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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 editor: Ton Dietz (dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl). You are welcome!

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Cape of Good Hope postage stamp 1853:
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg

Egypt postage stamp 1914:
https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/Post_Stamp_Egypt.jpg

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PART 1: 1968-1979

For an introduction about MAURITIUS and its postal history see APH 27.

1968 Independence (12 March 1968) (M313-318[1])

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0313.jpg: "1968, Independence 6v".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1968-independence-fdc.jpg?w=651&h=378 POSTMARK BAMBOUS

[1] M refers to Michel Katalog Nord und Ostafrika 2005, Mauritius; pp 922- 954.

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1968-independence_booklet.jpg?w=606&h=399

1968 Birds, new colours (12 July 1968) (M319-324)

http://stampmall.com.au/images/95417.jpg. Stampworld: "1968 Birds - New Colors, 12. July WM: 6 Perforation: 14½".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1968-special-bird-issue-fdc.jpg?w=641&h=443 POSTMARK PORT L0UIS.

1968 200th anniversary of the visit of Bernardin de Saint-Pierre to Mauritius (2 December 1968) (M325-330)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1968_bernardin_de_st_pierre.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1968-paul-et-virginie-fdc.jpg?w=661&h=448 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1969 Regular series: marine life, with watermark 6 (12 March 1969) (M331X-348X)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0331.jpg: "1969, Definitives, marine life 18v".

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1968-1969/: "No Official First Day Cover was released for this set of 18 postage stamps".

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/iKoAAOSwDuJWwEo2/s-l300.jpg Postmark PAMPLEMOUSSES

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/ru8AAOSwQYZWwFLT/s-l225.jpg Postmark OLD GRAND PORT

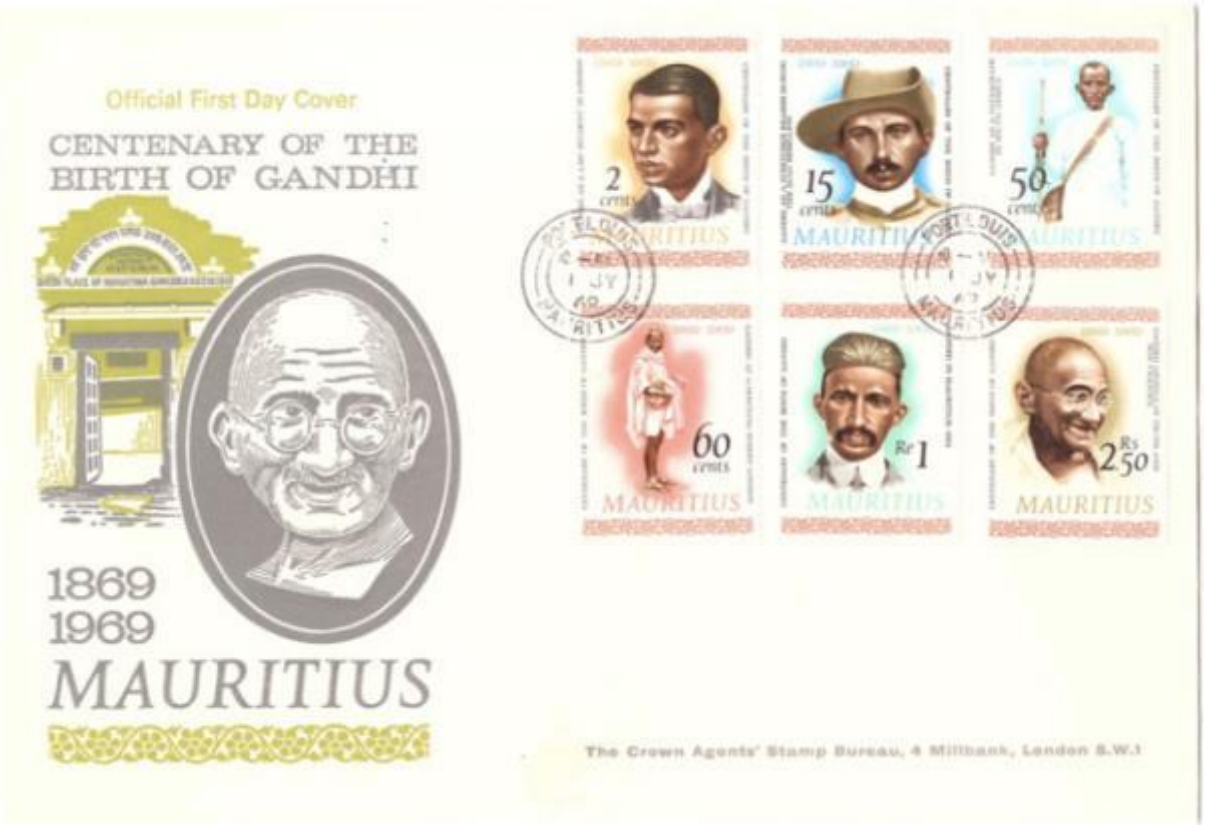
https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/gqwAAOSwhkRWdBq3/s-l225.jpg Postmark RIVIERE DES ANGUILLES

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/cokAAOSwp5JWXGYO/s-l225.webp Postmark PLAINE DES PAPAYES

http://www.postmarks.co.za/images/Triolet%201968.jpg: "TRIOLET, 16.10.1947 to 11.03.1968".

1969 Gandhi (1 July 1969) (M349-354)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1969_mahatma_gandhi.jpg



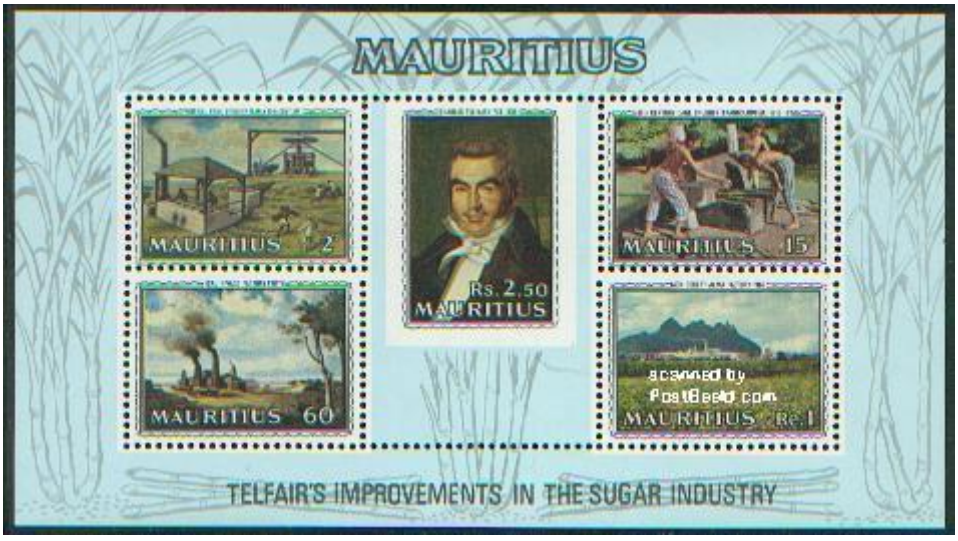
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1969-gandhi.jpg?w=642&h=441. POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1969_mahatma_gandhi_ss.jpg (M Block 1)

1969 Sugar Industry (22 December 1969) (M355-359A)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0355.jpg: “1969, Sugar industry 5v”. Stampworld: “1969 Charles Telfair's Building of the Sugar Industry in the 19th Century. 15. December WM: 6 Perforation: 11 x 11½”.

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1969-anniv-of-sugar-industry-fdc.jpg?w=650&h=395 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.



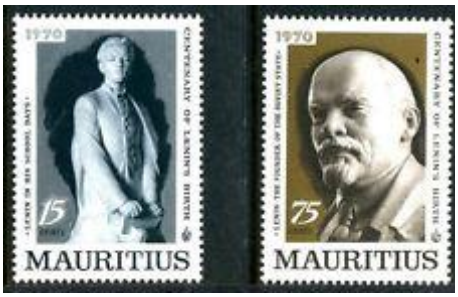
https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mupb002.jpg: “1969, Sugar industry s/s”. (M Block 2)

1970 EXPO Osaka (7 April 1970) (M360-361)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0360.jpg: "1970, Expo Osaka 2v".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1970-7-april-expo-osaka.jpg?w=635&h=412 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1970 Lenin 100th birthday (22 April 1970) (M362-363)



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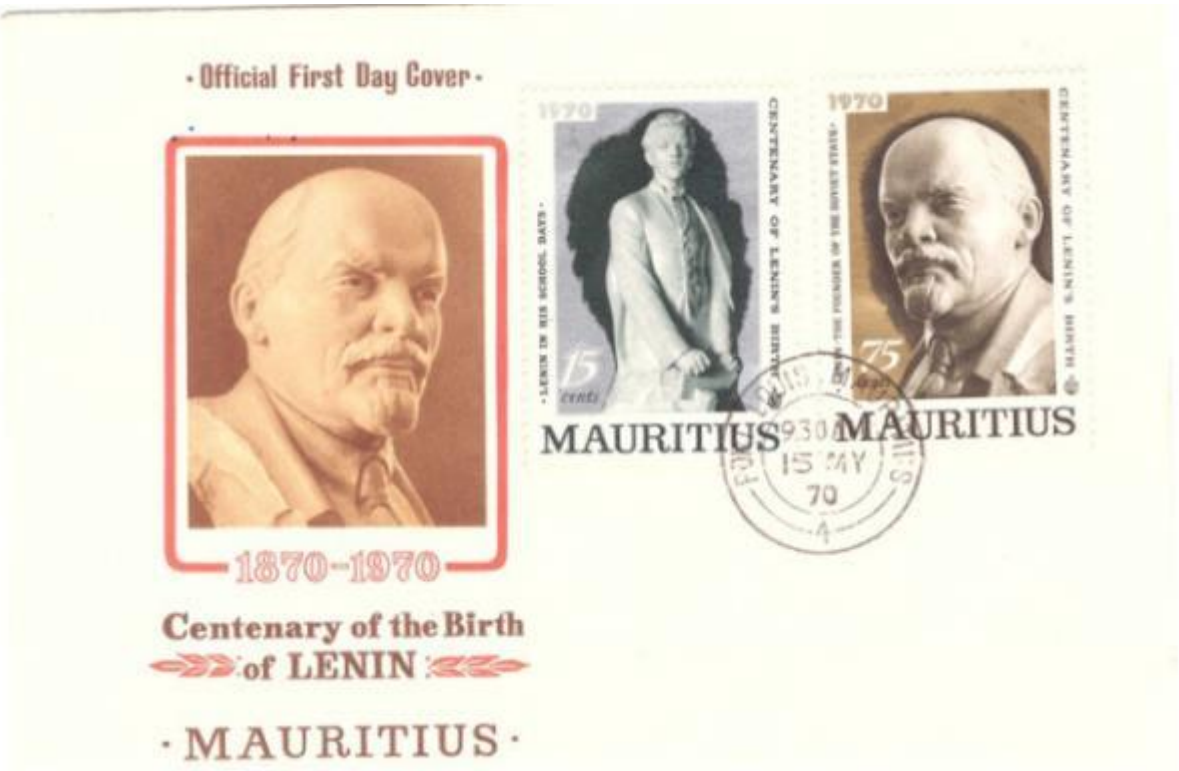


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1970-15-may-lenin.jpg?w=636&h=408 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1970 Mauritius-Frankfurt Inaugural Flight (2 May 1970) (M364-365)

https://stampsofmauritius.org/ : "On 2 May 1970, another major international airline company, Lufthansa, inaugurated its flight to Mauritius. On that occasion, an official first day cover was released by the Government Post Office to mark the occasion".

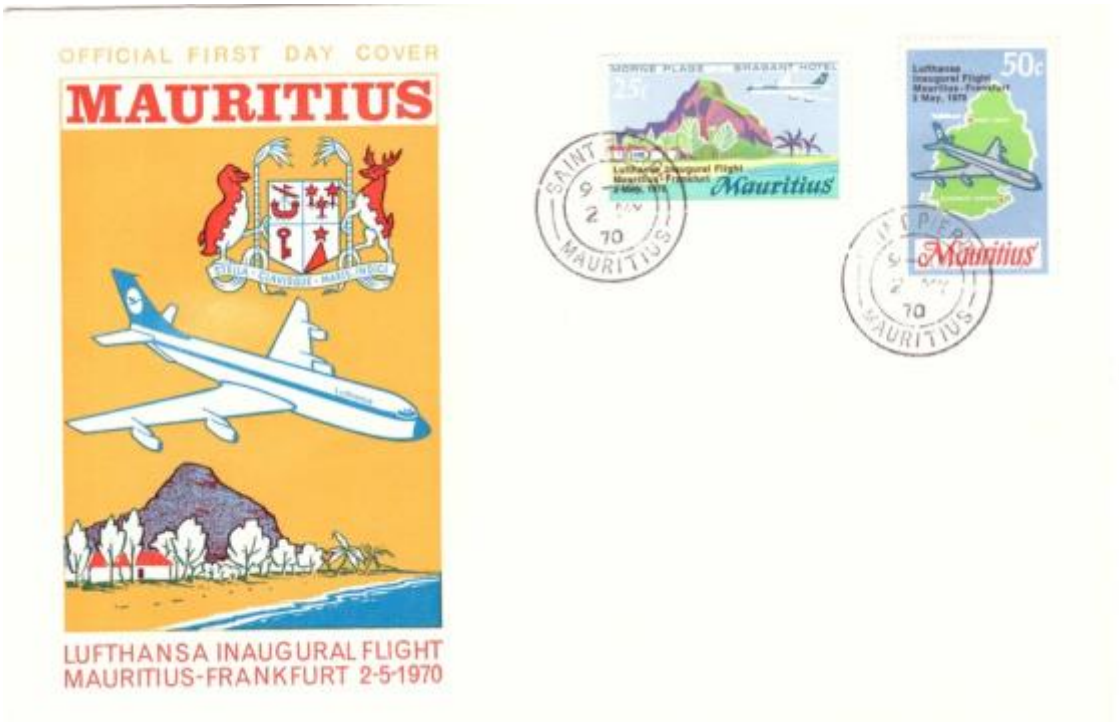
https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Ge4AAOSwONBZDbv-/s-l1600.jpg

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/6ygAAOSwHnFV4t3A/s-l1600.jpg: "MAURITIUS 1970 LUFTHANSA FLIGHT UNISSUED".

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/GE-i.jpg

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/GF-i.jpg

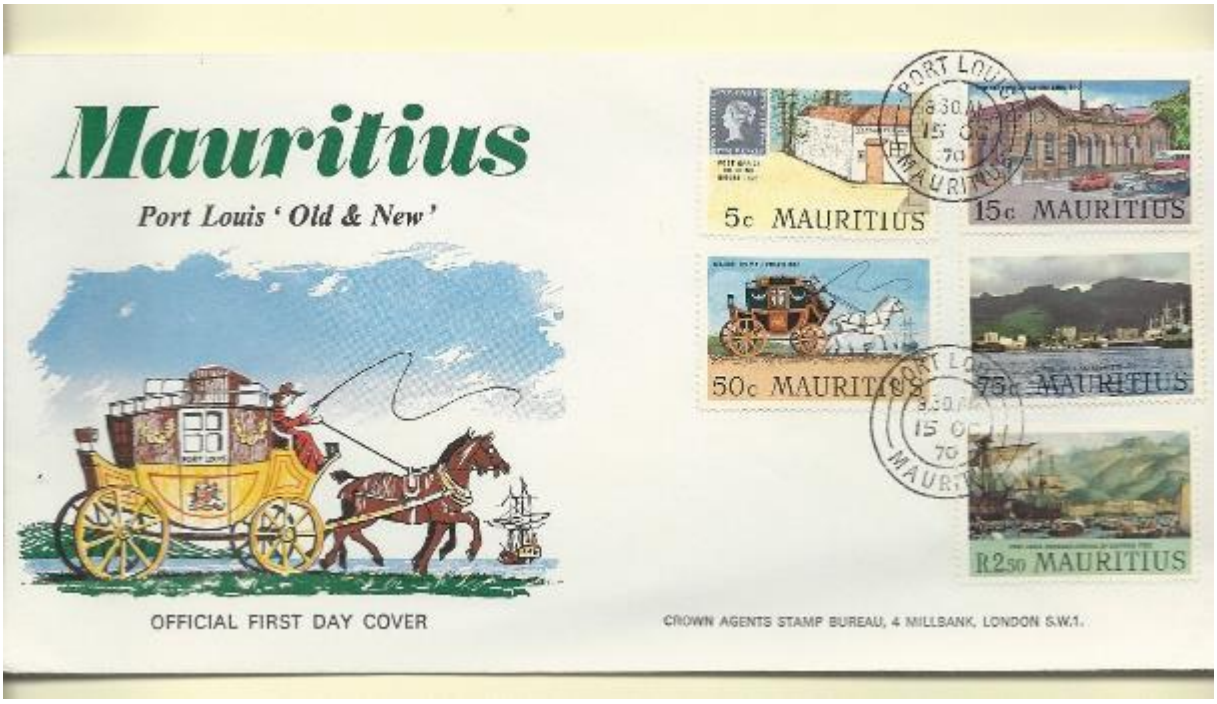
http://www.stevedrewett.com/images/11728.jpg: “MAURITIUS, 1970 (MY.2.) illustrated 'Lufthansa Inaugural Flight' first flight cover to Germany”. POSTMARK VACOAS.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/1970-2-may-lufthansa-inaug-flight_1.jpg?w=560&h=358 POSTMARK SAINT PIERRE.

1970 Port Louis (15 October 1970) (M366-370)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0366.jpg: "1970, Port Louis 5v".



