/BIOT%20806.jpg> Poststamp Desroches Island (1974)



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1968, 23 October, Marine life



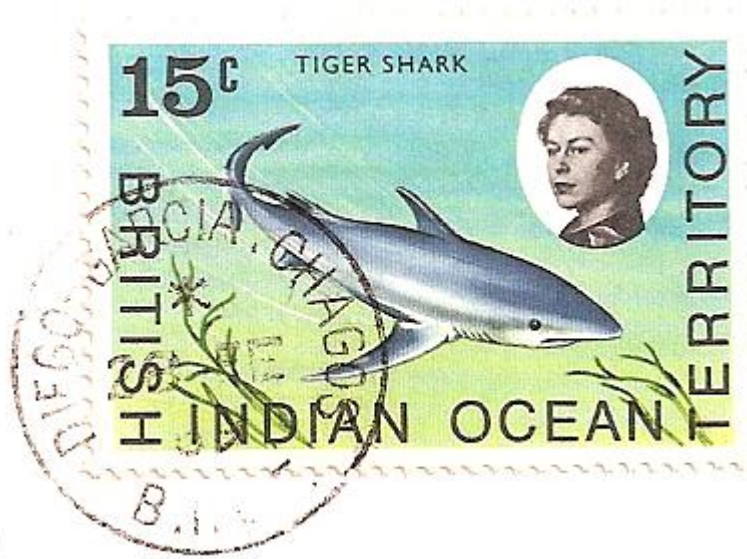
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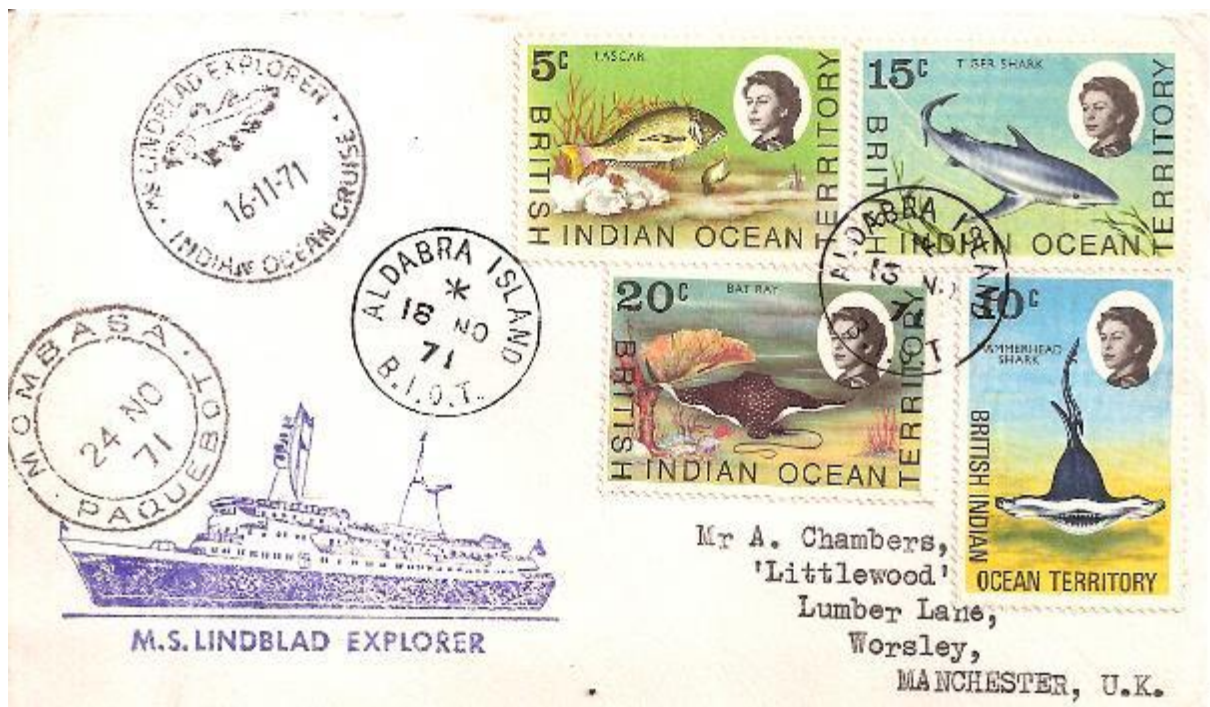
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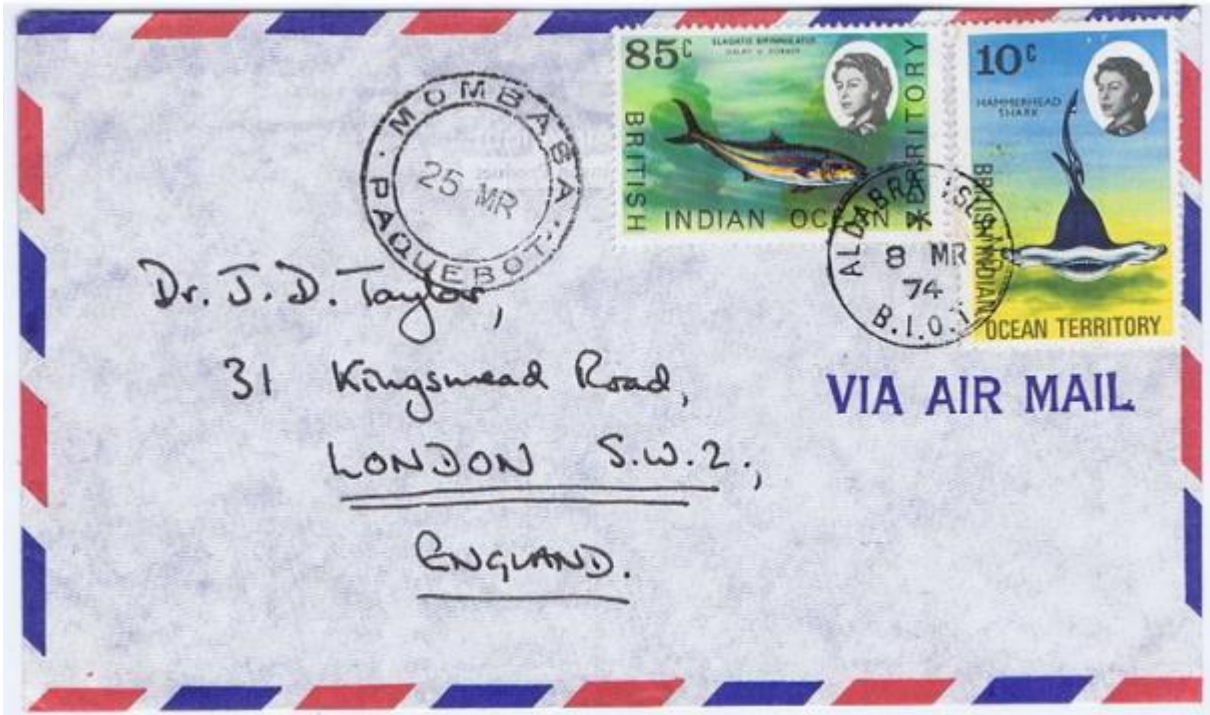
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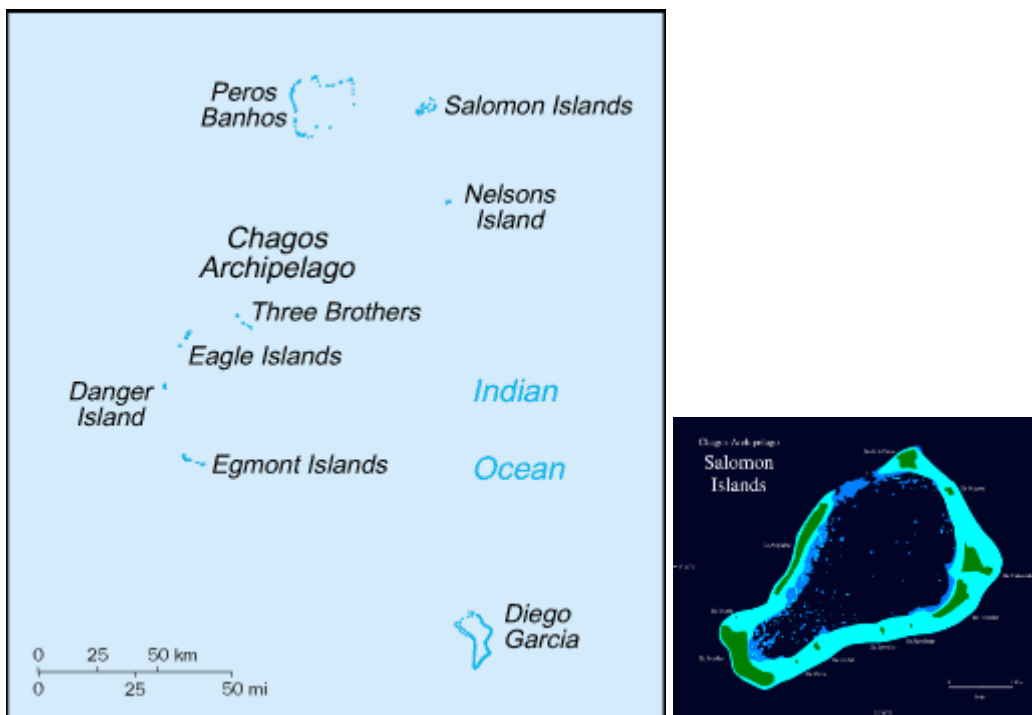
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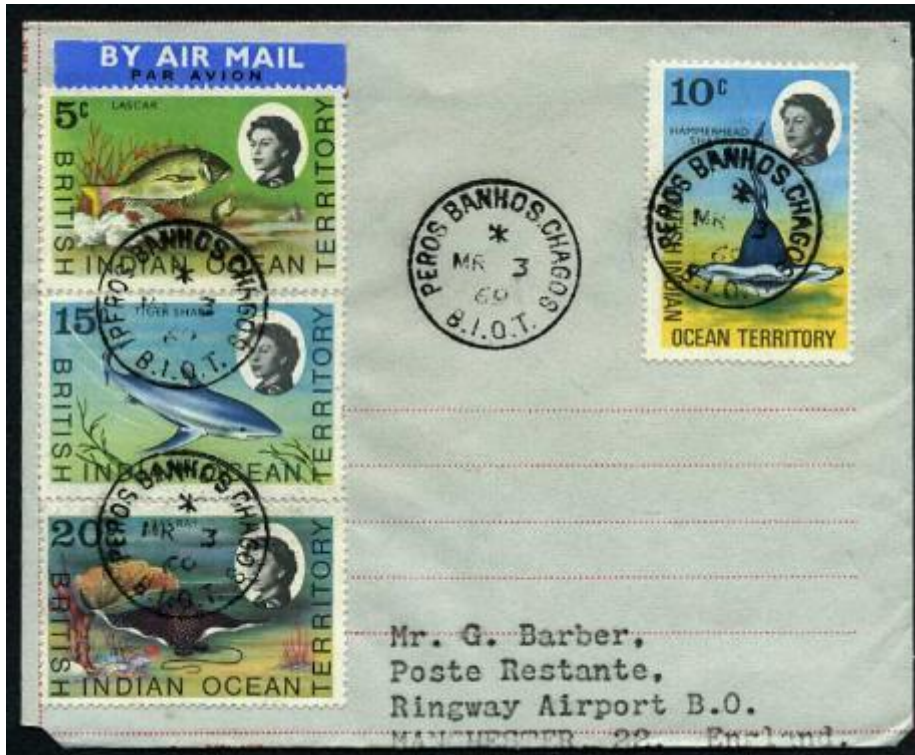