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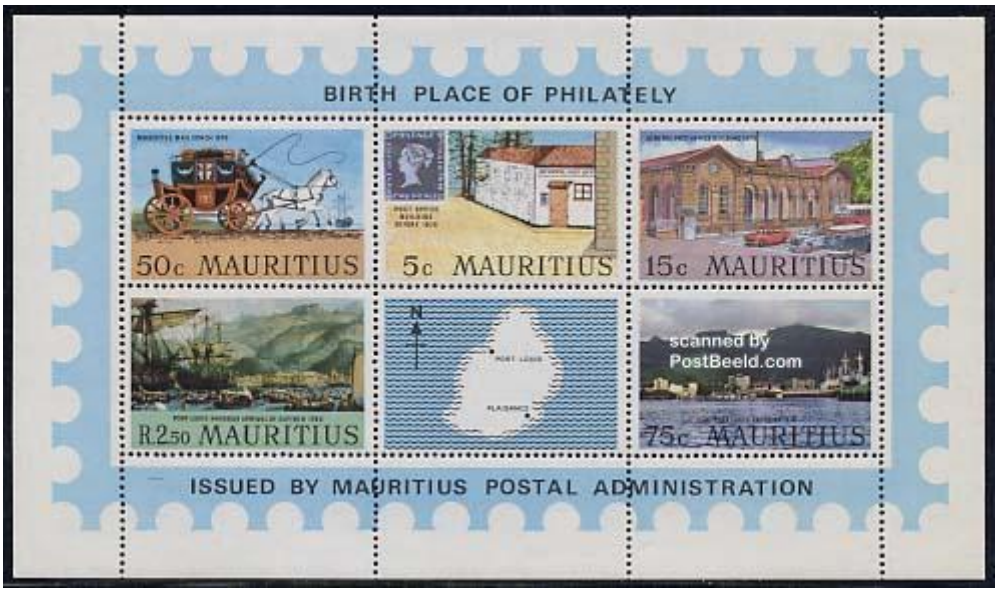
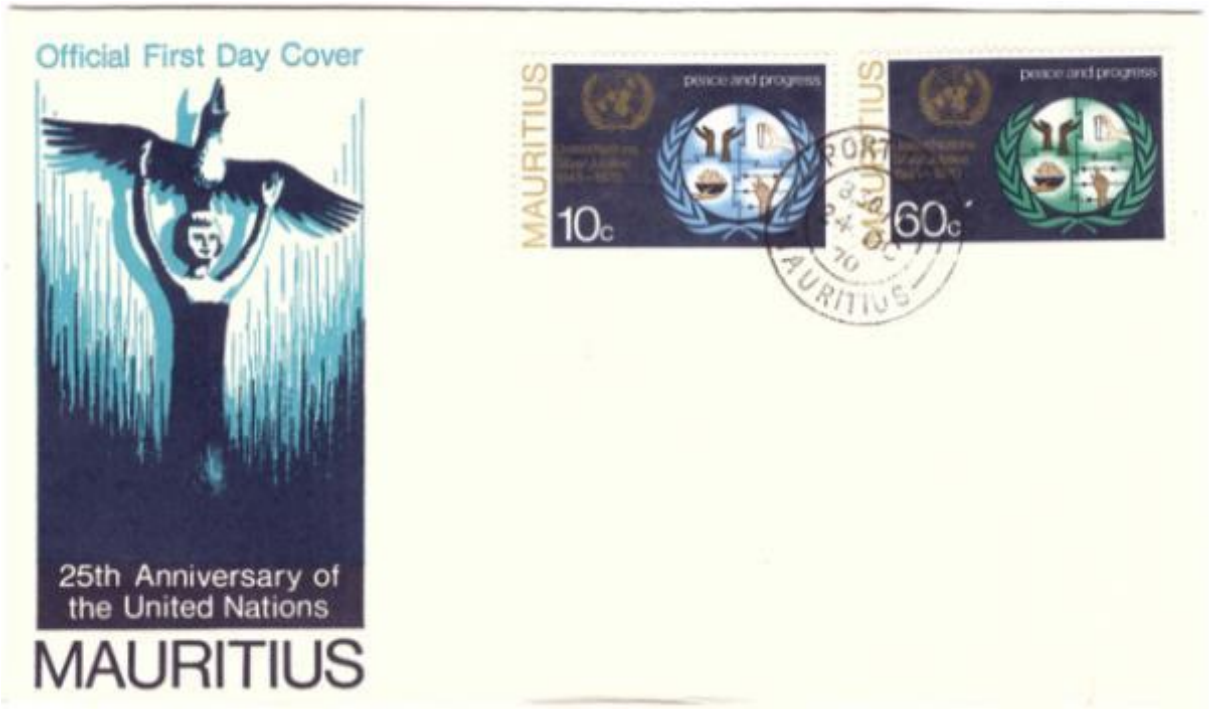


https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mupb003.jpg: "1970, Port Louis s/s". (M Block 3)

1970 25 years UNO (24 October 1970) (M371-372)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1970_united_nations.jpg



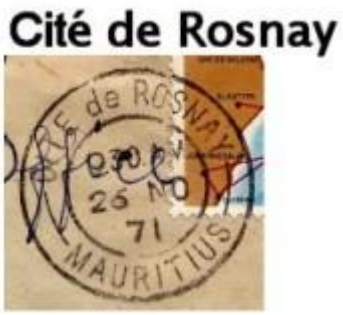
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1970-25-anniv-of-un.jpg?w=621&h=363 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1970 Commemorating 25th anniversary of first commercial flight from France to Mauritius (6 November 1970)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/air-france1.jpg?w=582&h=328
POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/air-france-2.jpg?w=581&h=330
1945: First commercial flights. Until 1945, flights arriving in Mauritius were used to carry mails only. The first commercial flight was operated by the Réseau de Lignes Aériennes Françaises Libres, which later became Air France. It landed in Mauritius in 1945, covering the route Madagascar – Reunion – Mauritius. It also carried fifteen passengers and three crew members. In 1970, Mauritius and France issued two aero philatelic covers to mark the 25th anniversary of the first Air France flight to Mauritius".

1971 Postmark Cite de Rosnay



https://archive.is/M4Ah8/a96a6a66c41e261ffb95608f6532b261651cd3ca.jpg POSTMARK CITE DE ROSNAY

1971 Tourism (12 April 1971) (M373-376)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1971_tourism.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1971-12-april-tourist.jpg?w=635&h=326

1971 Plaisance Airport 25 years (3 October 1971) (M377-380)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0377.jpg: "1971, Plaisance airport 4v".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/1970-3-oct-plaisance-civil-airport.jpg?w=700: "Mauritius however did not have an airport that could be used by the Royal Air Force. In that context, it was decided to construct an airport near Mahébourg. Construction began in 1942 and was completed in 1943. Since then the airstrip at Mon Choisy was abandoned. The first landing at Plaisance airport was made on 24th November 1943 by an RAF Dakota. In 1971, to mark the silver jubilee of the construction of Plaisance civil airport, a set of 4 postage stamps was issues. The first day cover enveloppe illustrated Mauritius as a crossroad for the Indian Ocean, through the various stop-overs covered by flights that came to Mauritius at that time. It also showed a picture of the airport and Air France planes, which was the first international airplane to come to Mauritius. The Rs. 2.50 stamp illustrated the first airstrip in Mon Choisy in the North, prior to the opening of Plaisance airport and the Potez 43, which was used to link Mauritius to Reunion Island".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/img_0158.jpg?w=550&h=355: "In 1970 a series of 4 postage stamps was issued to mark the 25th anniversary of Plaisance Civil Airport. The Rs. 2.50 stamp illustrated the Roland Garros Airplane, which landed in Mon Choisy in 1937". It added: "Early days of air transport in Mauritius. The first plane to fly over Mauritius took off on 2 June 1922 from the now 18-hole golf course of Gymkhana. It was a World War I British biplane brought to Mauritius by ship and reassembled for that purpose. After a few demonstrations over the island, the plane was dismantled and brought back to

England. The first regional flight landed in Mon Choisy in the north of Mauritius on 10 September 1933 from Reunion Island. The two pioneering pilots were Maurice Samat and Paul Louis Lemerle. They flew on a Potez 43, named "Monique". In November 1933, the plane was used to carry mails from Mauritius and Reunion and an airstrip in Mon Choisy continued to be used for the rare planes that came to Mauritius. The first international flight from France landed in Mauritius in December 1936 on board a Farman 199 monoplane. The flight took 10 days, with stop-overs in Tunisia, Egypt, Djibouti and Madagascar".

1971 Third Commonwealth medical conference (2 November 1971) (M381-382)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0381.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1971-2-nov-3rd-commonwealth-medical-conference.jpg?w=635&h=335 POSTMARK BEAU BASSIN.

[The Princess Margareth Orthopaedic Centre is in Quatre Bornes]

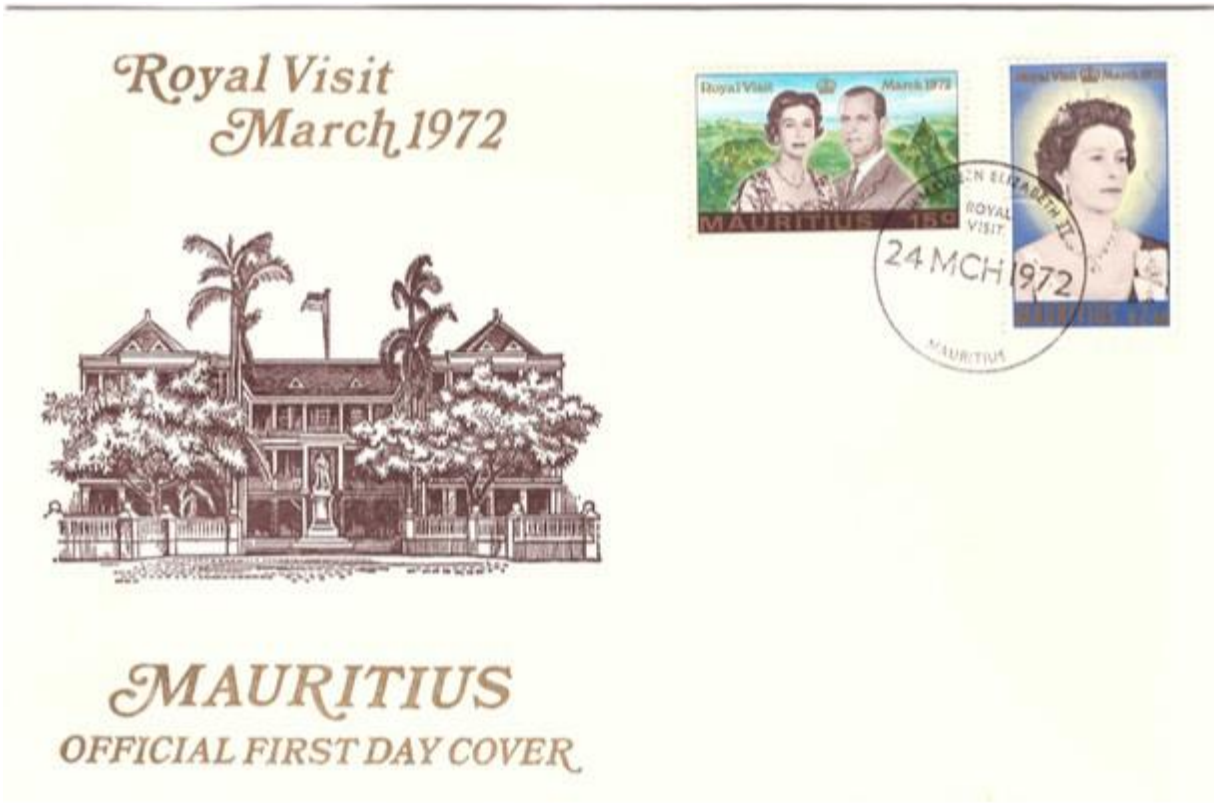
1972 postmark Curepipe Road

Curepipe Road

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/241d6893f0bb20de8771a3bbae421dea3dada8ab.jpg POSTMARK CUREPIPE ROAD

1972 Royal Visit (24 March 1972) (M383-384)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0383.jpg: "1972, Royal visit 2v".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1972-24-march-royal-visit.jpg

1972 Port Louis Theatre (26 June 1972) (M385-386)

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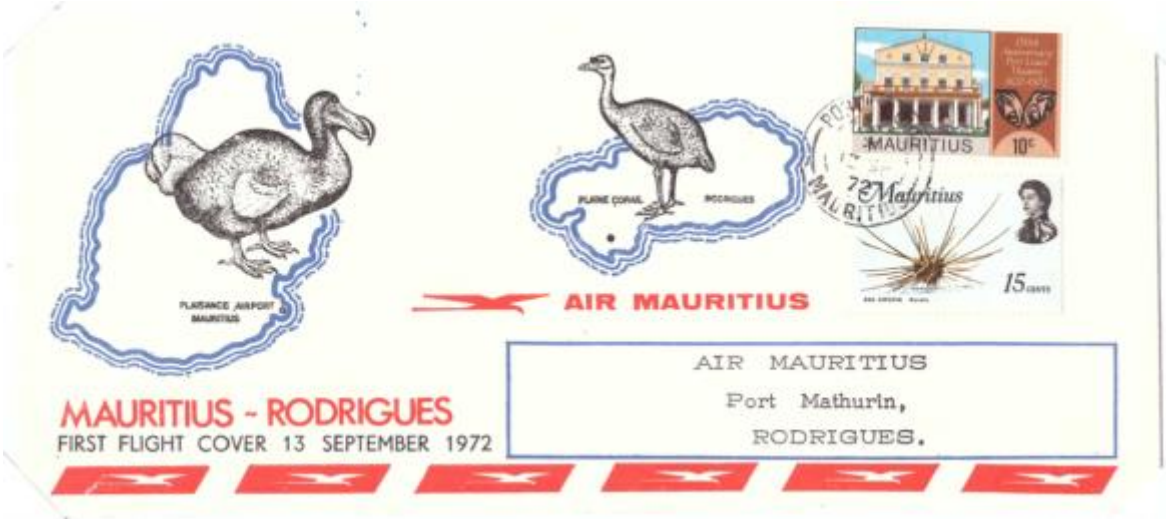
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1972-26-june-150-anniversary-of-port-louis-theater.jpg?w=621&h=405

1972 First commercial flights from Mauritius to Rodrigues (13 September 1972)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/air-mauritius-rodrigues.jpg?w=581&h=259: "1972 – Air Mauritius launches its flight operations. It was only in 1972 that it flew its own aircraft, a Piper Navajo PA-31 leased from Air Madagascar. The commercial flights were limited to nearby Reunion island and Rodrigues island. On 13 September 1972, the first commercial flights linked Mauritius and Rodrigues. With the

increase in traffic, the Piper Navajo was replaced with a 16-seater Twin Otter that was acquired in 1975". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1972 Pirates (17 November 1972) (M387-390)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0387.jpg: "1972, Pirates 4v".

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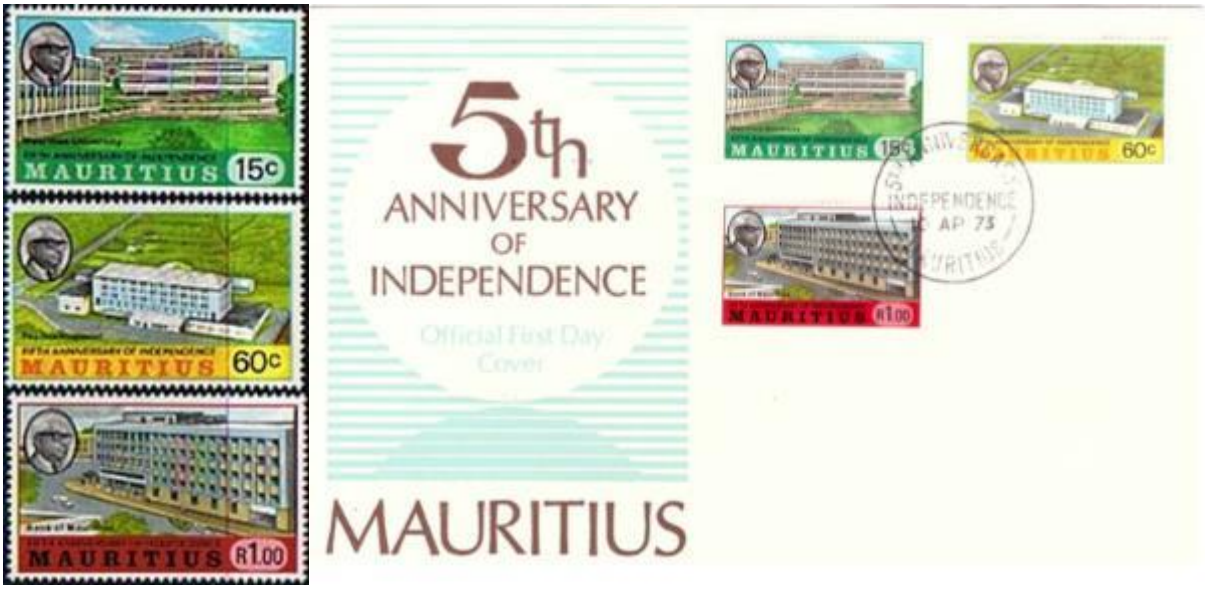
1973 Five years Independence (10 April 1973) (M391-393)



https://i.pinimg.com/736x/da/0d/73/da0d733eddba2c32cbc3814ec5cb4a03--mauritius-commonwealth.jpg 15c: University building, 60c: Tea plantation building and fields, 1r: Bank building.

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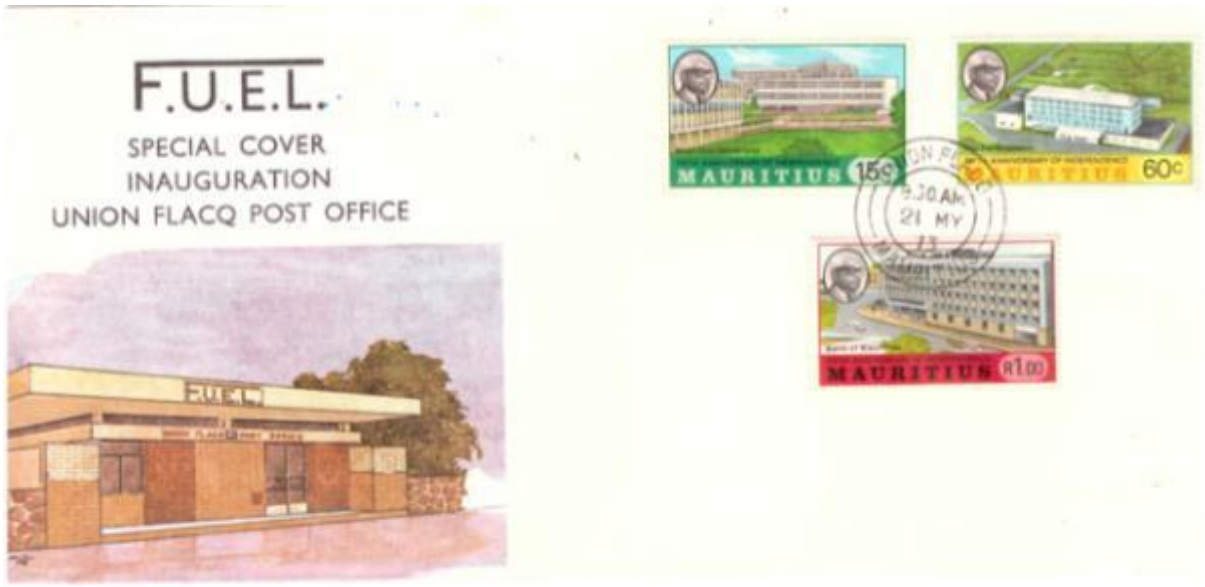


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1973-21-may-fuel-innauguration-of-po-sc.jpg?w=635&h=325: "21 May 1973: FUEL Inauguration of Union Flacq Post Office, Special Cover". POSTMARK UNION FLACQ.

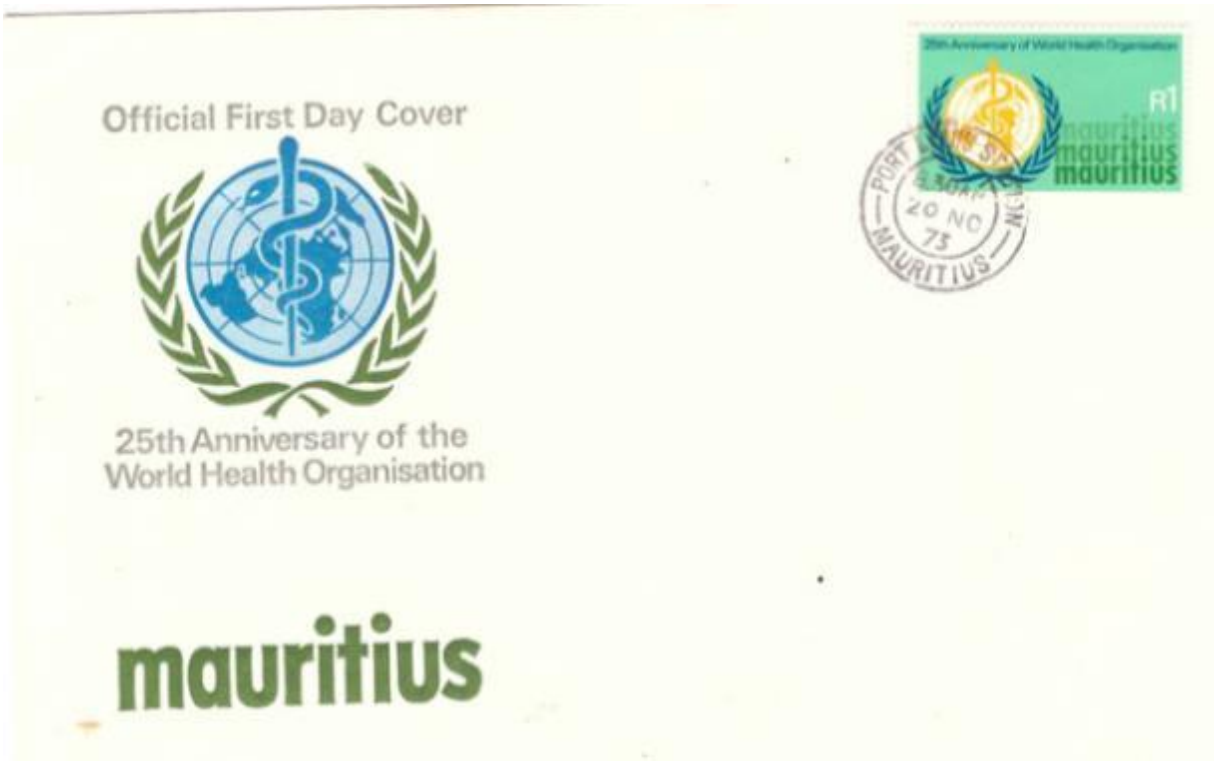
1973 OCAM Conference (25 April 1973) (M394-395)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0394.jpg: "1973, OCAM 2v". Stampworld: "1973 Meeting of the Heads of State of African States and Madagascar; 25. April WM: 6 Perforation: 14½".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1973-25-paril-ocam-conference.jpg?w=620&h=419

1973 WHO 25 years (20 November 1973) (M396)

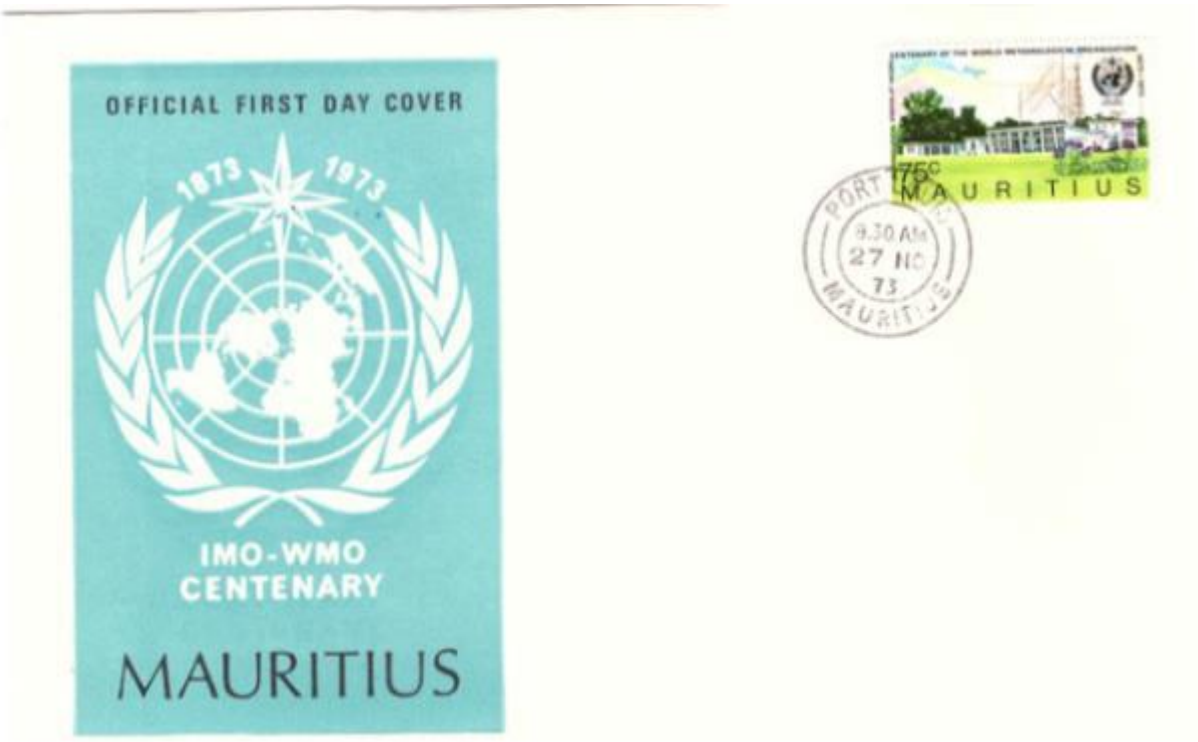
https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0396.jpg: "1973, 25 years WHO 1v".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1973-20-nov-25th-anniversary-of-who.jpg?w=626&h=391 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS STATION.

1973 IMO-WMO (27 November 1973) (M397)

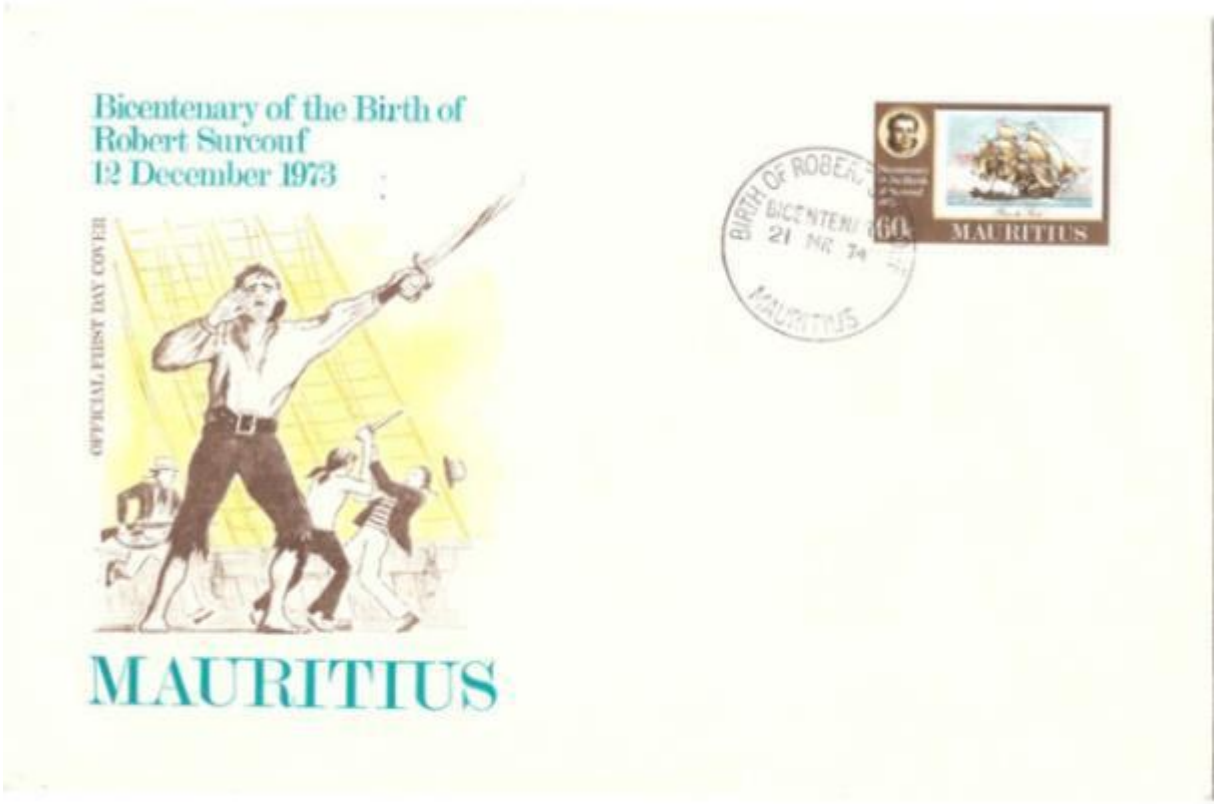
https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0397.jpg: "1973, IMO-WMO 1v". weather station in Vacoas.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1973-27-nov-centenary-of-imo-wmo.jpg?w=637&h=399 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1974 200th anniversary of Robert Surcouf (21 March 1974) (M398)

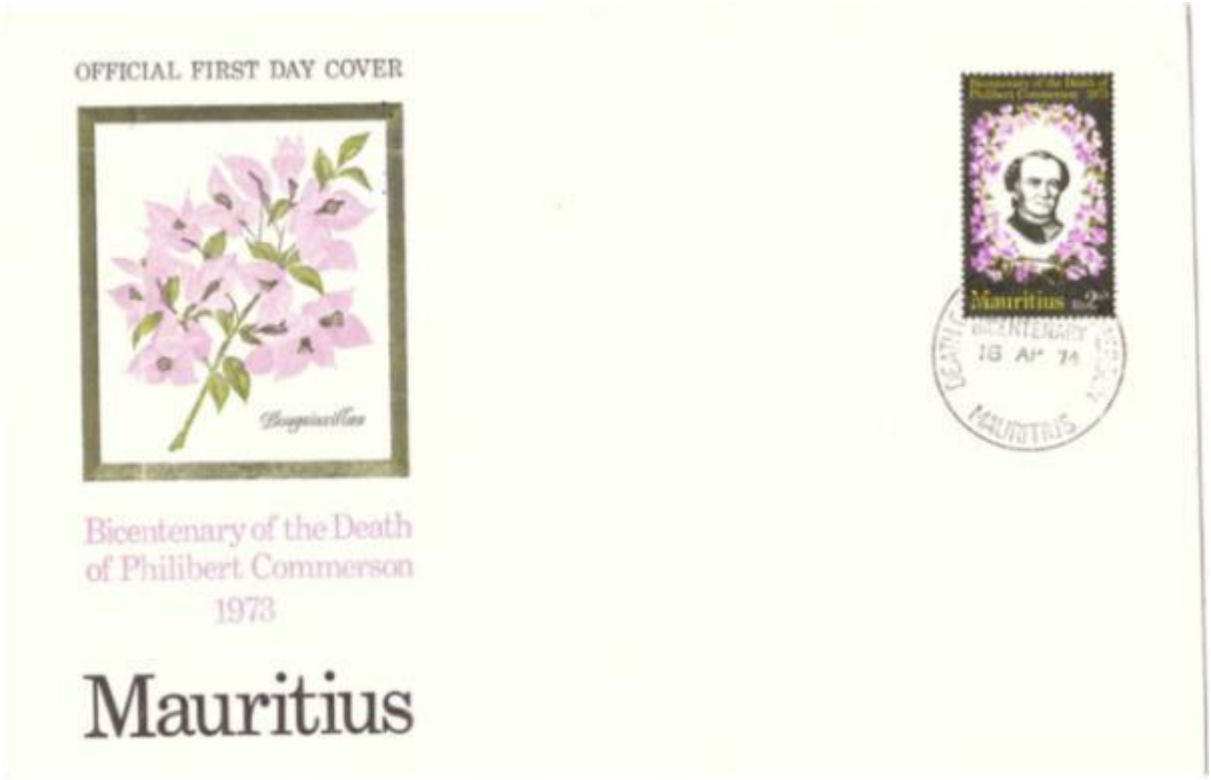
https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0398.jpg: "1974, Robert Surcouf 1v". Stampworld: "1974 The 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Robert Surcouf, 1773-1827, 21. March WM: 6 Perforation: 14½". Robert Surcouf was a French privateer, who conquered many British ships, a.o. in the western Indian Ocean.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1974-21-march-200th-birth-of-surcouf.jpg?w=630&h=419

1974, Bicentenary of the death of Ph. Commerson (18 April 1974) (M399)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0399.jpg: "1974, Ph. Commerson 1v". Stampworld: "1974 The 200th Anniversary of the Death of Philibert Commerson, 1727-1773, 18. April WM: 6 Perforation: 14½". Commerson was a botanist.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1974-18-ap-200th-death-of-commerson.jpg?w=630&h=404

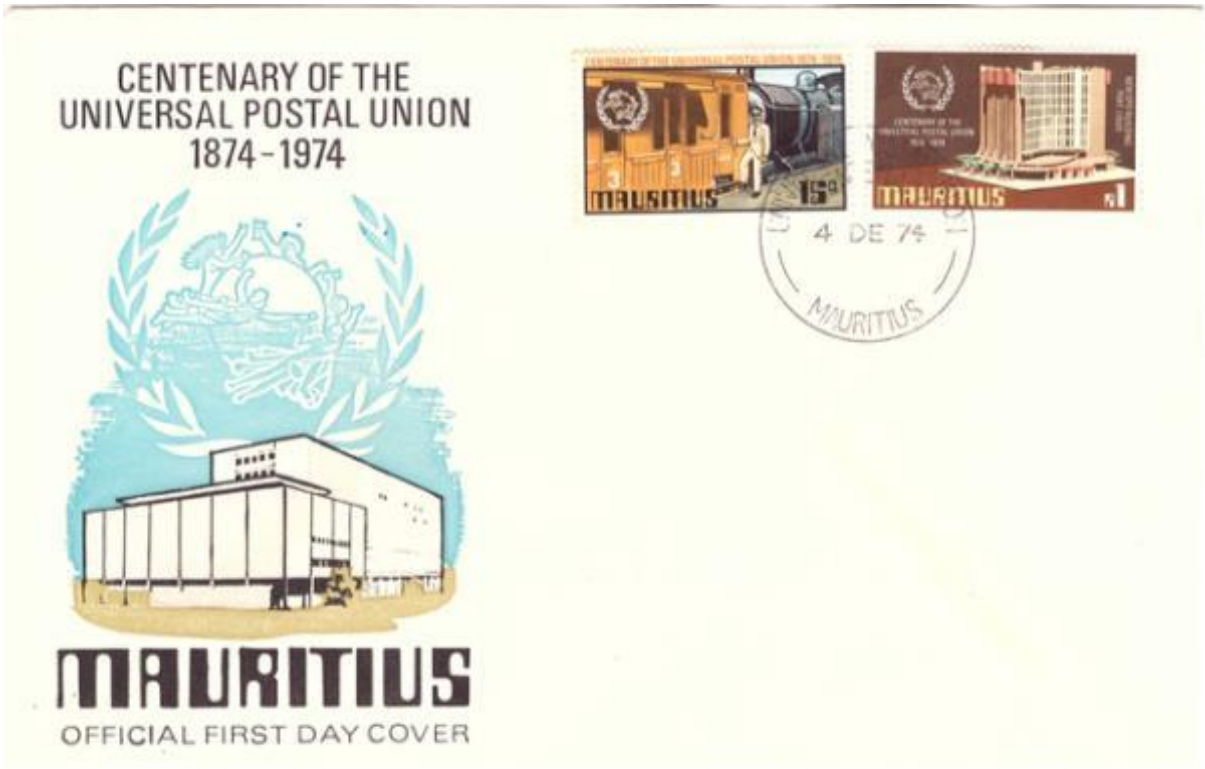
1974 FAO Regional Conference for Africa in Mauritius (23 October 1974) (M400)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0400.jpg: "1974, FAO conference 1v". Stampworld: "1974 The 8th F.A.O. Regional Conference for Africa, Mauritius, 23. October WM: None Perforation: 14½".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1974-25-oct-8th-fao-regional-conference.jpg?w=629&h=430

1974 UPU Centenary (4 December 1974) (M401-402)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/m/u/mup0401.jpg: "1974, UPU Centenary 2v". 15c: station and post train; 1r: main post office Port Louis.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1974-4-dec-100th-universal-postal-union.jpg

1975 Bird series of 1969 with watermark 7 (M334Y, 336Y, 338Y, 339Y, 340Y, 347Y, 348Y)

5c, 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 5r, 10r

1975 Paintings (8 March 1975) (M403-406)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/480x407/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0403.jpg: "1975, Paintings 4v." Stampworld: "1975 Paintings - Everyday Life on Mauritius, 6. March WM: 6 Perforation: 14½".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1975-6-march-artistic-aspects-of-mauritian-life.jpg POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1975 Conference of French-speaking Parliamentarians (21 November 1975) (M407)

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/HU-i.jpg: "1975 Conference of French-speaking Parliamentarians, 21. November; WM: 7 Perforation: 14½".