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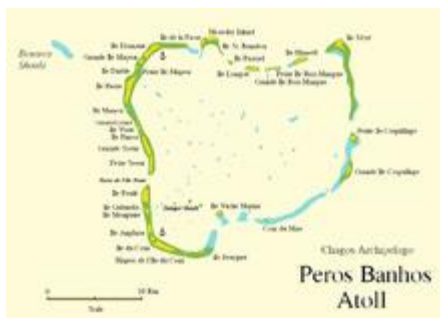


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<https://www.championstamp.com/Prod-img/BIOT%20807.jpg> Poststamp Farquhar Island (1969)



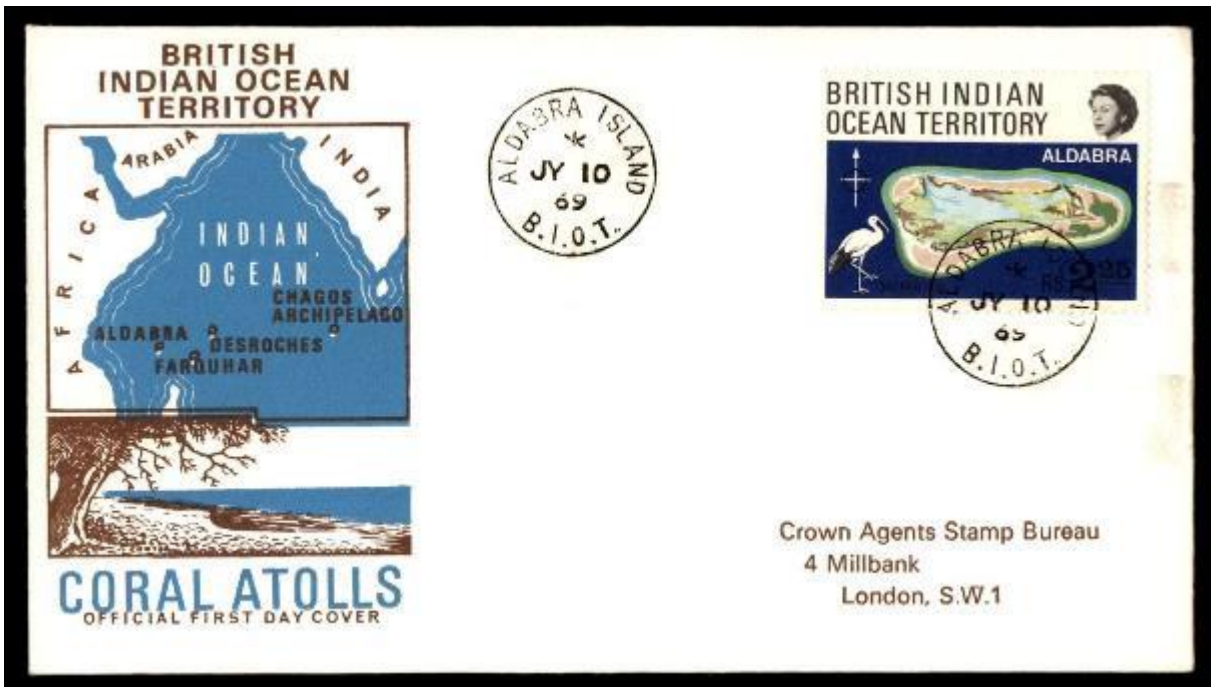
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1969, 10 July, Coral atoll Aldabra

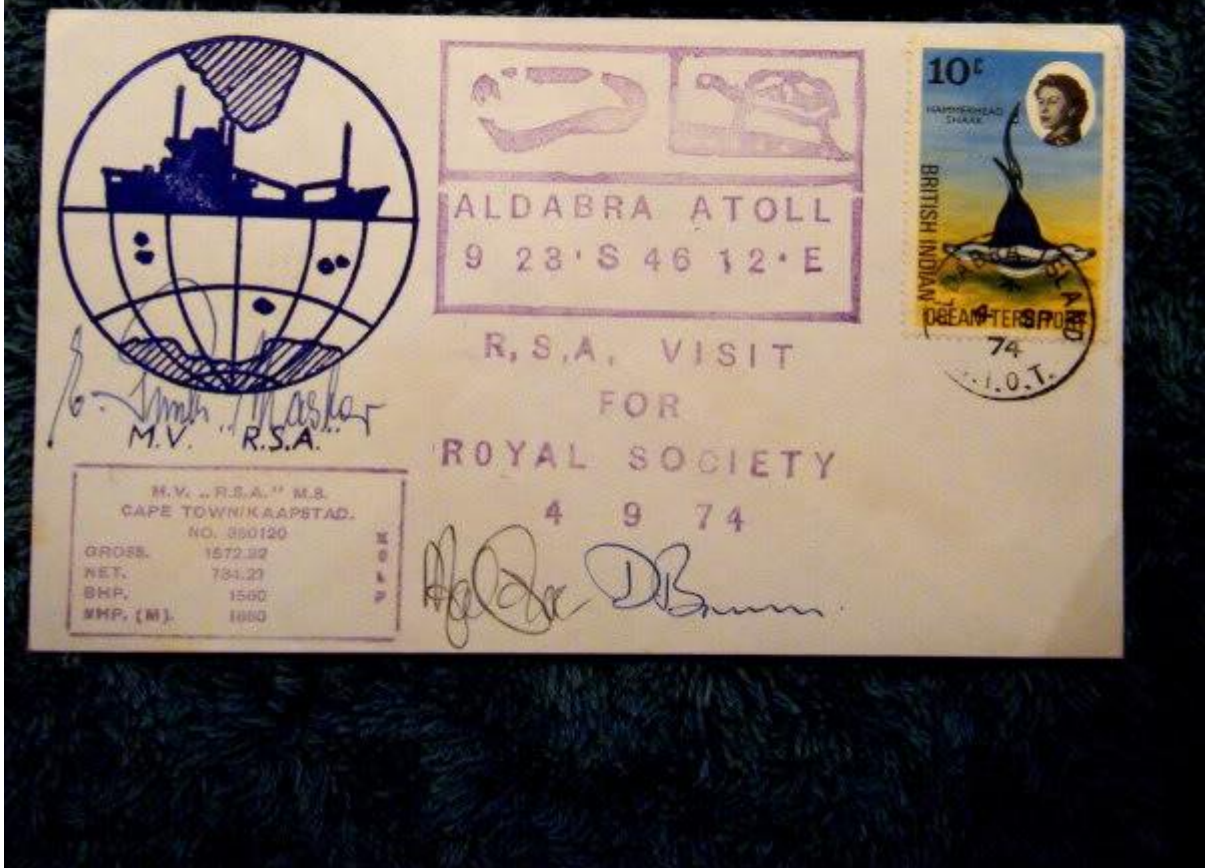


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Aldabra Island, first day of issue.



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1969, 15 December, Ships



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1970, 7 December, Marine life



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1971, 1 February, Nature conservation area Aldabra



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1971, 31 May, Opening of research station Aldabra



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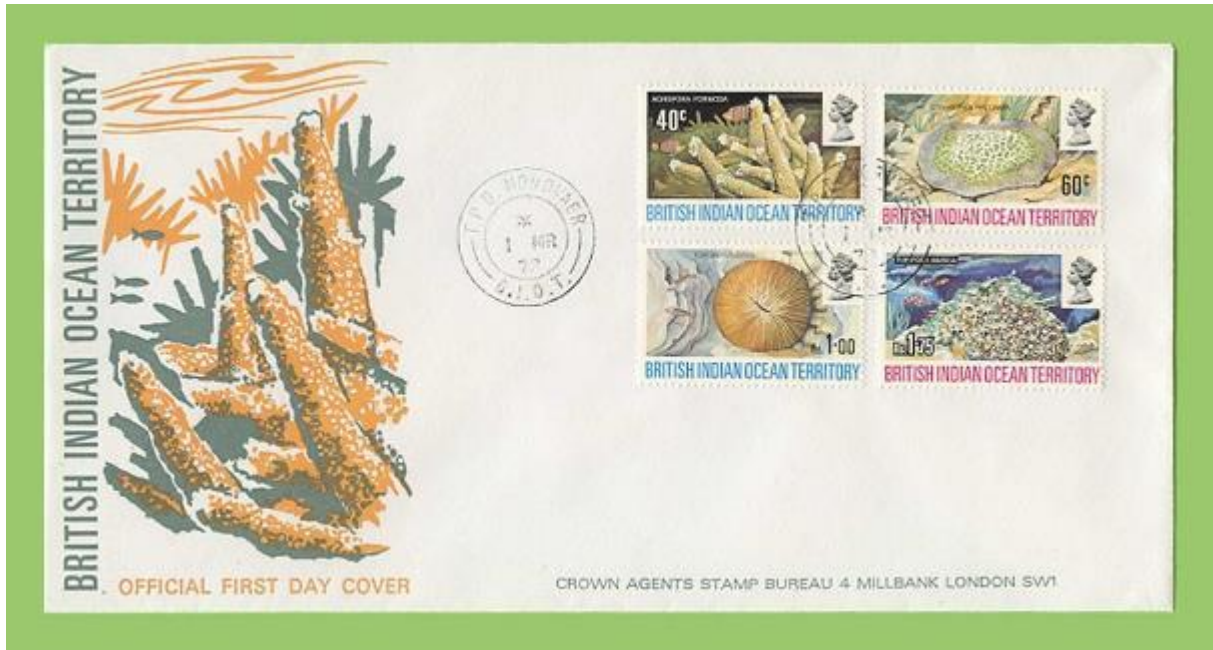


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1972, 1 March, corals



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1972, 20 November, Silver Wedding Queen Elisabeth and Prince Philip



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1973, 9 April, Easter,



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1973, 12 November, Fauna



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1974 14 July, 5 years T.P.O. Nordvaer.