1975 International Women's Year (5 December 1975) (M408)

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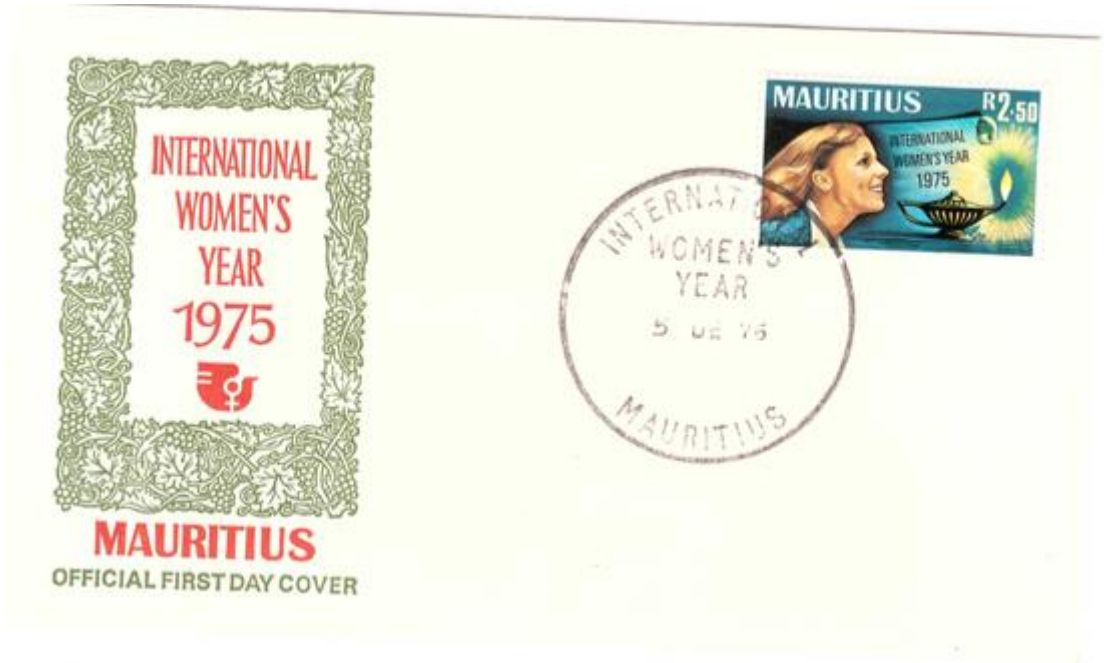


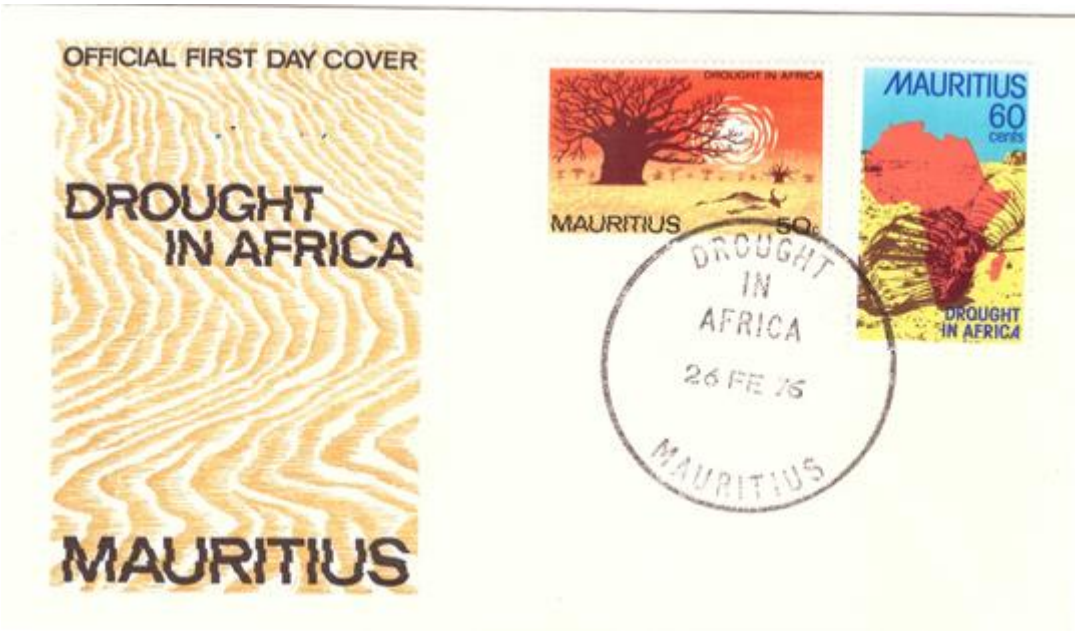
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1975-5-dec-international-womens-year.jpg

1976 Bird series of 1969 with watermark 7 (M337Y, 341Y, 342Y, 345Y)

20c, 40c, 50c, 1r

1976 Drought in Africa (26 February 1976) (M409-410)

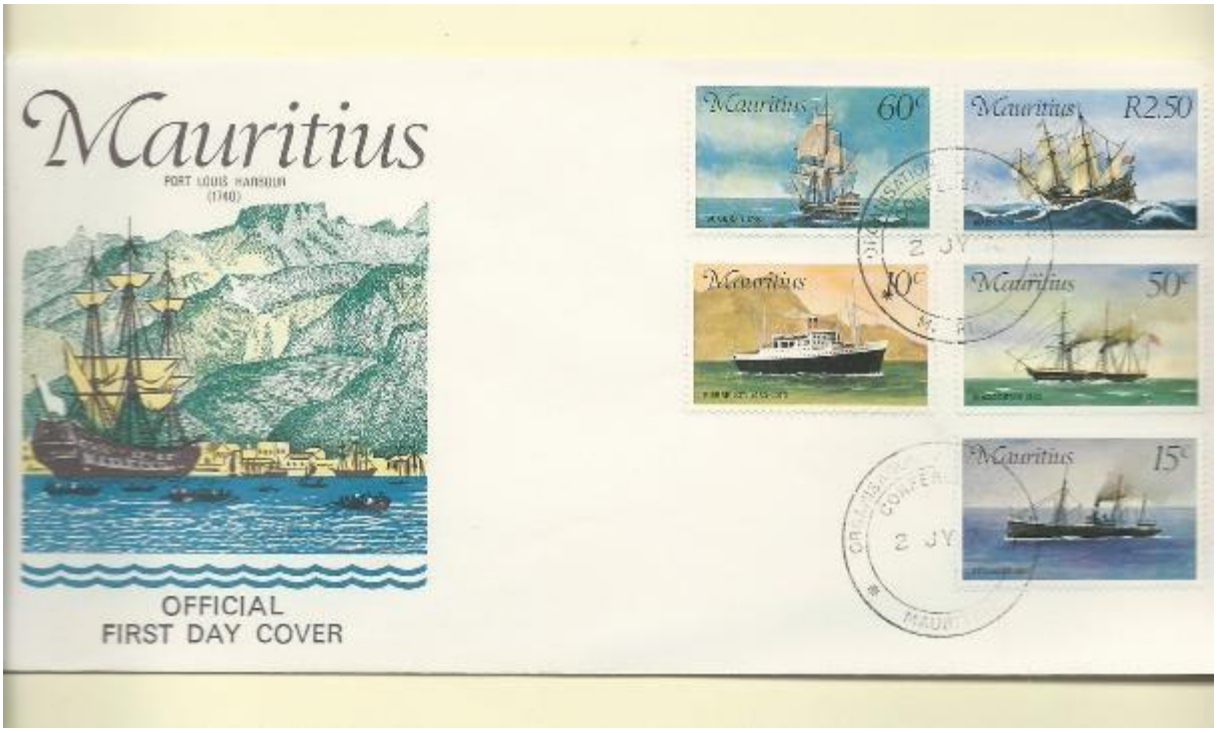
https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0409.jpg: "1976, Drought in Africa 2v". Stampworld: "1976 Drought in Africa, 26. February; WM: 6; Perforation: 14½".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1976-26-feb-drought-in-africa.jpg

1976 Postal ships (2 July 1976) (M411-415)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0411.jpg: "1976, Postal ships 5v".



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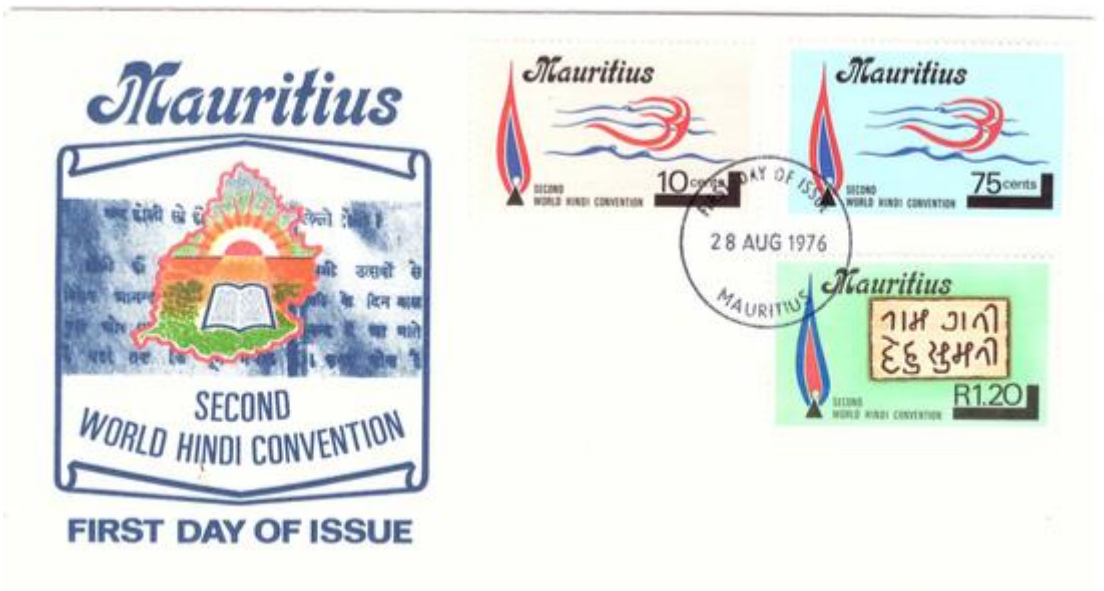
https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mupb004.jpg: "1976, Postal ships s/s". (M Block 4)

1976 World Hindi convention (28 August 1976) (M416-418)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0416.jpg: "1976, World Hindi convention 3v".



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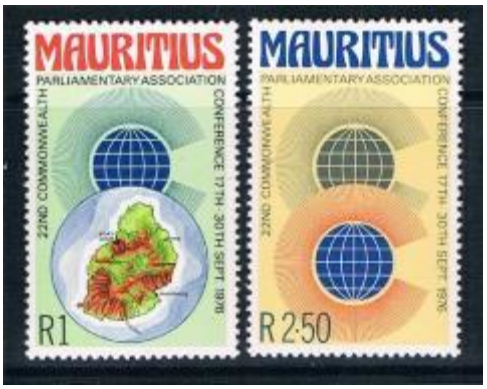
1976 Parliamentary conference (22 September 1976) (M419-420)



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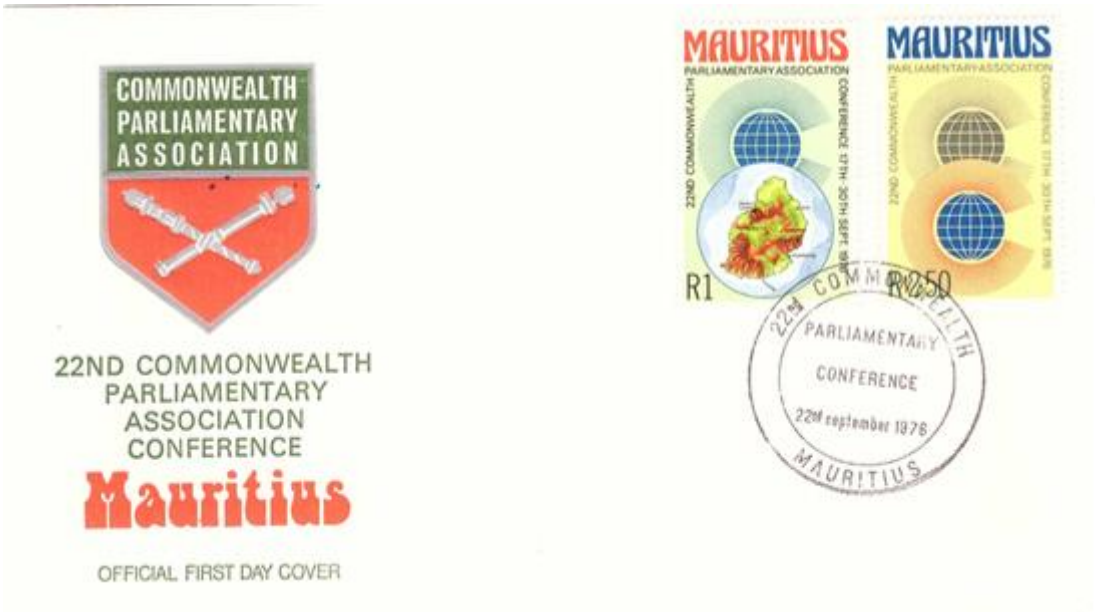

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1976-22-sep-22nd-commonwealth-parliamentary-conference.jpg

1976 Preservation of Moenjodaro by UNESCO (15 December 1976) (M421-423)

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https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/II-i.jpg

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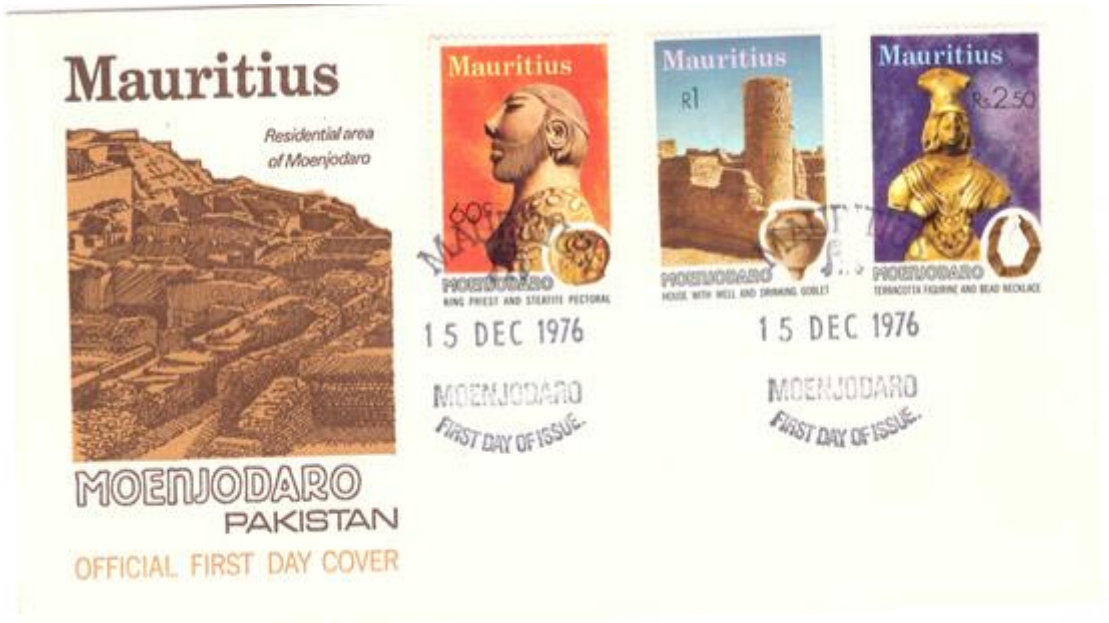


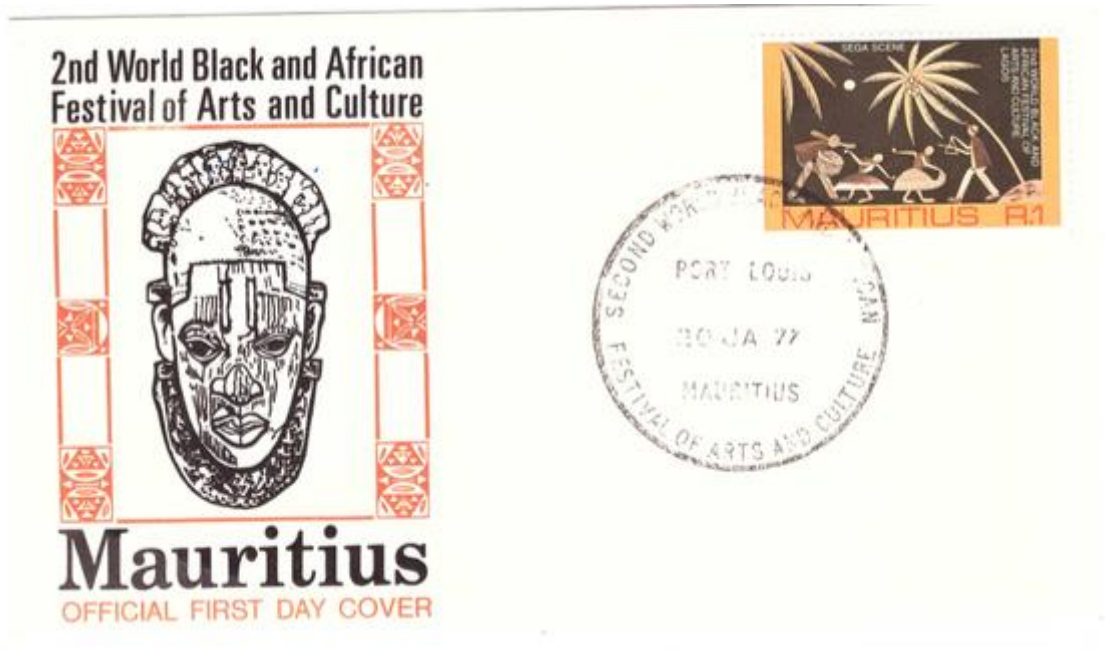
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1976-15-dec-moenjodaro-pakistan.jpg

1977 Bird series of 1969 with watermark 7 (331Y, 332Y, 333Y, 343Y, 344Y, 346Y)

2c, 3c, 4c, 60c, 75c, 2.50r

1977 The 2nd World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, Nigeria (20 January 1977) (M424)

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/IK-i.jpg: "1977 The 2nd World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, Nigeria, 20. January WM: 7 Perforation: 14½".



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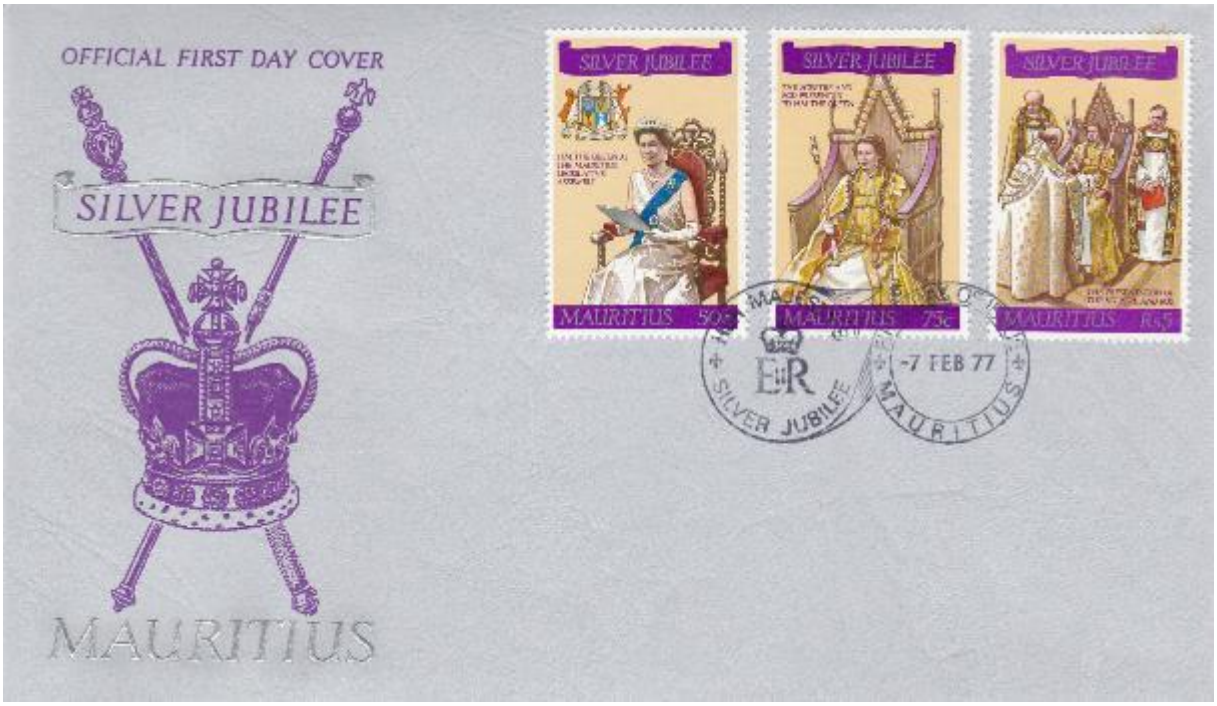
1977 Silver Jubilee Queen Elisabeth (7 February 1977) (M425-427)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0425.jpg: "1977, Silver Jubilee 3v".



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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1977-7-feb-silver-jubilee-coronation-special-cover.jpg

1977 Flowers (22 September 1977) (M428-431)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1977-22-sep-flowers-issue.jpg?w=645&h=331: "On 22 September 1977, the GPO released the first indigenous flowers set, comprising of 4 postage stamps, namely (i) 20cs, showing the "laine à crochet" or Hugonia Tomentaso, a woody endemic climber with beautiful hairy leaves. Its golden flowers appear usually in September/ October; (ii) R. 1.00 showing Bois Jasmin or Ochnacea, an endemic deciduous shrub which flowers copiously in December/ January. The white flowers, which usually appears before the leaves give a very attractive blossom to the forest of the plateau; (iii) Rs. 1.50 shows Dombeya (Dombeya Acutangula Sterculianceae), a very rare indigenous rather spre[a]ding shrub which gives a nice round shape. It has pink flowers in bifid cymes which covers the plant completely, giving it a splendid colourful appearance; (iv) Rs. 5, showing the Boucle d'oreille (Trochetia Blackbumiana Sterulianceae), a low level

endemic shrub, which grows on the plateau. It flowers rather profusely and in some varieties they may be straitions on the pink petals. The rather large pendulous flowers are bell shaped and look similar to ear[r]ings, hence the common name “boucle d’oreille”. It is referred as the national flower of Mauritius”.

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mupb005.jpg: “1977, Flowers s/s”. (M Block 5)

1977 Air Mauritius 10th anniversary (31 October 1977)(M432-435)

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0432.jpg: “1977, Air Mauritius 4v”.

https://stampsofmauritius.org/: "1967 – The birth of our national airline. The national airline Air Mauritius was set up on 14th June 1967. It was born out of the visionary leadership of Amédée Maingard de la Ville-ès-Offans, a Mauritian entrepreneur who was already a pioneer in the tourism sector. Just a few months before Mauritius became independent, he obtained the support of the then First Minister, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. It was decided to create a national airline company, with a consortium composed up of Air France, BOAC, Air India, Rogers and. co. and the Government of Mauritius. Mr Maingard became the first President and Director General of Air Mauritius. Initially, the company operated only as a ground handling agent for other airlines already operating in Mauritius".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/1977-31-oct-air-mauritius-inaugural-flight.jpg?w=555&h=280: "To mark Air Mauritius international inaugural flights, an official first day cover and a miniature sheet were released on 31 October 1977. Four stamps included a 25 cs stamp, a 50 cs and a 75 cs stamp, all showing the twin otter planes. The Rs. 5 stamp represented a Boeing 707, which left for the first time for London on 31 October 1977. The emblem of Air Mauritius is the red-tailed tropical bird (Paille en queue), which is also featured on the 50cs stamp".

https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mupb006.jpg: "1977, Air Mauritius s/s". (M Block 6)

1978 History; Ten Years of Independence (12 March 1978) (M 436 IXA-455 IXA, without year)

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http://kayatana.com/images/MAU1978-531A-s1-0.80-UM.jpg

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http://kayatana.com/images/MAU1978-548A-s1-2.25-UM.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-12-march-new-definitive-issue-2.jpg?w=644&h=302: "This definitive issue stands out as being the only set released during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II that does not not depict Mauritian nature. This set of 20 postage stamps was issued on 12 March 1978 to mark the 10th anniversary of Independence and is therefore a combination of a commemorative and a definitive issue. The stamps illustrate some of the main events in the history of Mauritius from its discovery to independence. Four covers were issued with five postage stamps each. (i) 35cs illustrates the Official Act of Sovereignty by the French, who took possession of the island on 1715, renamed Isle de France. This demonstrates the strategic importance of Mauritius; (ii) 50cs depicts Port-Louis, which was built around 1736 under the directions of Governor Mahé de Labourdonnais; (iii) 60cs pictures Pierre Poivre, one of the key figures of Mauritian history. He was responsible for the introduction of a variety of spices and created the Pamplemousses Botanical Garden; (iv) 70cs is a map of Mauritius, drawn by the astronomer and geographer Abbé de la Caille, who made a detailed survey of Mauritius and his observations were introduced in a amp of 1763; (v) Rs. 15 depicts the independence celebrations on 12 March 1968. On that day, the Mauritius flag unfurled for the first time".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-12-march-new-definitive-issue-3.jpg?w=642&h=339: "The second cover includes 5 stamps: (i) Rs. 1.25 which shows the ball of Lady Gomm and one of the celebrated first day covers of the Post Office issue; (ii) Rs 1.50 showing the Indian indentured labourers, who arrived in 1834 after the abolition of slavery; (iii) Rs. 2 shows horse racing brought in by the British. The Mauritius Turf Club organised the first race in 1812; (iv) Rs. 3 represents the Place d'Armes, opposite the Government House, the main square in Port-Louis. It was originally the training site of the military corps. (v) Rs. 5 marking the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, who visited Mauritius in 1901. A souvenir postcard was issued on that occasion".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-12-march-new-difinitive-issue-4.jpg?w=643&h=313: "This third cover shows the following stamps: (i) 75cs, which shows the first coin minted in silver in 1810; (ii) 90cs, showing a scene of Battle of Grand

Port. Mauritius had become a hub for French corsairs who were frustrating the British commercial interests in the Indian Ocean. In 1810, the British forces attacked Mauritius but were defeated in the Battle of Grand Port; (iii) Re. 1 shows the landing of the British on 29 November 1840, following the Battle of Grand Port; (iv) Rs. 1.20 depicts a view of Government House during the British period around 1840. (v) Rs. 10 depicts the Royal College of Curepipe, one of the most prestigious schools in Mauritius".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-12-march-new-definitive-stamp-issue-1.jpg?w=644&h=307: "This fourth cover has the following stamps: (i) 10cs pictures a Portuguese map from 1519 – Although Arab sailors knew the location of Mauritius, this Portuguese map is the earliest accurate record of the island. The Portuguese called the island Ilha do Cerne; (ii) 15cs shows the first settlement in Mauritius. The Dutch visited the island in 1598 and called it Mauritius after their Prince Mauritz Van Nassau; (iii) 20cs is a detailed Dutch map dating from around 1700, during the time the island was occupied by the Dutch; (iv) 25cs is Rodrigues, when it was first settled in 1698 by Francois Leguat. The stamp shows a plate of the book of Leguat's account; (v) Rs 25 depicts the first Governor of Mauritius, Sir Abdool Raman Mohamed Osman (on the left) and the first Prime Minister of Mauritius, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-12-march-new-definitive-series-booklet.jpg?w=543&h=380

1978 25 years Coronation (11 May 1978) (M456-458)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-11-may-25th-anniversary-of-coronation-qe-ii-ofc.jpg?w=636&h=358

1978 Discovery of Penicillin 50 Years (3 August 1978) (M459-462)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/NCMAAOSwBahVa1N8/s-l1600.jpg: “Mauritius - 50th Anniversary of Discovery of Penicillin 1978 set”.

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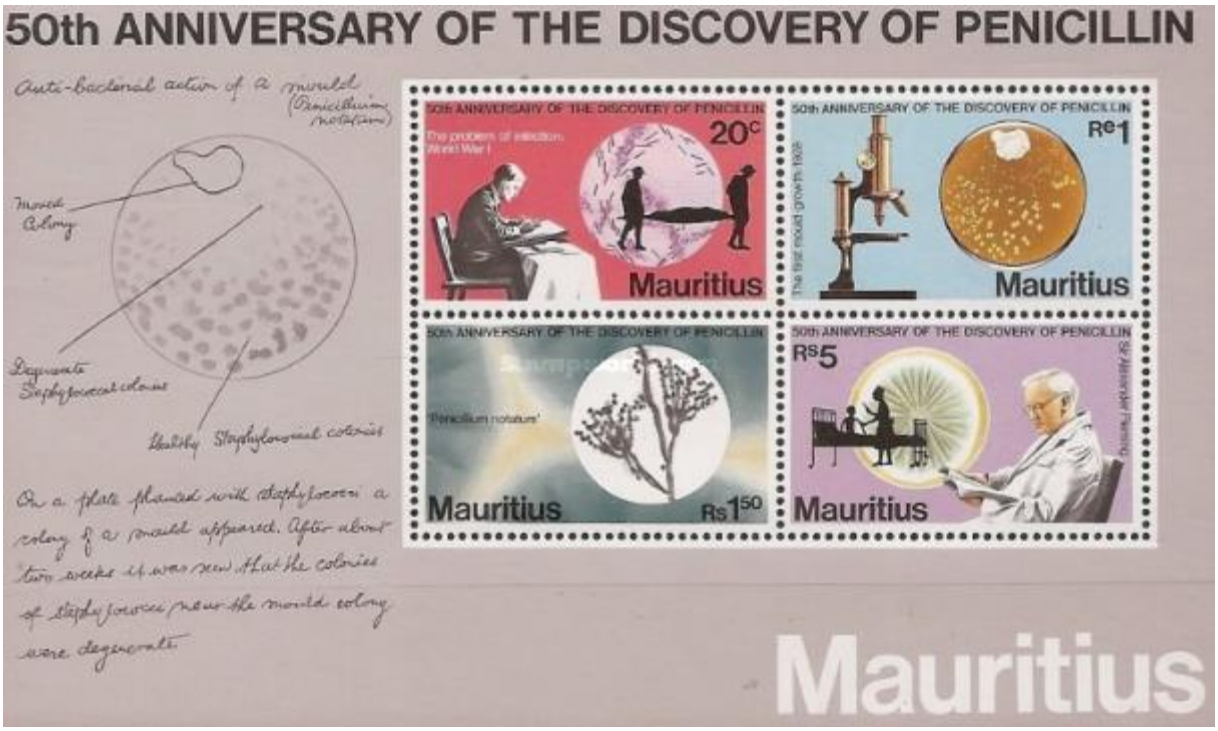

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1978 Wildlife Endangered Species (21 September 1978) (M463-466)

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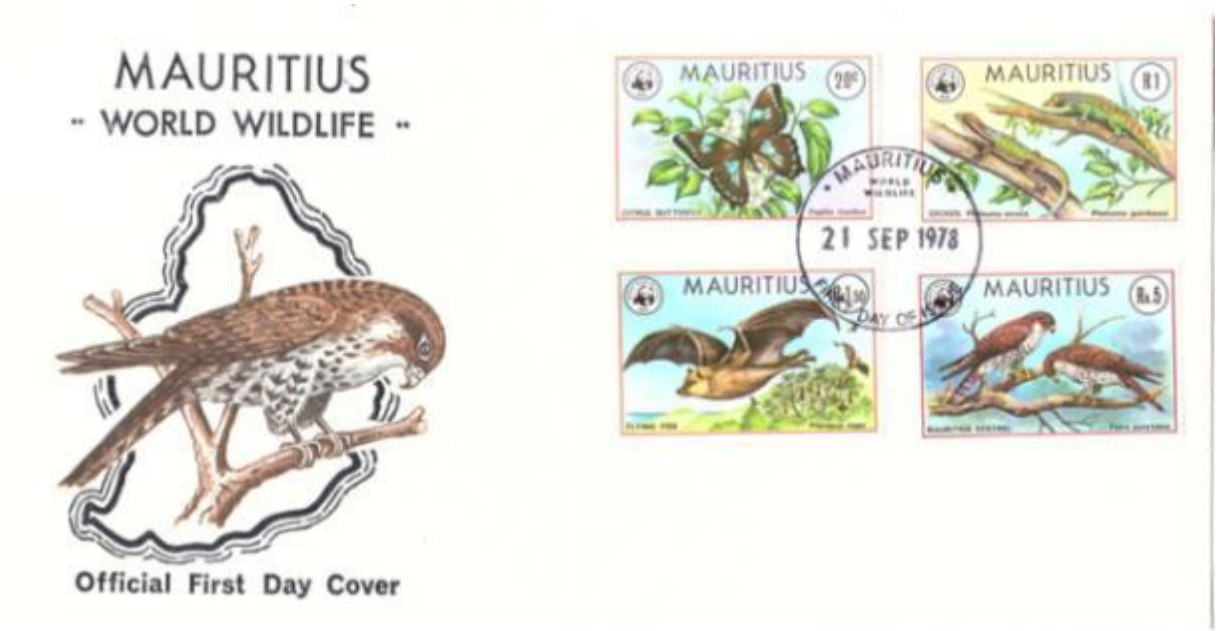

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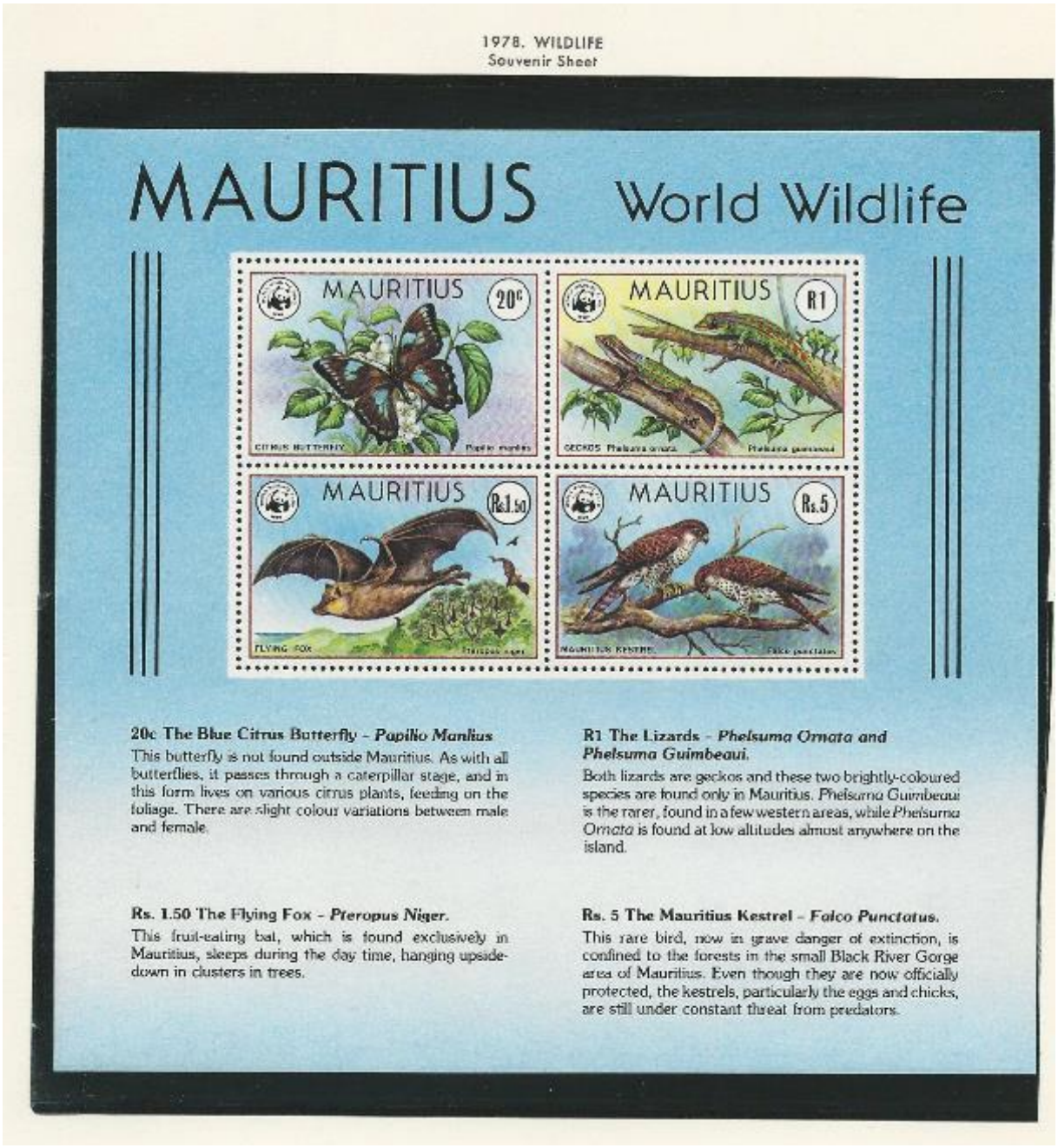

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-21-sep-mauritius-wild-life-sc4.jpg?w=628&h=311: on https://stampsofmauritius there are three others as well.