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1974, 12 November, Wildlife



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1975, 28 February, Birds:



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1975, 10 July, coastal flora



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1975, 8 November, 10 years B.I.O.T.



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1976, 22 March Insects



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Postage Stamps after 1976 (1990 onwards)

In 1976 (on the 29th of June) the Outer Seychelles again became part of the Seychelles, after its Independence in 1976. Between August 1979 and 1990 there were no postal services in the remaining Chagos Islands other than under US and UK military command. On 3 May 1990 a new post office was started and B.I.O.T. again started to issue its own postage stamps.



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Brits-Territorium-Indische-Oceaan-small.jpg>: "Stamps have been issued for the British staff based in the British Indian Ocean territory from 1968 until 1976. From 1976 until 1990, mail services were provided by the military. A civilian service was resumed in 1990 for the British civilian support staff on the Chagos Archipelago".

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1990, 3 May Stamp World London '90 Exhibition



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1990, 3 May, Birds, regular series.



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1990, 4 August, 90th birthday Queen Mother Elisabeth



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1990, 8 November, 25 years B.I.O.T.



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1991, 3 June, state agencies

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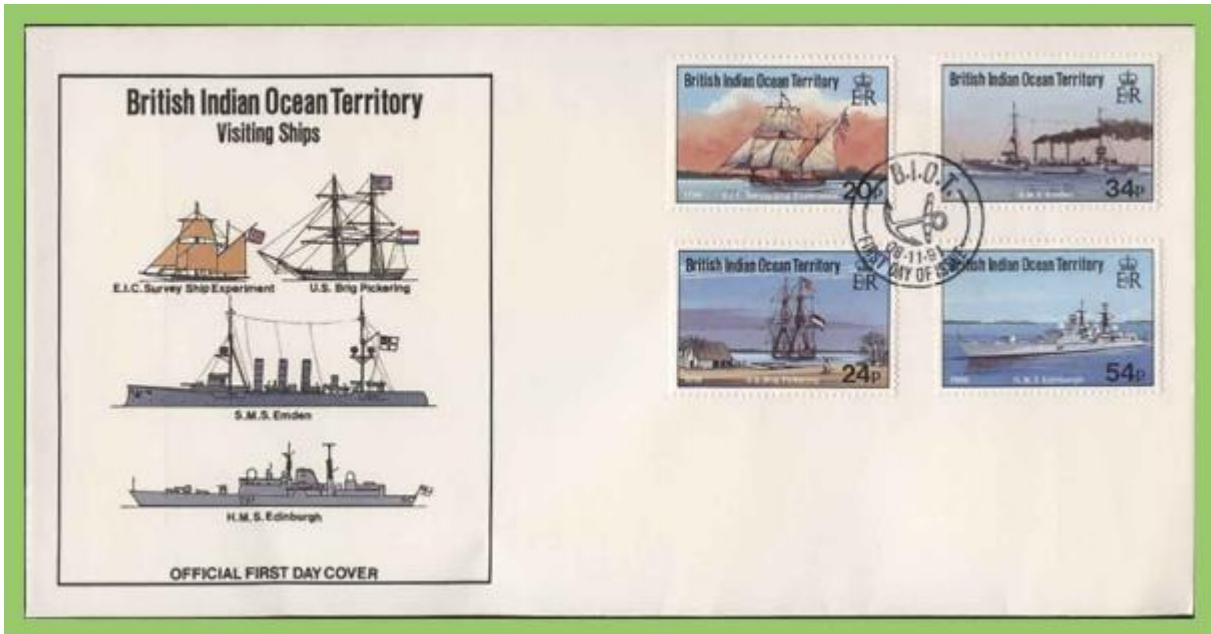


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1991, 8 November, Ships visiting the islands in the past



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1992, 6 February, 40th anniversary of Elisabeth as Queen.



<http://stampmall.com.au/images/86684.jpg> M119-123.

1992, 23 October, aeroplanes



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1992, 27 November, Christmas



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1993, 5 March, nature conservation, crabs



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1993, 1 April, Royal Air Force 75 years



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<https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/b/s/bsp0148.jpg> M148-149.

1994, 1 June, 18th Century maps of Diego Garcia



<https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/b/s/bsp0150.jpg> M150-154.

1994, 16 August, Butterflies



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1994, 1 November, sharks (without year)



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1995, 6 May, end of WWII



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<https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/b/s/bspb005.jpg> M174 and Block 5

1995, 6 October, Fish



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1996, 8 January, Shells



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1996, 22 April, 70th birthday of Queen Elisabeth II



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1996, 2 September, Sea turtles



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1996, 16 December, Uniforms



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1997, 3 February, Stamp exhibition Hong Kong '97.



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1997, 20 June, Return of Hong Kong to China



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1997, 10 July, Golden Wedding Royal couple

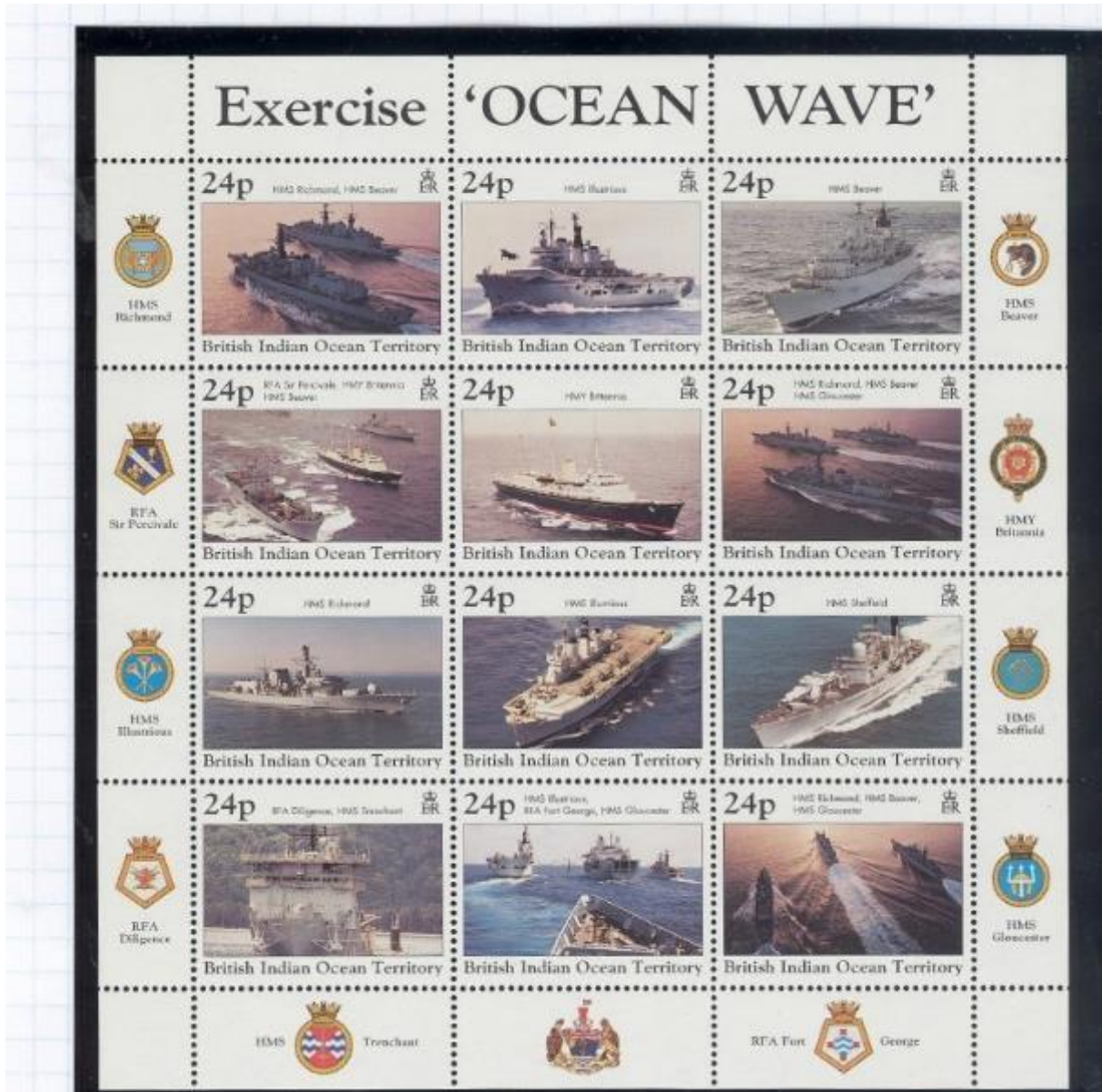


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1997, 1 December, Navy Exercise 'Ocean Wave'

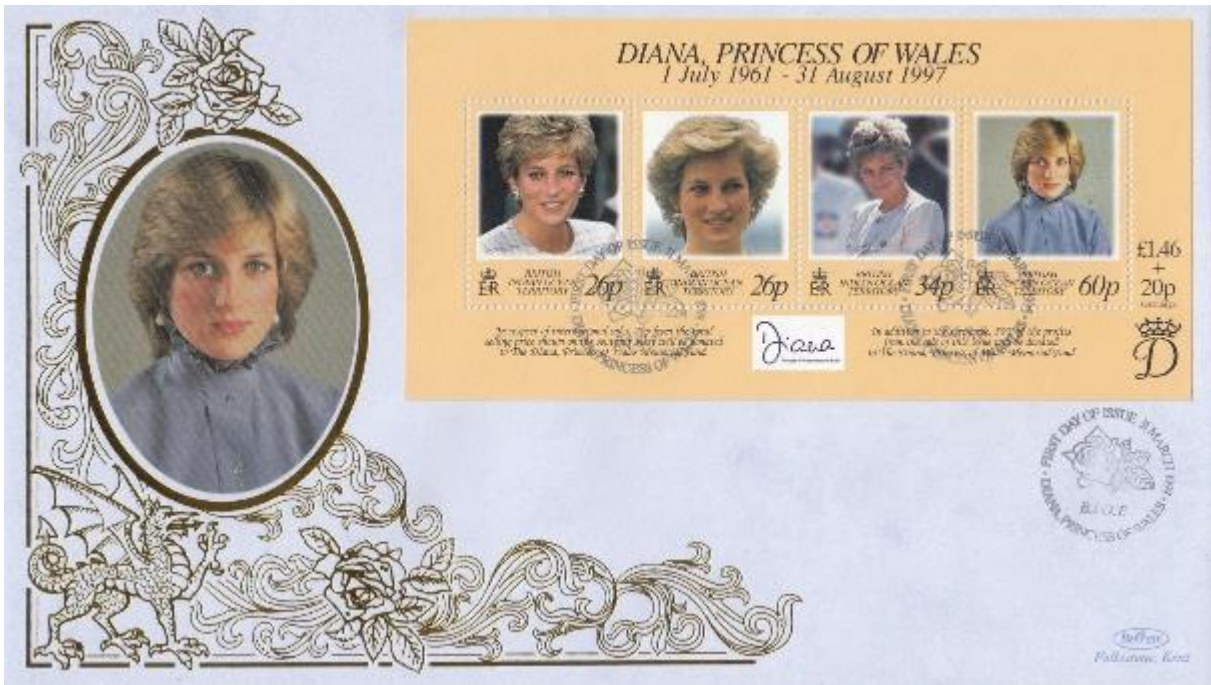


<http://www.rfanostalgia.org/gallery3/var/resizes/RFA%20EPHEMERA/RFA-Philately/4%20British%20Indian%20Ocean%20Territory.jpg?m=1493273180>: "British Indian Ocean Territory Exercise "Ocean Wave": Stamp issue depicting RFA's SIR PERCIVALE, DILIGENCE & FORT GEORGE.. Date of issue 1997". M203-214

1998, 31 March, Death of Princess Diana



<https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/b/s/bspb010.jpg> M215-218 and block 10.