1978 The 200th Anniversary of Reconstruction of Chateau Le Réduit 1978 (21 December 1978) (M467-469)

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/KB-i.jpg

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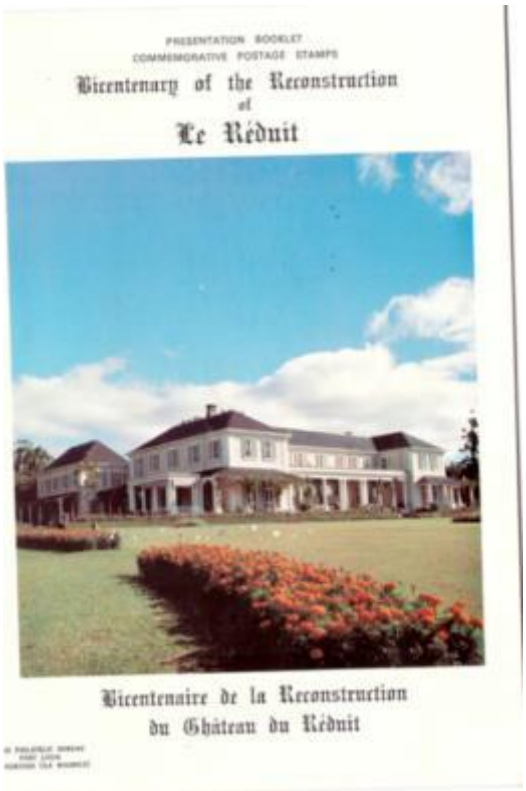
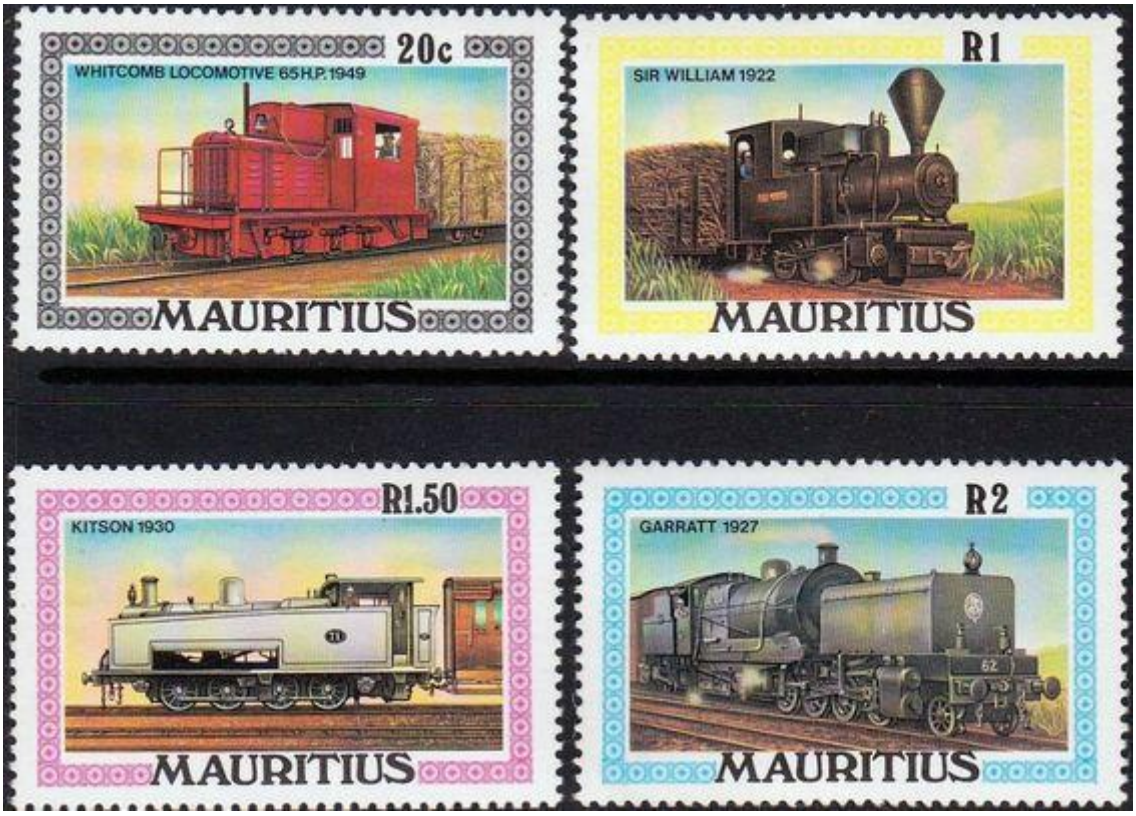
https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/KD-i.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-21-dec-200th-anniversary-le-reduit-ofc.jpg?w=650&h=325: "21 December 1978: 200th Anniversary of the Reconstruction of Chateau Le Reduit, Official First Day Cover. On 21 December 1978, the GPO released a set of 3 postage stamps and a booklet to mark the 200th anniversary of the reconstruction of Chateau Le Réduit".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1978-21-dec-200-anniversary-le-reduit-booklet.jpg?w=391&h=596

1979 Railway Locomotives (1 February 1979) (M470-473)



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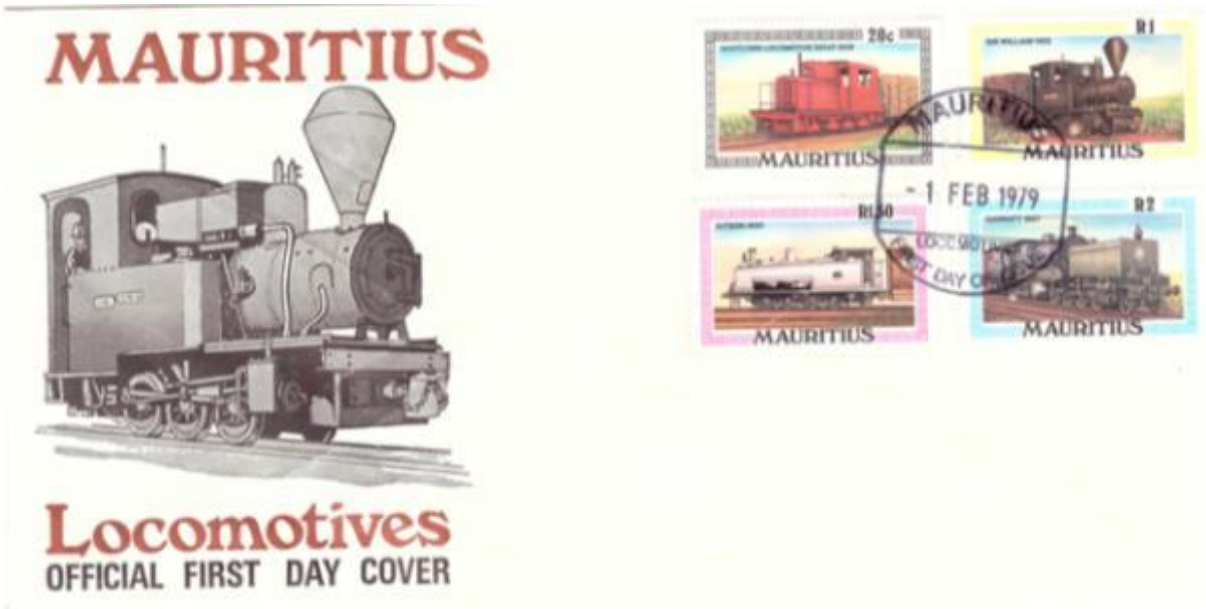

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1979-1-feb-locomotives-ofc.jpg?w=642&h=322: "On 1 February 1979 a set of 4 stamps picturing steam locomotives of Mauritius. (i) the 20cs stamp pictures a cane carrier used in sugar cane fields for the transportation of cane to the factory. It is a diesel Whitcomb 65HP locomotive, made in the

US. It was brought to Mauritius in 1949 by Beau-Champ Sugar Estate only to be used in cane fields; (ii) R 1 stamp pictures a steam cane carrier made in the early 1920 by Orenstein and Koppell A.G in Berlin, Germany. It was imported by Beau-Champ in 1922 and was named "Sir William", in honour of the owner of the factory, Sir William Garthwaite. The tow other stamps picture locomotives at the service of Mauritius Government Railways; (iii) Rs. 1.50 stamp features the Kitson and co. locomotive of which four went into service in 1930; and (iv) Rs. 2 stamps which depicts on of the 3 Beyer – Peacock Garrats introduced in 1927. The Garrats were powerful locomotives completely unsuited to Mauritius conditions and the 1928 Railway Commission recommended that they be sold off or returned to the UK. However they remained in service until the end".

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/0489-b.jpg (M Block 9).

1979 Beatification of Father Laval (30 April 1979) (M474-476)

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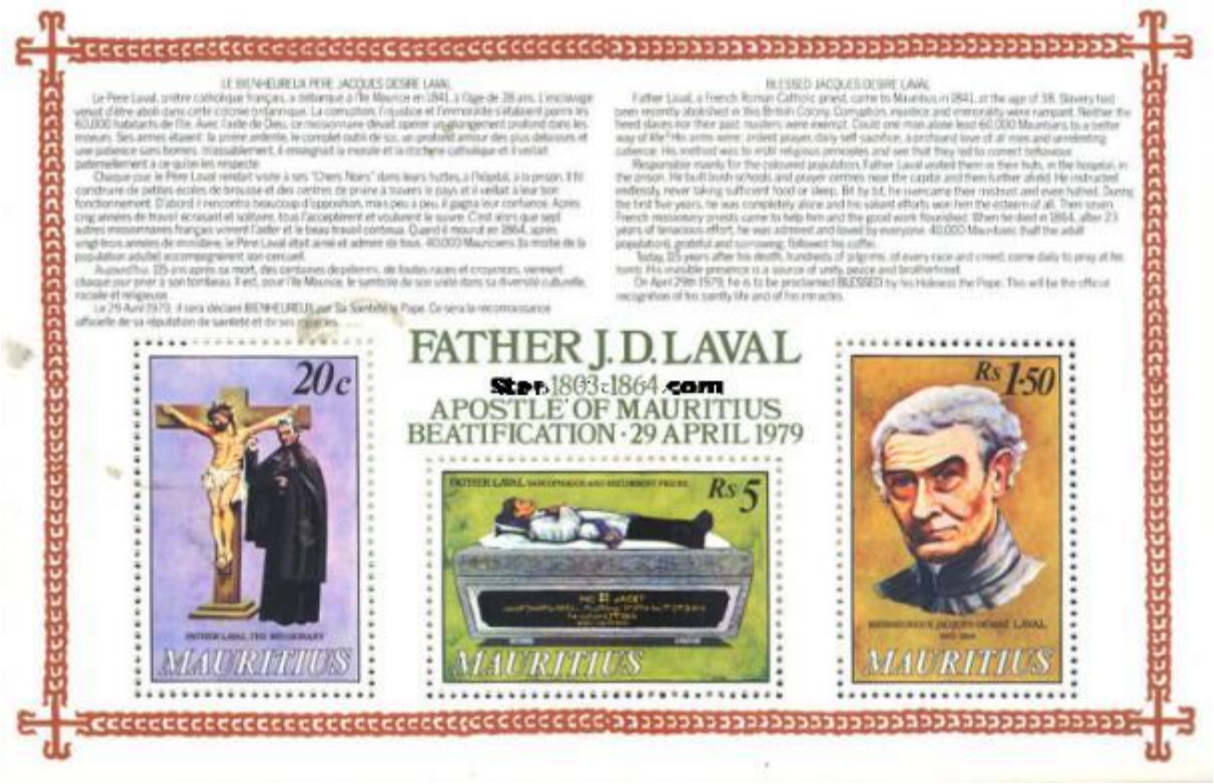

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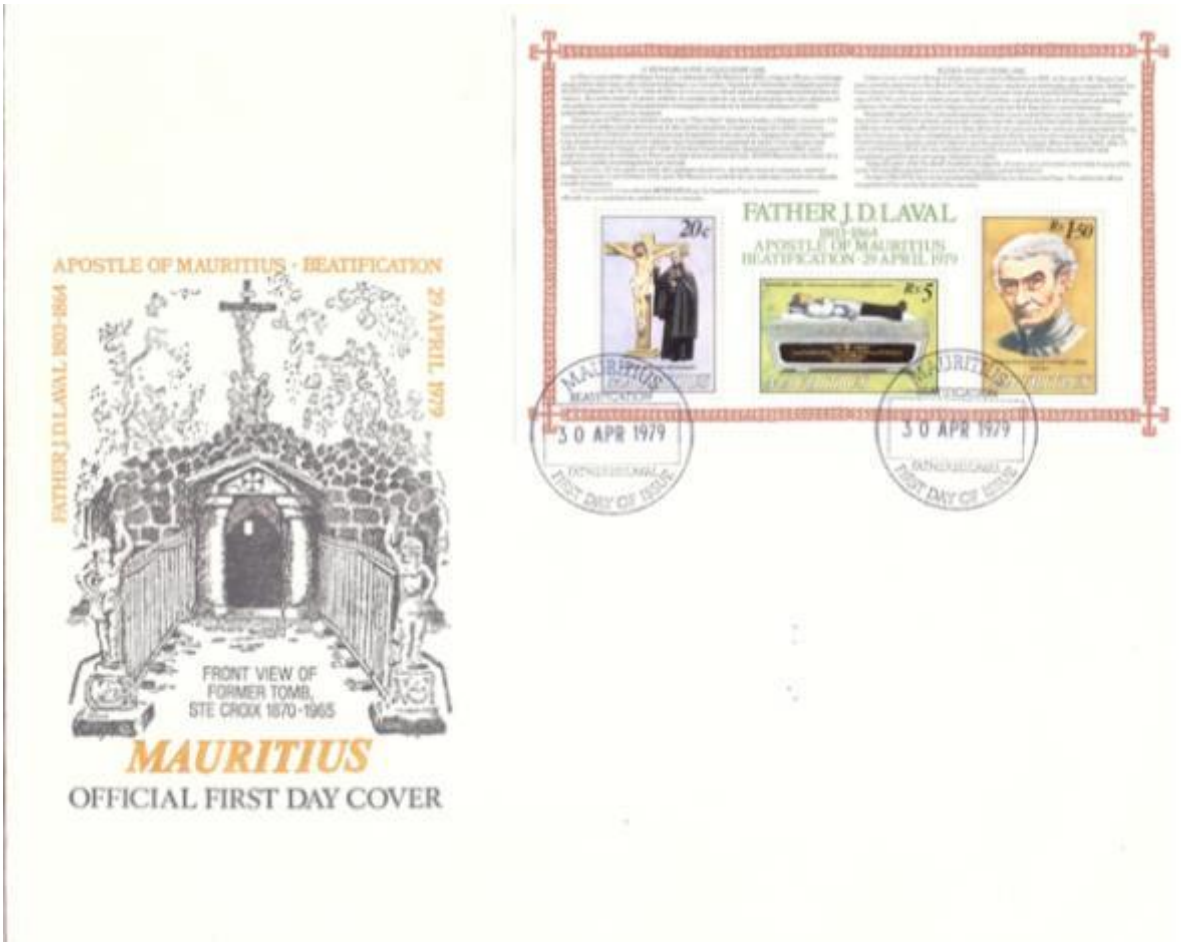

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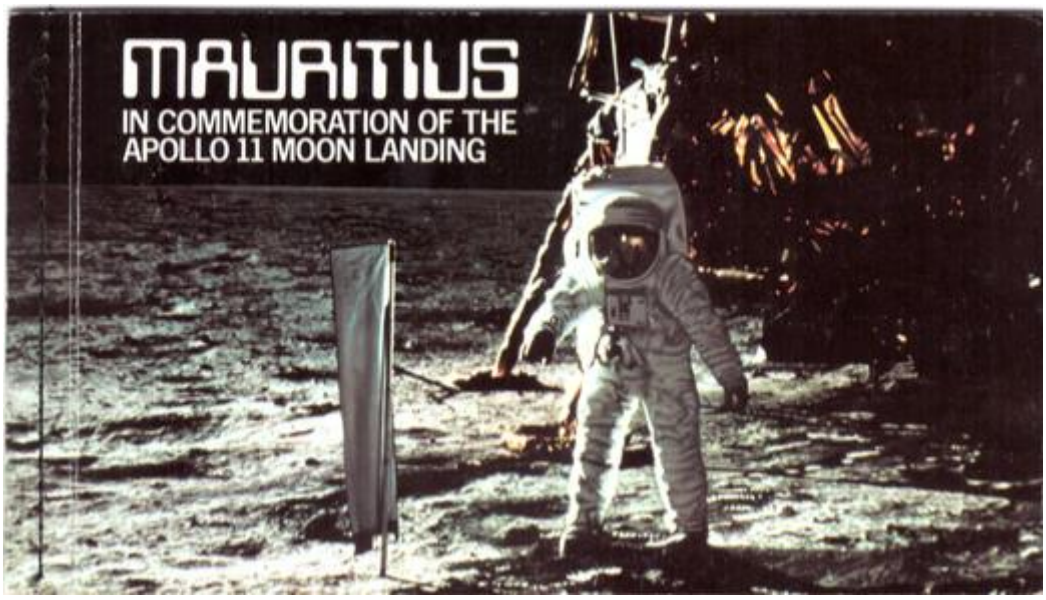
1979 Moon Landing (20 July 1979) (M477-479)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1979-commemoration-of-appolo-11-booklet.jpg

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/0496-b.jpg: "1979 The 10th Anniversary of Moon Landing of Apollo 11 - Self Adhesive Stamps. 20. July WM: None Perforation: Rouletted". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1979 Sir Rowland Hill 1879-1979 (29 August 1979) (M480-482)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Z5oAAOSwaSZaDaNL/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1979-29-aug-sir-roland-hill-ofc.jpg?w=645&h=332

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/5j4AAOSwkWNZnF9o/s-l1600.jpg (M Block 11).

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1979-29-aug-sir-rowland-hill-sheet-cover.jpg?w=645&h=346

1979 International Year of the Child (11October 1979) (M484-488)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/m5kAAOSwRypZkbXD/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1979-11-oct-international-year-of-the-child-ofc.jpg?w=642&h=329

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1979-11-oct-international-year-of-the-child-stamp-sheet.jpg

PART 2: 1987-1995

1980 Botanical gardens Pamplemousses (24 January 1980) (M489-493)

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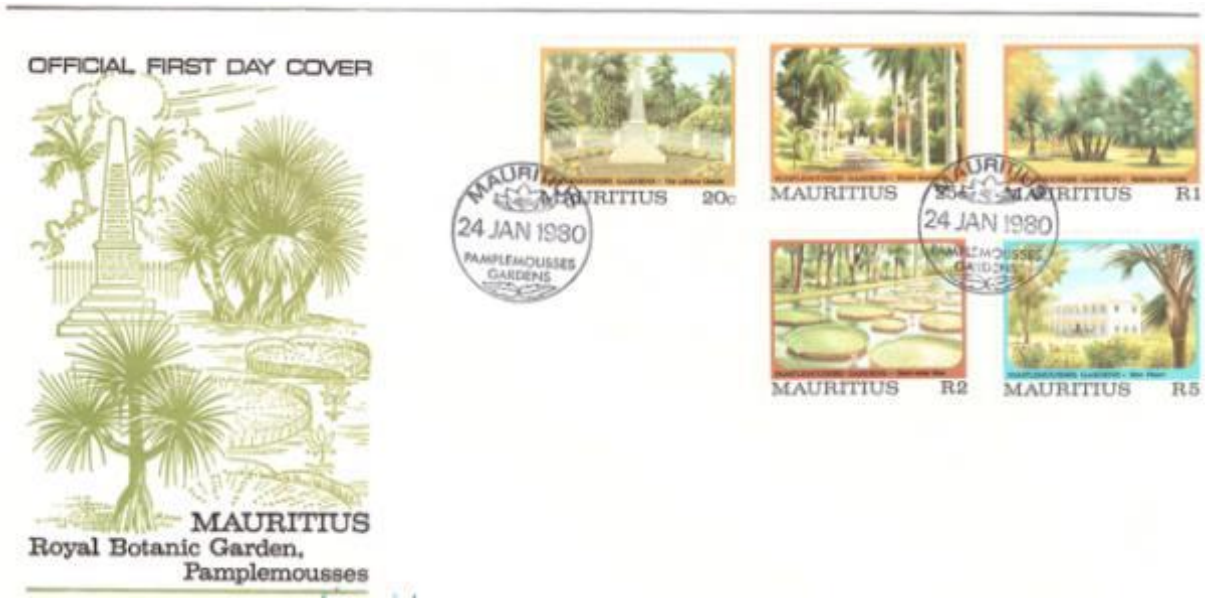

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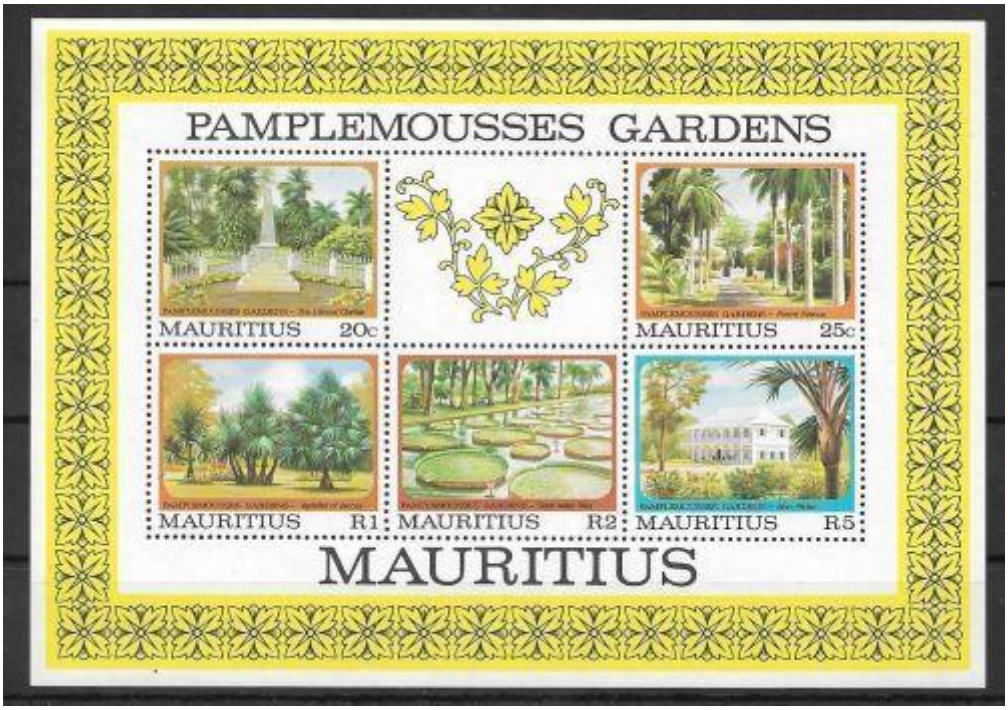

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20c: Lienard Obelisk; 25c Poivre Avenue; 1r: Palm trees; 2r: Victoria regia; 5r Castle Mon Plaisir Pamplemousses, former residence of Governor Mahé de Labourdonnais at the botanical garden of Pamplemousses.

1980 Philatelic Exhibition London 1980; ships (6 May 1980) (M494-497)

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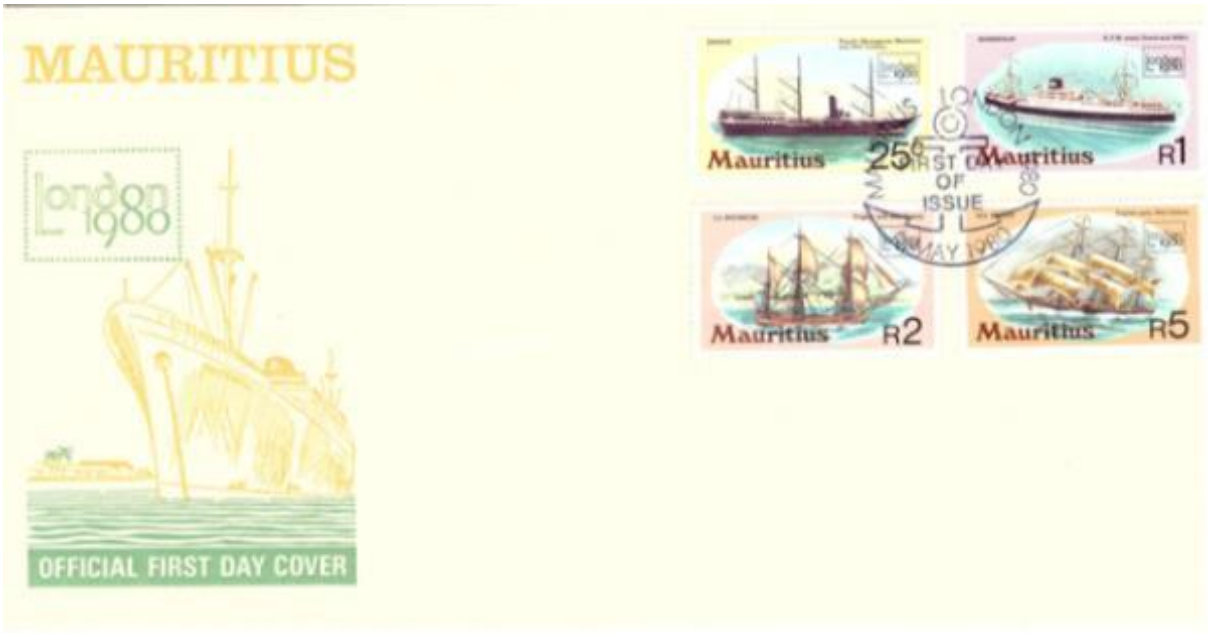

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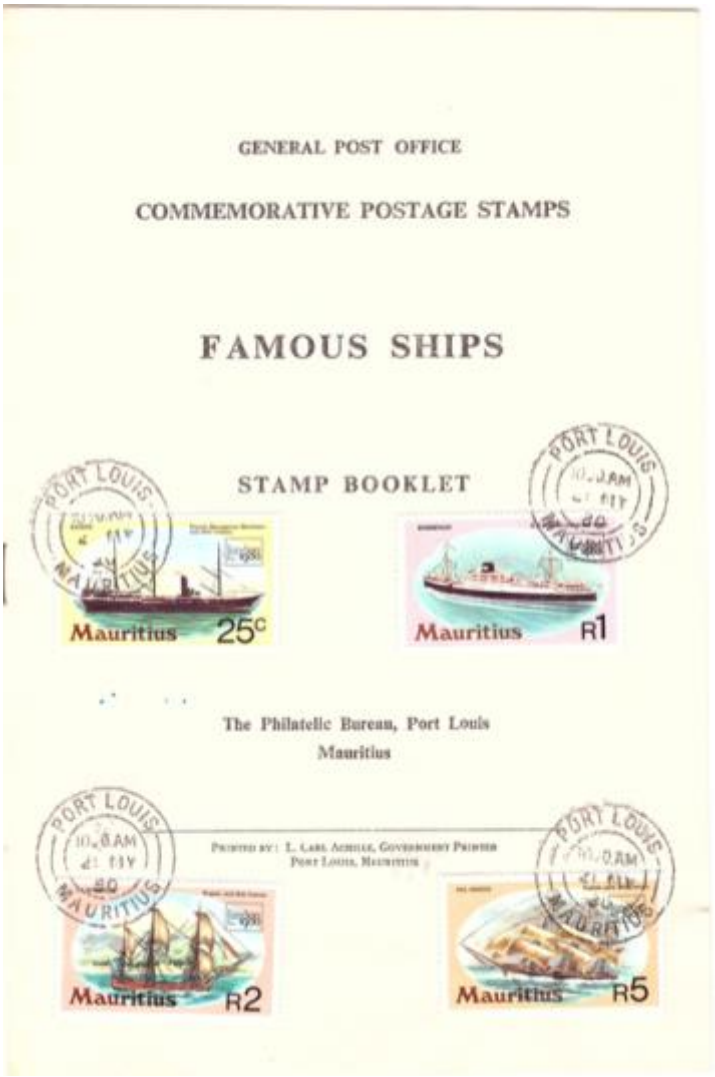
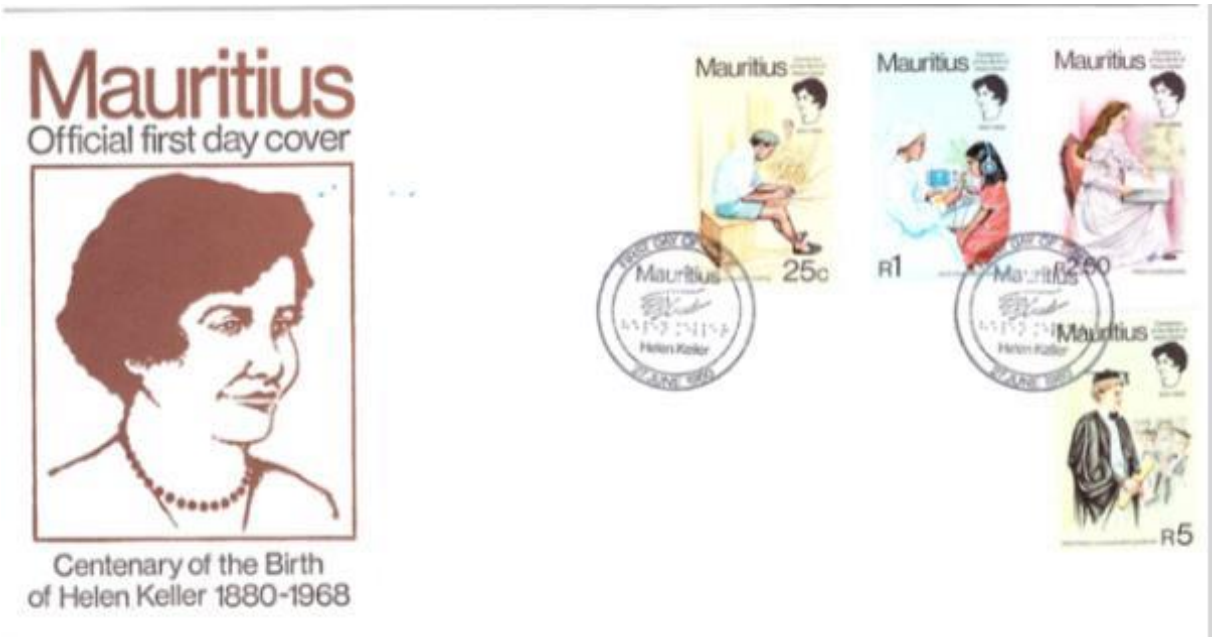


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1980-2-may-famous-ships-stamp-booklet.jpg?w=355&h=535 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1980 Centenary of the birth of Helen Keller (27 June 1980) (M498-501)

http://saltdeanstamps.com/ekmps/shops/saltdeanstamps/images/mauritius-1980-birth-centenary-of-helen-keller-4v-um-mnh-5108-p.jpg



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1980-27-june-100th-bith-of-helen-keller.jpg?w=640&h=334

1980 80th birthday Prime Minister Sir Ramgoolam and 40 Years in Parliament (8 September 1980) (M502)

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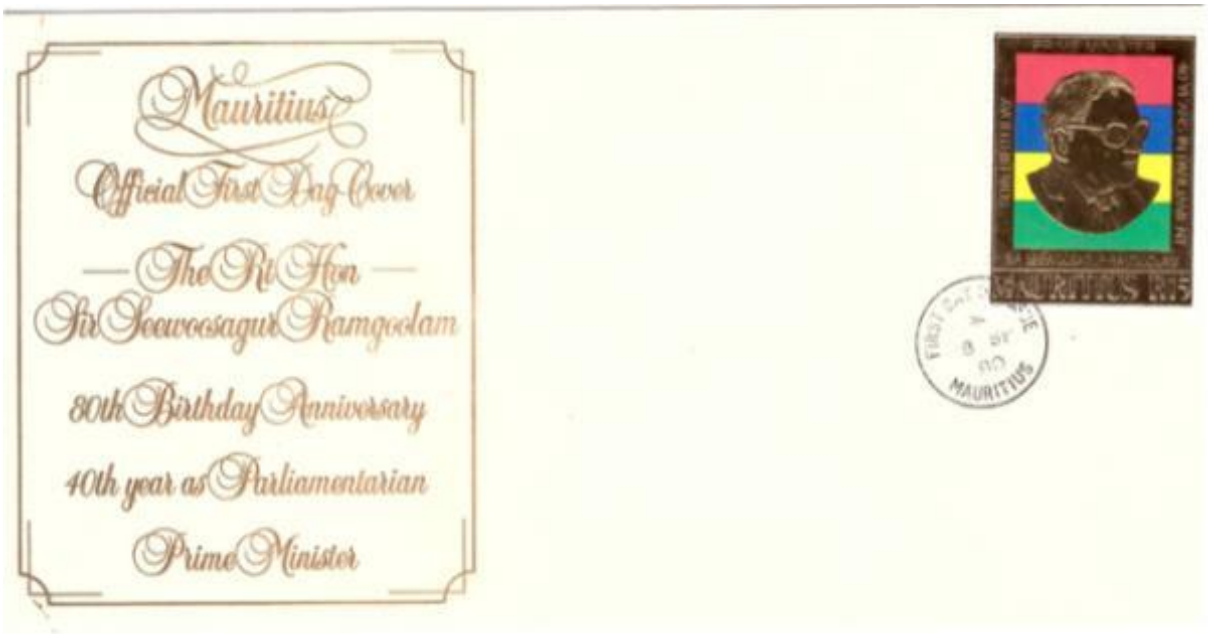

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1980-8-sep-80th-birth-anniversary-ssr.jpg?w=640&h=334

1980 100th anniversary of the Mauritius Institute (1 October 1980) (M503-506)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0503.jpg

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/6MYAAOSwcLxYIBQ3/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1980-1989/: “Built a century ago, the Mauritius Institute is the cultural centre of the island. In addition to tis library, which contains many rare volumes, there is a modern museum of marine life and a gallery displaying fine examples of Africa, European and Indian arts. The 4 stamps represent (i) 25cs – the Mauritius Institute building, located in Port Louis; (ii) Rs 2 – a rare copy of the Veda, a collection of sacred Hindu writings; (iii) Rs. 2.50 – a rare cone – a seashell found in our marine ecosystem; (iv) Rs. 5 – a painting named “Le Torrent” by Harpignies”.