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1998, 1 April, 80 Years Royal Air Force



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1998, 7 December, International Year of the Oceans



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1999, 1 February, Sailing ships



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1999, 19 March, Stamp exhibition Australia '99



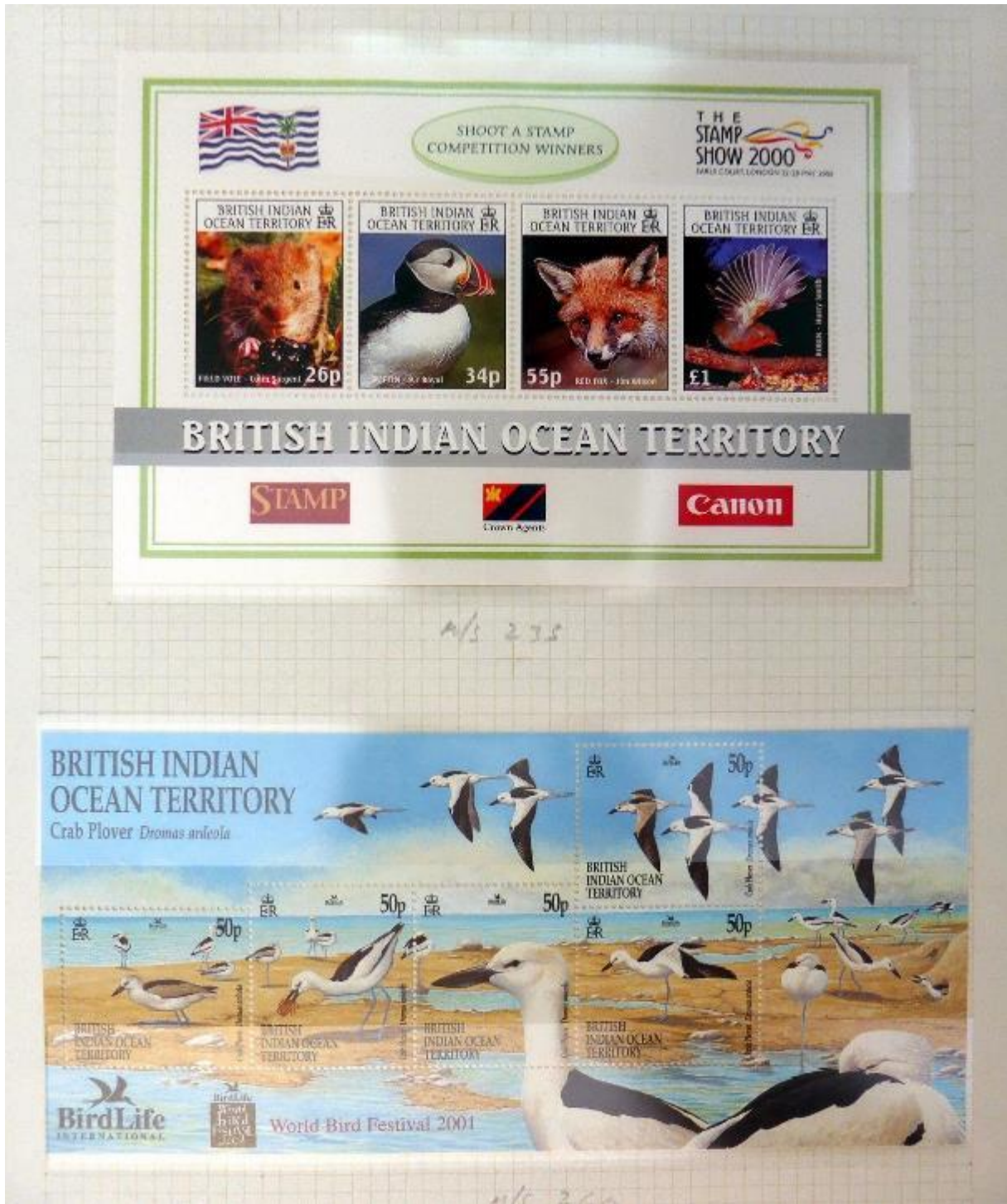
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2000, 22 May, Stamp exhibition The Stamp Show 2000, London



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2000, 3 July, Millennium, Satellite images



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2000, 4 August, Queen Mother Elisabeth 100th birthday



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2000, 4 December, Christmas, flowers



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2001, 1 February, Stamp Exhibition Hong Kong '01. Butterflies



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2001, 28 May, 100 years anniversary of submarines at the Royal Navy



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2001, 1 August, nature conservation, sea stars



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2001, 24 September, Indigenous plants



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2001, 1 October, Birdlife International



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2002, 6 February Golden Jubilee Queen Elisabeth II



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2002, 17 June, Birdlife International



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2002, 5 August, death of Queen Mother Elisabeth



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2002, 3 October, Ten's anniversary of the Friends of the Chagos Society.

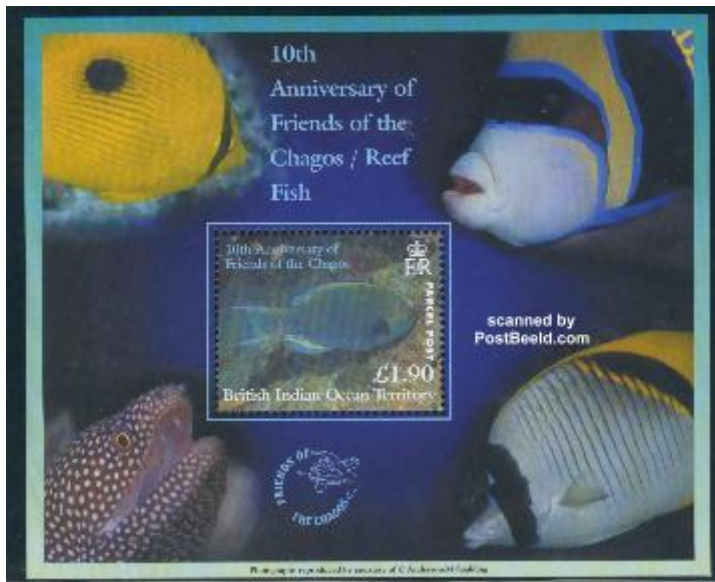


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2003, 17 March, sea slugs

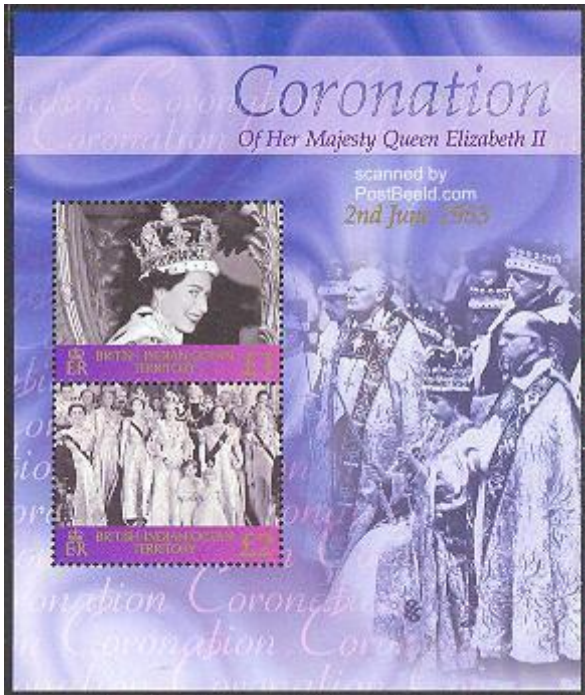


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2003, 2 June, 50th anniversary of the Queen's coronation



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2003, 2 June, Queen Elisabeth II



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2003, 21st birthday Prince William



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2003, 18 August, 100th anniversary Brothers' Wight Flight



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2004, 16 February, Protecting Nature: Fisheries Patrol



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2004, 21 June, Birds, regular series



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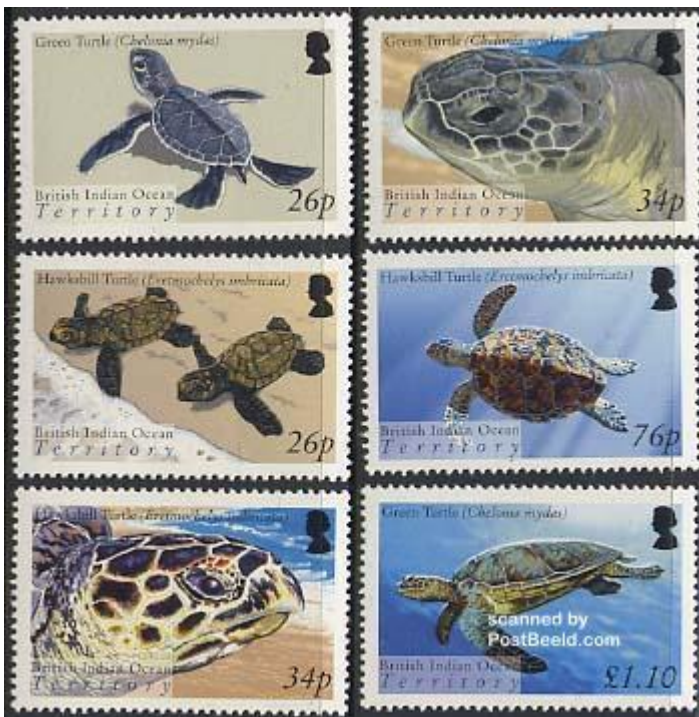
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2004, 20 December, Crabs

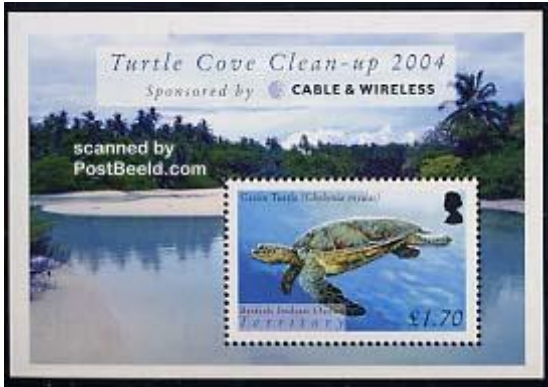


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2005, Turtles



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2005 Battle of Trafalgar



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2005, Sharks and rays



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2005, Battle of Trafalgar



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2005, End of WWII



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2005, 40 years of B.I.O.T.



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2006, Elisabeth II, 80th birthday



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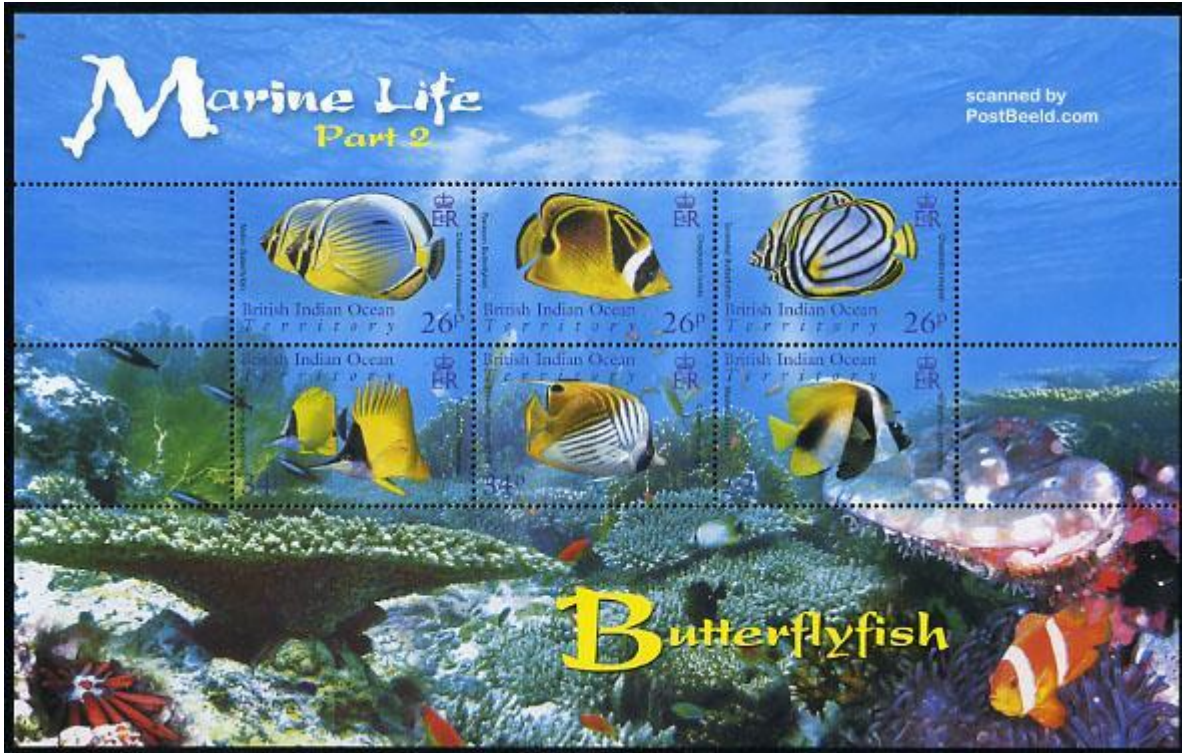


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2006 Marine life



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2006 Barton Point Nature Reserve



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2007 Diamond wedding Royal couple

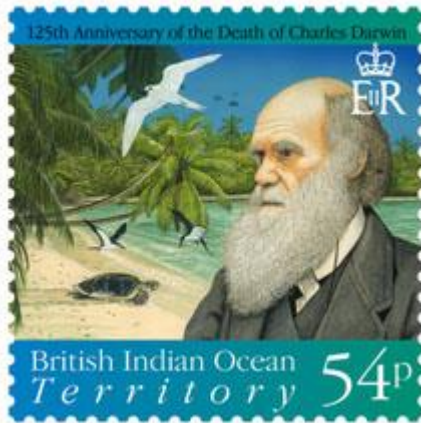


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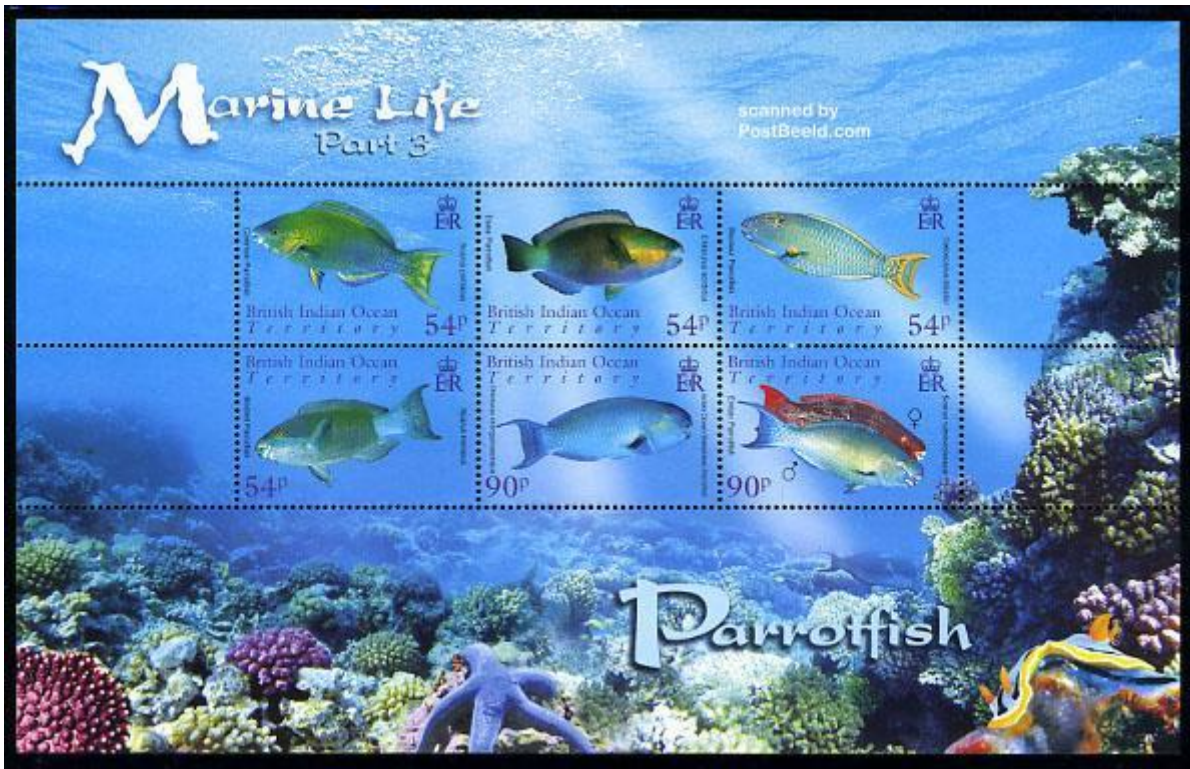
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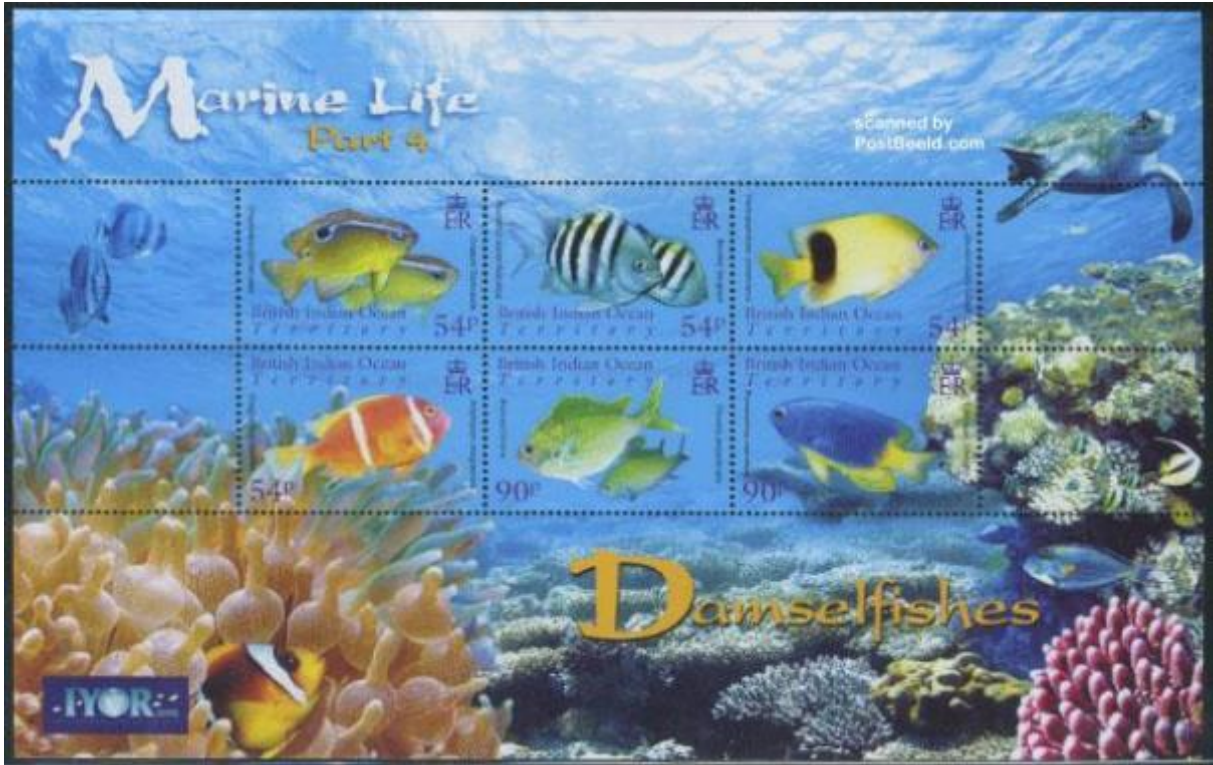
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2008 Marine Life



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2008, Marine Life



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2008 Uniforms



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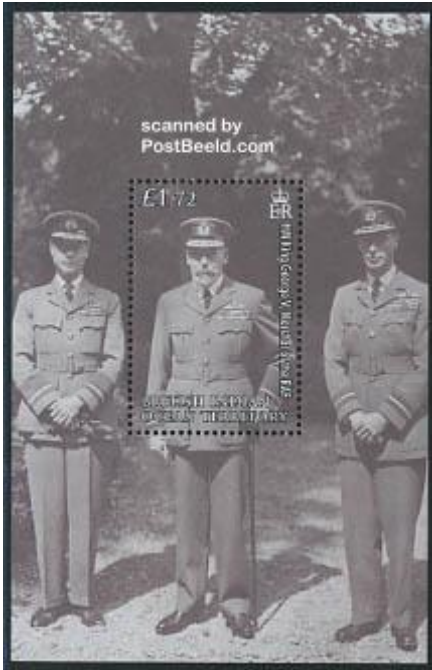
2008, 90 years Royal Air Force



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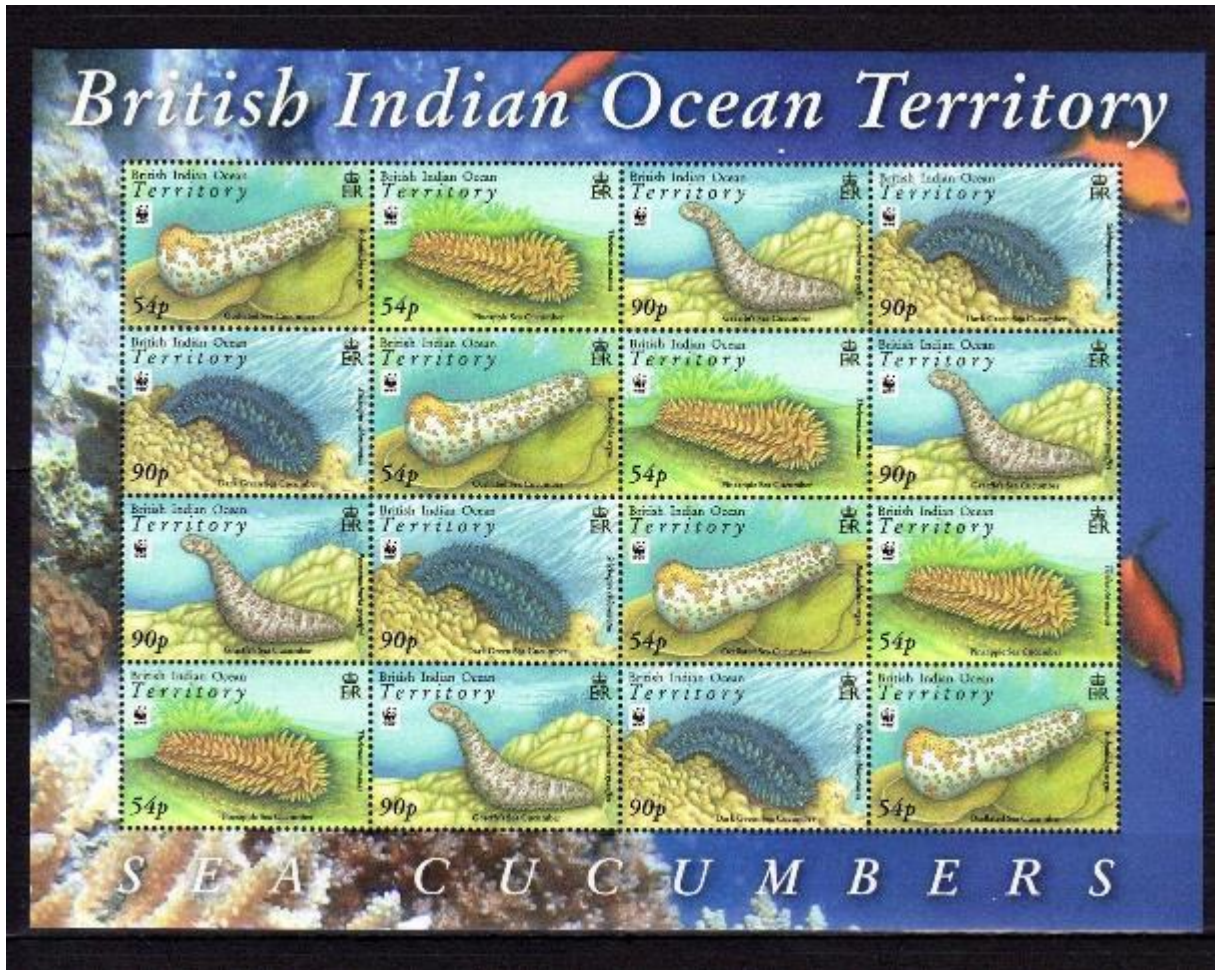
2008 Sea cucumbers



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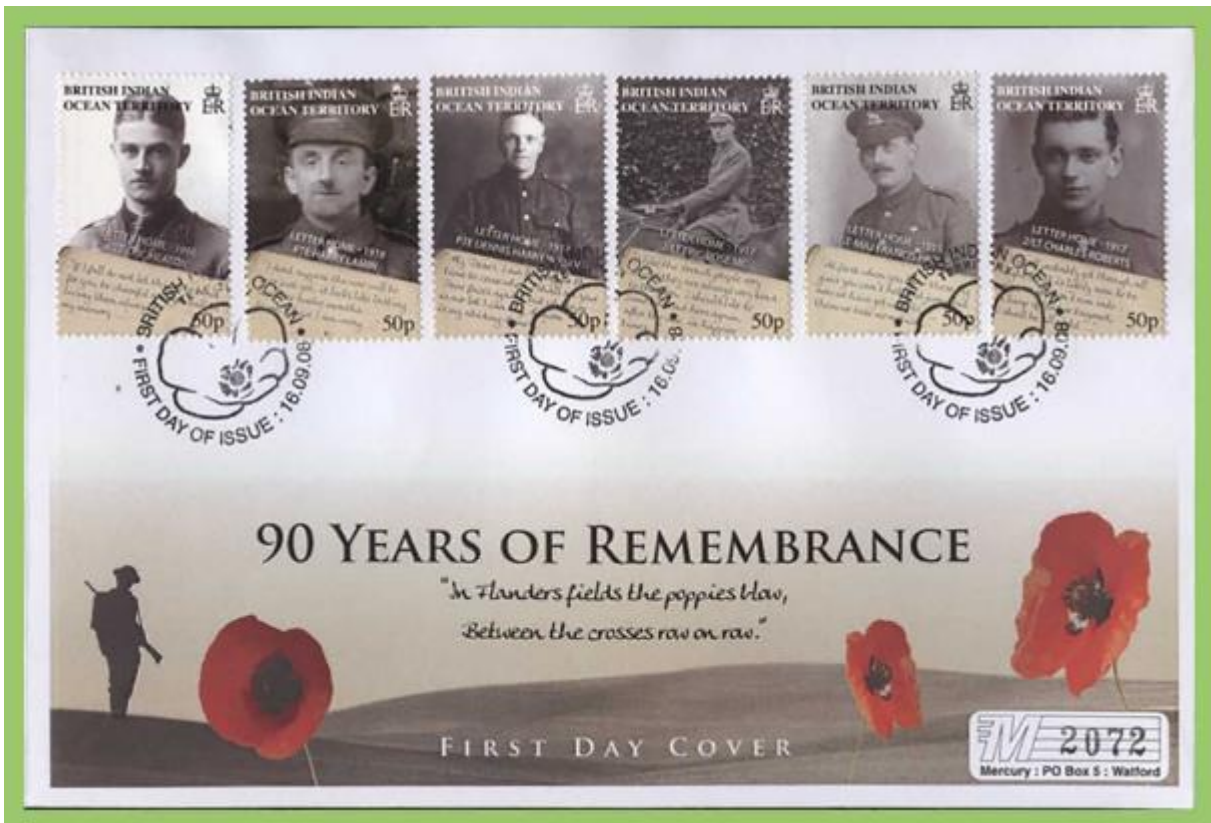


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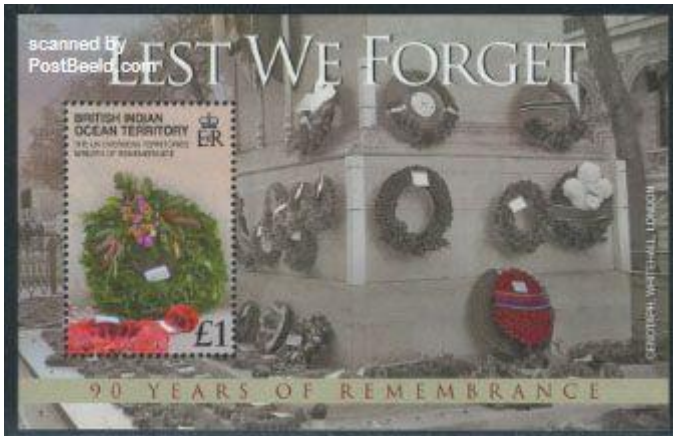
2008, 90th anniversary of First WW: "Lest we forget".



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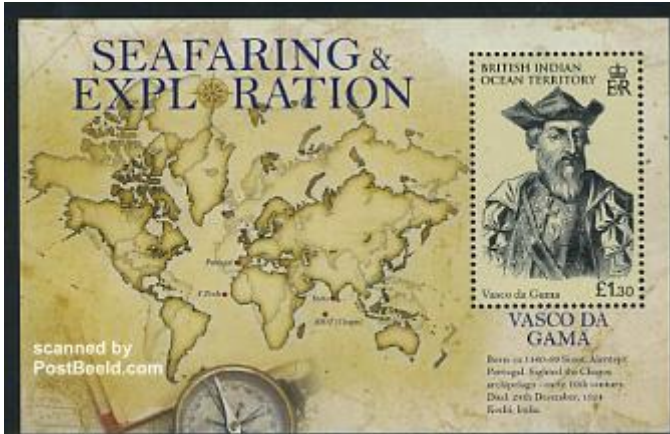


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2009, Seafaring and Exploration



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2009, Fly navy



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2009, Space exploration



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2009, Mushrooms



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2010 Battle of Britain



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2010 Expo London 2010



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2011 Diamond Jubilee Queen Elisabeth II: 'Lifetime of service'



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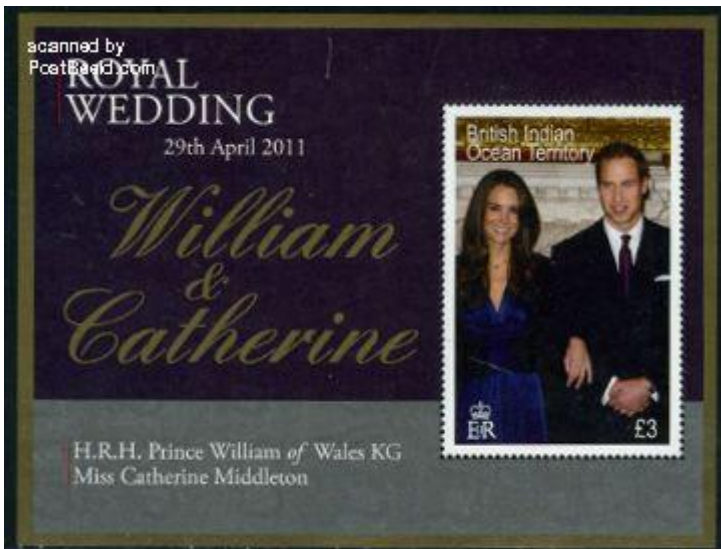


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2011 Wedding Prince William and Kate Middleton



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2011 The Royal British Legion



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2012 Diamond Jubilee



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2013 Diamond Jubilee



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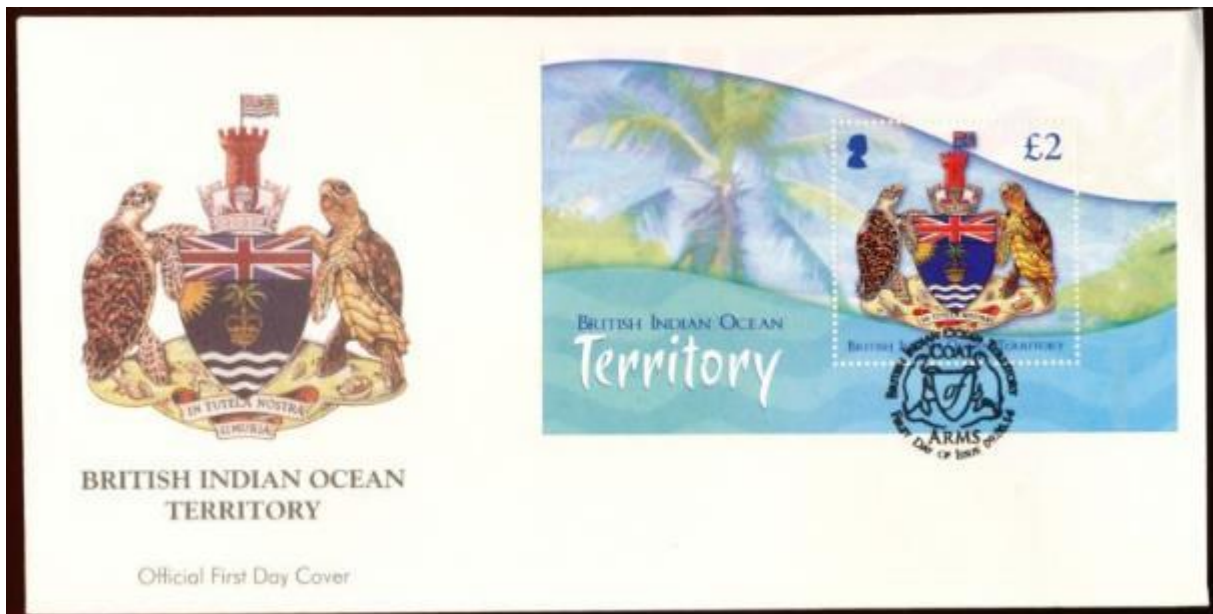
2014 Coat of Arms



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2016, 12 February, sharks



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2016, 21 April, 90th birthday Queen Elisabeth II



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2016 28 July, Famous British writers



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2016, 16 November, Turtles



<https://biot.gov.io/wp-content/uploads/turtle-set.jpg>: "Turtle Stamp Issue Released 16.11.16. On 16 November we are releasing an issue of stamps depicting the two species of turtle that are found in BIOT and celebrates the conservation research that is being done there by Swansea (UK) and Deakin (Australia) Universities. The research group, led by Nicole Esteban (Swansea) and Graeme Hays (Deakin), is assessing the status of these nesting populations and threats. As part of this research, the team is using satellites and tags to track the turtles so that the full extent of their range can be identified, allowing targeted conservation management at key sites across the ocean basin. Initial results have been staggering, with some females that nested in BIOT travelling over 4,000km to mainland Africa to feed outside the breeding season. These findings show how academic and

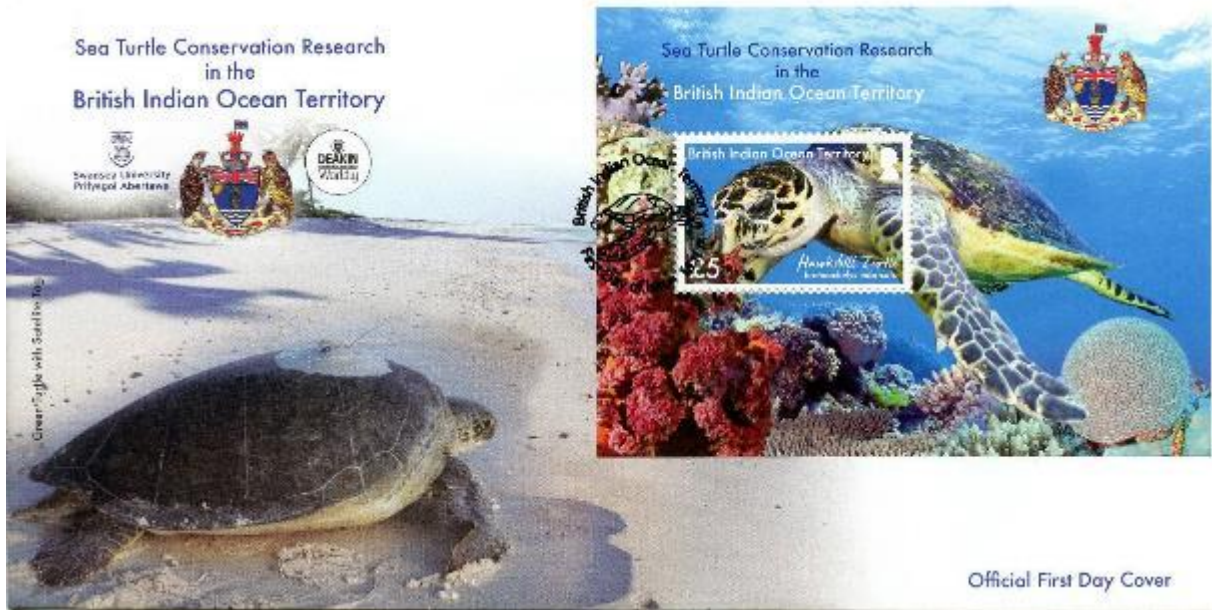
governmental collaborations across nations are needed to fully protect sea turtles. Together with the stamps we are releasing a tri-fold information leaflet about the biology of sea turtles in BIOT". N576-581



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2017 Fish



<https://biot.gov.io/wp-content/uploads/BIOT-Megafauna-2017.jpg>: "BIOT Megafauna Stamp Issue 08.06.17. On 8 June 2017 the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration is releasing a set of six stamps and a first day cover portraying marine megafauna: species that are all found in the Territory. The fish featured in this issue are: Sailfish *Istiophorus platypterus* (60p), Reef Manta Ray *Manta alfredi* (£1), Oceanic Whitetip Shark *Carcharhinus longimanus* (£1.50), Blue Marlin *Makaira nigricans* (£1.50), Sunfish *Mola mola* (£2), Whale Shark *Rhincodon typus* (£3)". N583-588



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2017 Planes WWII

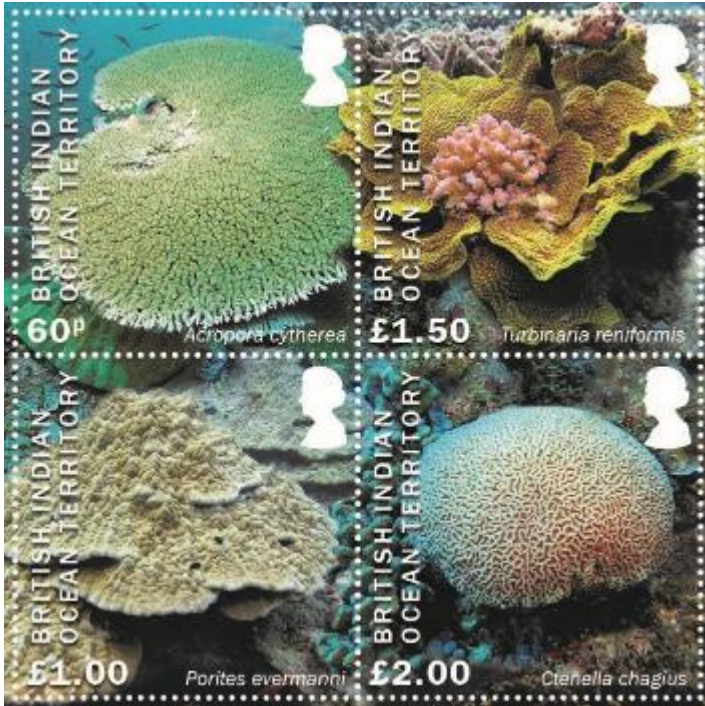


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<https://biot.gov.io/wp-content/uploads/WWI-Aircraft-FDC.jpg>: “WWI Aircraft Stamps Released 06.03.17. As part of the First World War Centenary, the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration has released a set of six stamps, on 6 March 2017, depicting aircraft used by Britain during WWI. The six planes we have chosen to cover the period of the war and also the different usages are: Royal Aircraft Factory F.E.2b Reconnaissance / Fighter / Night Bomber Aircraft (1915) (60p), Nieuport 11 (Bebe) Fighting Scout (1915) (60p), Sopwith Camel Fighter (1917) (60p), Royal Aircraft Factory S.E.5a Fighter Aircraft (1917) (£1), Bristol F.2B Fighter / Armed Reconnaissance / Light Bomber Aircraft (1917) (£1), Handley Page H.P. O/400 Heavy Bomber Aircraft (1918) (£1.50). The twentieth century was the start of the age of flight and before 1914 wars had only been fought on land and at sea. Aircraft that were used at the beginning of the First World War were basic but throughout the war they saw rapid development. Much work went into aircraft design as it became clear that airpower could play a decisive role not only on the battlefield but against military and industrial targets far behind the front line. By 1918, aircraft were much more sophisticated machines, which also reflected the role they played during the war. At the start of WWI the Royal Air Force did not exist and planes were flown by the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps: these two organisations were then merged on 1 April 1918 to create the Royal Air Force, which is the oldest independent air force in the world. The First Day Cover for this issue depicts a Sopwith Camel flying over a field of poppies. The poppies are a symbol of remembrance after the famous poem “In Flanders Fields” from 1915 by Lt Col John McCrae, symbolising the spilled blood of war”.

2017 Coral



<https://biot.gov.io/wp-content/uploads/BIOT-Coral-Stamp-Selection-4-768x768.jpg>: “BIOT Corals Stamp Issue 05.09.17. On 5 September 2017, the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration is releasing a souvenir sheet of six stamps and a first day cover featuring several of the coral species found in the Territory. The species of BIOT coral featured in this issue are: *Acropora cytherea* (60p), *Porites evermanni* (£1.00), *Turbinaria reniformis* (£1.50), *Ctenella chagius* (£2.00), *Fungia repanda* (£2.50), *Pocillopora damicornis* (£3.00)”. N595-598



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2017 Platinum Wedding Royal Couple



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2017 1 November Women in Naval Service



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Celebrating the formation of
The Women's Royal Naval Service
1917-2017



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2018, 5 February, Flowers



<https://biot.gov.io/wp-content/uploads/Plants-FDC.jpg>: "BIOT Plants Stamp Issue 02.05.18.

On 2 May 2018, the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration is releasing a set of six stamps and a first day cover portraying a variety of flowering plants: these are all species that are native to the Territory. The plants featured are: *Barringtonia asiatica* (60p) – also known as the Fish Poison Tree; *Intsia bijuga* (60p) – also known as Borneo Teak or Ipil and is a globally threatened tree; *Guettarda speciosa* (60p) – also known as Beach Gardenia; *Calophyllum inophyllum* (£1) – also known as Takamaka; *Cordia subcordata* (£1) – also known as Cordia; *Ipomoea pes-caprae* (£2.50) – also known as Beach Morning Glory;

Scaevola taccada (featured on the first day cover) – also known as Scavvy”. N611-616, and block 51.

Current website information about the islands’ History (<https://biot.gov.io/about/history/>)

“The islands of the Chagos Archipelago were uninhabited until the late 18th century, when the French established copra plantations using slave labour in 1793. The islands have been British territory since 1814 when they were ceded to Britain with Mauritius (which then included the Seychelles). For administrative convenience, and following the French practice, the islands were administered from Mauritius. As for the population of the islands, after emancipation some slaves became contract employees; the population changing over time by import of contract labour from Mauritius and, in the 1950s, from Seychelles, so that by the late 1960s, those living on the islands were contract employees of the copra plantations. Neither they, nor those permitted by the plantation owners to remain, owned land or houses. They had licences to reside there at the discretion of the owners and moved from island to island as work required.

The islands were constituted as the British Indian Ocean Territory in 1965 by an Order in Council under the Royal Prerogative. This comprises all the islands of the Chagos Archipelago and until June 1976 also included the islands of Aldabra, Desroches and Farquhar which were then ceded to the Seychelles, of which they are now part. The Order in Council also provided for the appointment of a Commissioner for the Territory. One function conferred on the Commissioner was the power to make laws for the “peace, order and good government” of the Territory.

The UK paid the colony of Mauritius a £3 million grant in recognition of the detachment of the Chagos Archipelago and amongst other legally binding undertakings, gave a commitment, repeated by successive governments, to cede the islands to Mauritius when no longer required for defence purposes. Similarly, the UK also paid for the construction of an airport in Seychelles in recognition of the detachment of their islands, though these were ceded after Seychelles’ independence.

In a published Exchange of Notes with the US Government in 1966, the Territory was made available to meet the defence needs of the United Kingdom and the United States governments. The Exchange of Notes envisaged US use of Diego Garcia for an initial period of 50 years and could remain in force for a further 20 years beyond 2016 unless either side gives notice to terminate it in the two years before its expiry – that is, from December 2014 to December 2016. There were updates to these Notes in 1972 and 1976.

In 1967 the BIOT Administration acquired the land and the commercial interests of the company operating the copra plantations on the island. As the plantations were in economic decline, their future could not be guaranteed. In 1971, the plantation on Diego Garcia was closed when the island was needed for defence purposes. Closures followed later in the other islands of the Chagos Archipelago. The people affected by these closures were the Mauritian and Seychellois contract workers and their families, who were then given the choice of returning to Mauritius or Seychelles. The majority chose Mauritius where they had close ties and were moved between 1968 and 1973.

In 1971 the Commissioner, acting under instructions from Ministers in London, enacted an Immigration Ordinance which made it unlawful for a person to enter or remain in BIOT without a permit, and allowed those remaining to be removed. This formalised in law the removal of the existing civilian population of the territory to Mauritius or Seychelles and effectively established a prohibition on their return.

Although there are no accurate figures it is believed that between 1400 and 1700 were removed from the islands. In 2002 on the change to British Nationality law many Chagossians who had British Overseas Territories Citizenship automatically, became British Citizens.

Compensation arrangements for the Chagossians were provided by the UK in the 1970s (£650,000 to Mauritius for resettlement) and the 1980s (a further £4m to Mauritius and representatives of the Chagossians in the form of a trust fund).

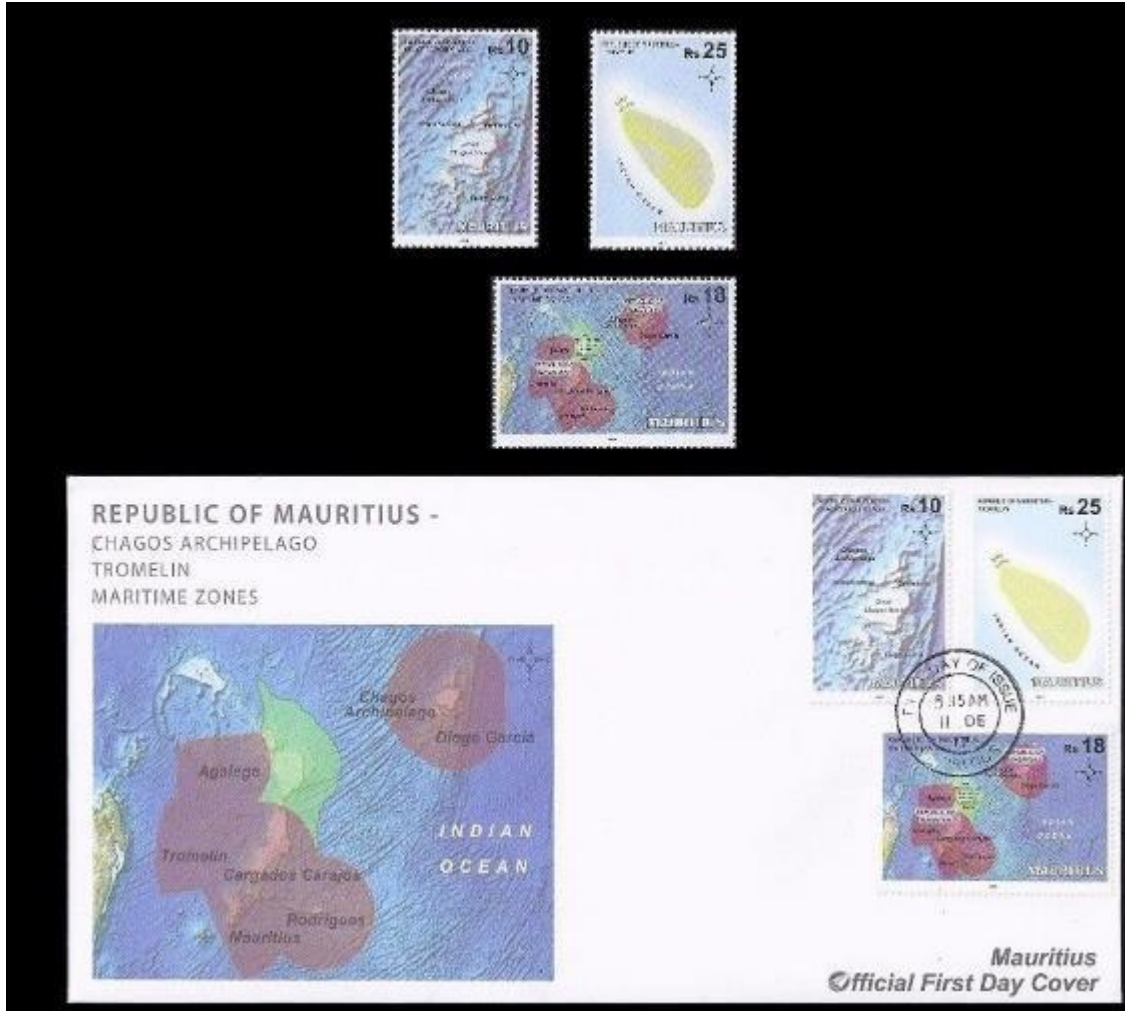
There is a small community of Chagossians based in Crawley, Sussex, and another in Manchester. There are also communities of former islanders and their descendants remaining in Seychelles and Mauritius. The British Indian Ocean Territory Administration has facilitated several (roughly annual) visits to the Territory by the eldest Chagossians, and a programme of environmental training for UK-based Chagossians that allows some to become involved in scientific work in the Territory”.

Heritage visits: “Chagossian Heritage Visit Feb 2018. Following two visits that took place towards the end of 2017, the third in the expanded programme of Chagossian heritage visits took place in mid-February. The programme of visits is primarily aimed at first generation Chagossians and offers an opportunity for them to visit the islands. This visit saw a group of 16 Chagossians (13 from UK and three from Seychelles) embark on the journey to the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT), some to revisit the places they remembered from their youth and others to experience in person the stories of their parents birthplace they had been told... We know how important the heritage visits are and we look forward to continuing the opportunity for Chagossians to take part in them. The next heritage visit is due to take place towards the end of 2018 and is primarily aimed at those born on the islands. If you would like to be considered for future visits you can send your details to BIOTFCO@fco.gov.uk along with documentary evidence to show your connection to the Chagos Islands.”.

<https://biot.gov.io/news/chagossian-heritage-visit-feb-2018/>

Mauritian Claims

In 2017 Mauritius issued postage stamps claiming the return of the Chagos Archipelago to Mauritius.



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Postmarks, illustrations in this APH 33 volume

	Postmark	Year used
Outer Seychelles	Aldabra	1968, 1969, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1982
	Desroches	1968, 1974
	Farquhar	1969
	T.P.O. Nordvaer	1969, 1970, 1972, 1974
Chagos	British Indian Ocean Territory Post Office	2002, 2004, 2009
	Chagos Joint Forces	1972
	Danger Island	1974
	Diego Garcia	1969, 2004, 2013
	Field Post Office	1975
	Peros Banhos Chagos	1969
	Salomon Chagos	1970, 1972