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1980-1-october-100th-of-mauritius-institute-sc.jpg?w=591&h=388

1981 Flowers (15 January 1981) (M507-510)

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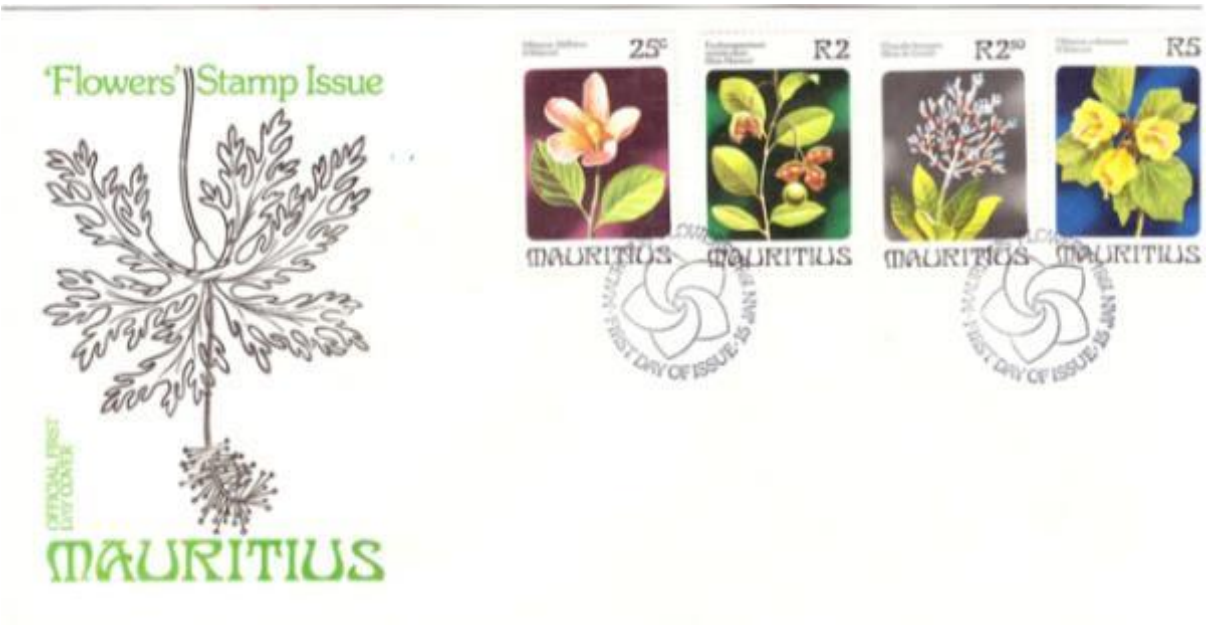

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1981-15-jan-flowers-stamps-ofc.jpg?w=641&h=328 : "On 15 January 1981, a 2nd indigenous flower set was released by the GPO. It consists of a set of 4 postage stamps, namely (i) a 25cs picturing a hibiscus (hibiscus liliflorus malvacea), a heterophyllous plant which grows up in a bushy shrub of three to four metres tall with dark green shiny leaves. This plant was described by Cavanilles in 1789, who might have used the notes of Commerson from a specimen found in Réunion island. The colour of the flower is variable with a number of sub-species; (ii) Rs. 2 depicts Bois Manioc (Erythrospermum monticolum flacourtiacea), one of the 4 varieties found in the Mascarene Islands. It is a small tree of our native forest, with a conspicuous flaky bark which is reddish underneath. The tree may reach up to 30 centimetres in diameter and of four to five metres in height. The white flowers appear after the summer rains and produce smooth globose fruits; (iii) Rs. 2.50 representing Bois Corail (chasalia boryana rubiaceae), an endemic shrub of the widespread family rubiaceae. It is one of the most attractive of the half or so endemic species of Chasalia found on the plateau. The inflorescence is fairly conspicuous, looking like a coral growth. The fruits are of a beautiful mauve when ripe; (iv) Rs. 5 represents a hibiscus (hibiscus columnans malvaceae), a rare forest tree which is now confined to the dry slope of the Western mountains. It is a very distinct species which does not show much compatibility of hybridisation with other hibiscus species".

1981 Coat of arms cities (10 April 1981) (M511A-515A)

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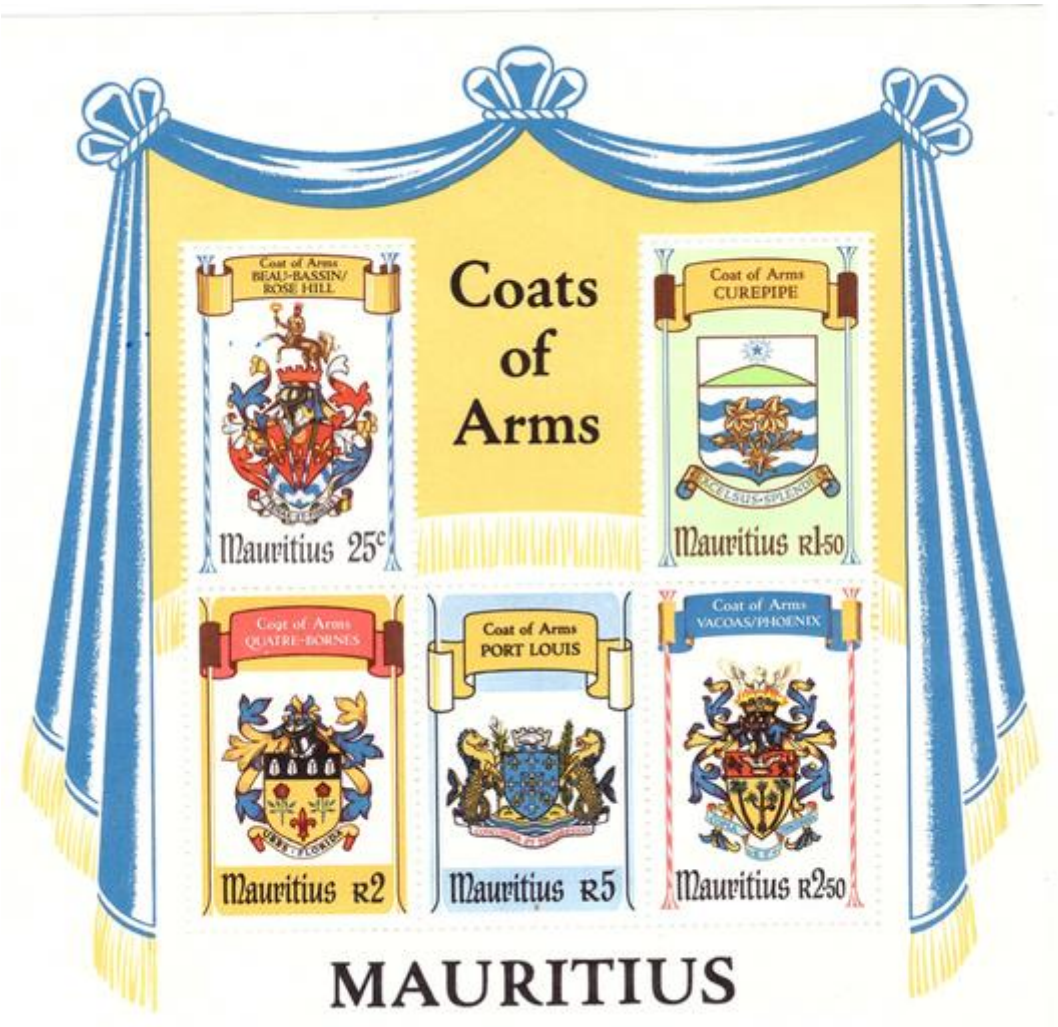

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/ms-coats-of-arms.jpg (M Block 13 and as separate stamps: M511C-515C).

1981 International Year of Disabled People, special cover (9 July 1981)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1981-9-july-international-year-of-disabled-sc.jpg?w=639&h=309

1981 Wedding of Prince Charles with Lady Diana Spencer (22 July 1981) (M516-518)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/H1wAAOSwXeJYH7d6/s-l1600.jpg

1981 Past eminent personalities (27 August 1981) (M519-525)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/NyMAAOSwcUBYIBkz/s-l1600.jpg

20c: Emmanuel Anquetiland Guy Rozemont (trade unionists and leaders of political party in Mauritius)

25c: Remy Ollier (journaluist and political activist) and Sookdeo Bissondoyal (Mauritian politician and one of the leading figures in the independence movement).

1.25r: Maurice Cure (medical doctor and politician) and Barthelemy Ohsan (co-founder of the Mauritian Labour Party)

1.50r: Guy Forget (politician and journalist) and Renganaden Seeneevassen (lawyer and politician)

2r: Abdul Razak Mohamed (politician and cabinet minister) and Jules Koenig (founder of the Mauritian Social-democratic Party)

2.50r: Abdoollatiff Mohamed Osman (Politician) and Dazzi Rama (medical doctor and co-founder of the Mauritian Labour Party)

5r: Thomas Lewis (medical professor in the UK and teacher of the late Prime Minister of Mauritius, Dr Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam). He was the only non-Mauritian on this series of eminent personalities.

1981 Religion and Culture (15 September 1981) (M526-528)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/gnEAAOSwMVdYIBWs/s-l1600.jpg

1981 Duke of Edinburgh's award (26 October 1981) (M529-532)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/szUAAOSwMVdYICPX/s-l1600.jpg

1981 Beginning of the 15th Century of the Islamic calendar (26 November 1981) (M533-535)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1981-26-nov-5-pillard-of-islam.jpg?w=700

1982 Scouting (25 February 1982) (M536-539)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/AVYAAOSw7VBTxBMF/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1982-25-feb-75th-year-of-scoutism.jpg?w=700

[2R; the Baden Powel House is at Quatre Bornes]

1982 Charles Darwin (19 April 1982) (M540-543)

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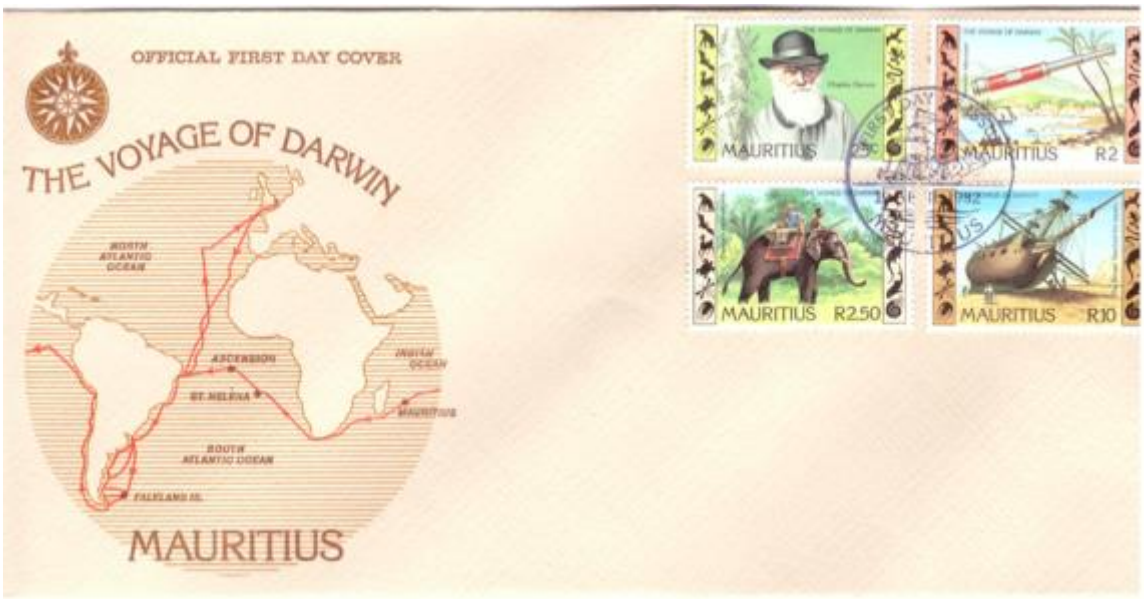

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1982-19-april-darwin.jpg?w=571&h=297

1982 21st birthday of Princess Diana (1 July 1982) (M544-547)

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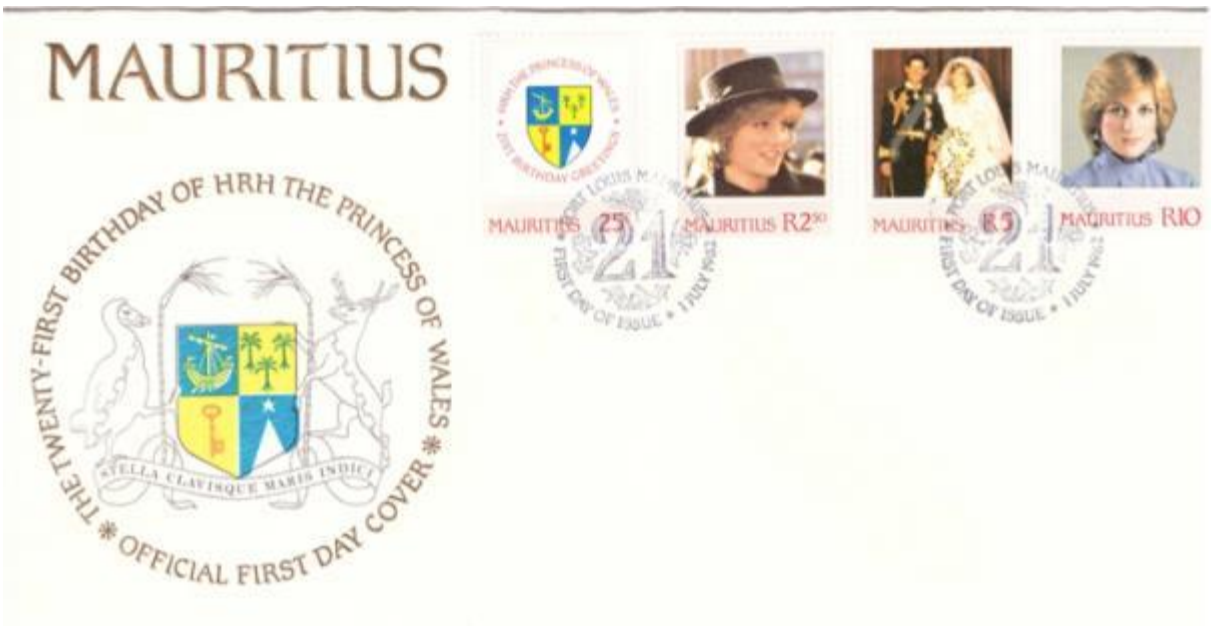

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1982-1-july-21st-birthday-diana-ofc.jpg?w=700

1982 Birth of Prince William (22 August 1982) (M548)

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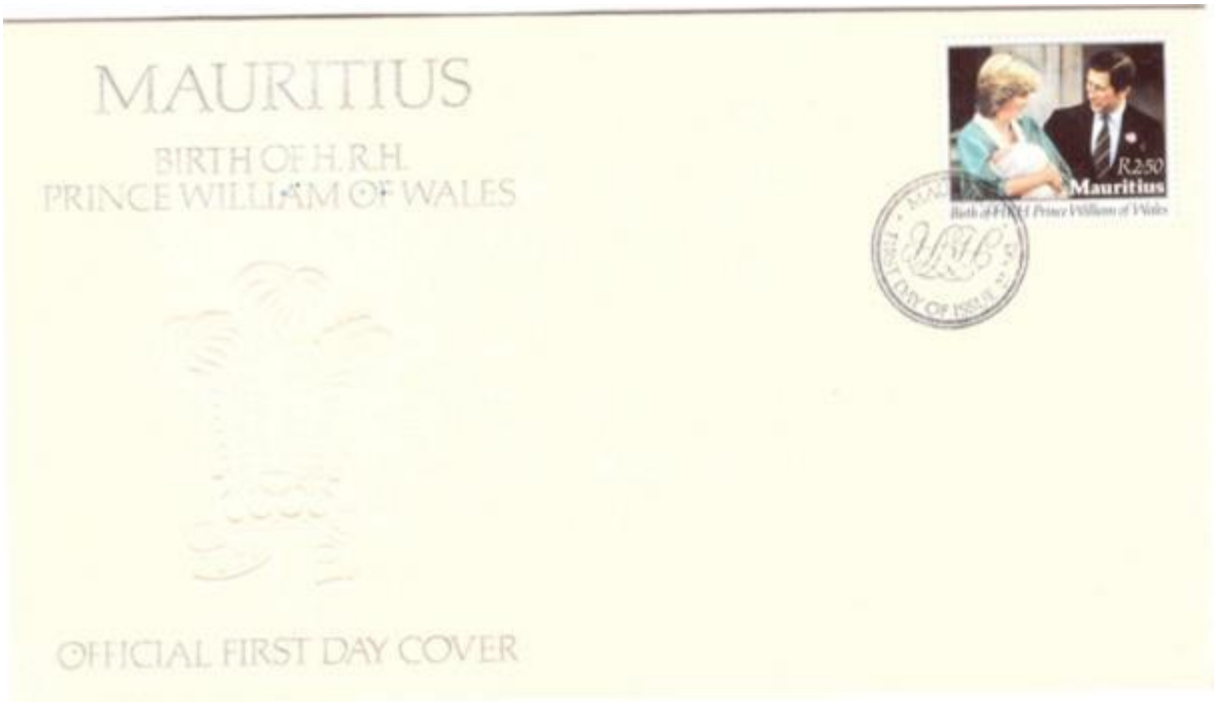
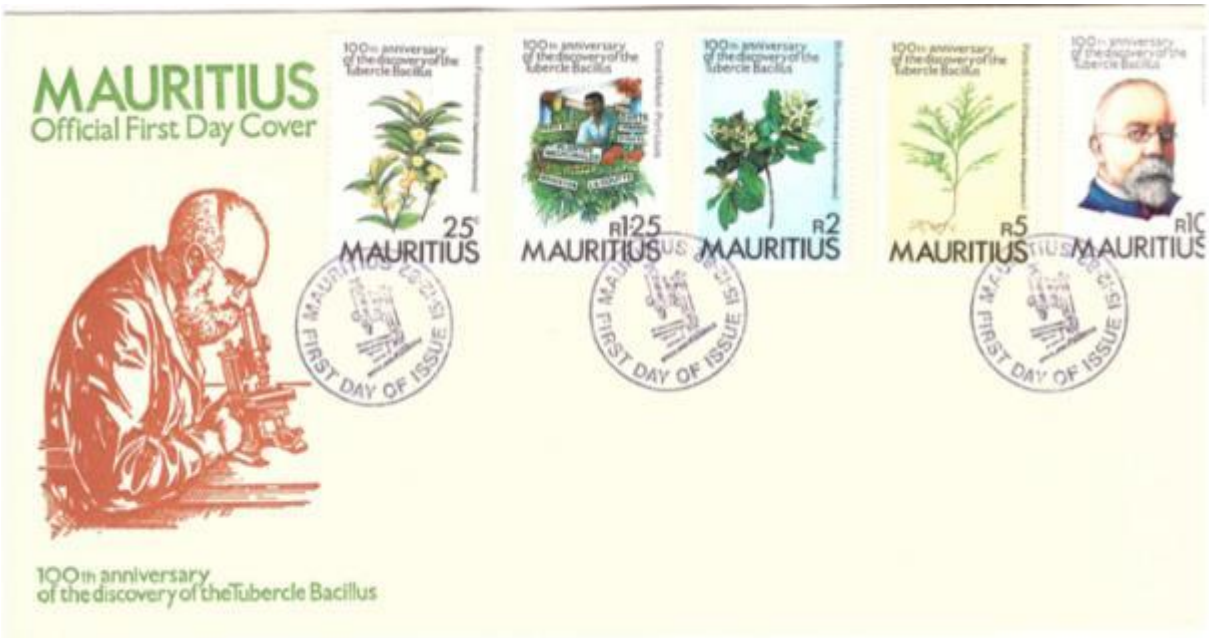


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1982-22-aug-birth-of-prince-william.jpg?w=700

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/H~kAAOSwweRZkcQj/s-l1600.jpg (M: 'Kleinbogen')

1982 Dr Koch; 100th anniversary of the discovery of the tubercle bacillus (15 December 1982) (M549-553)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1982_tubercle_bacillus.jpg



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1982-15-dec-100-anniv-tuberculosis.jpg?w=700

1982 25 October Postage Due (M P 14-19)

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1983 Commonwealth Day (14March 1983) (M554-557)

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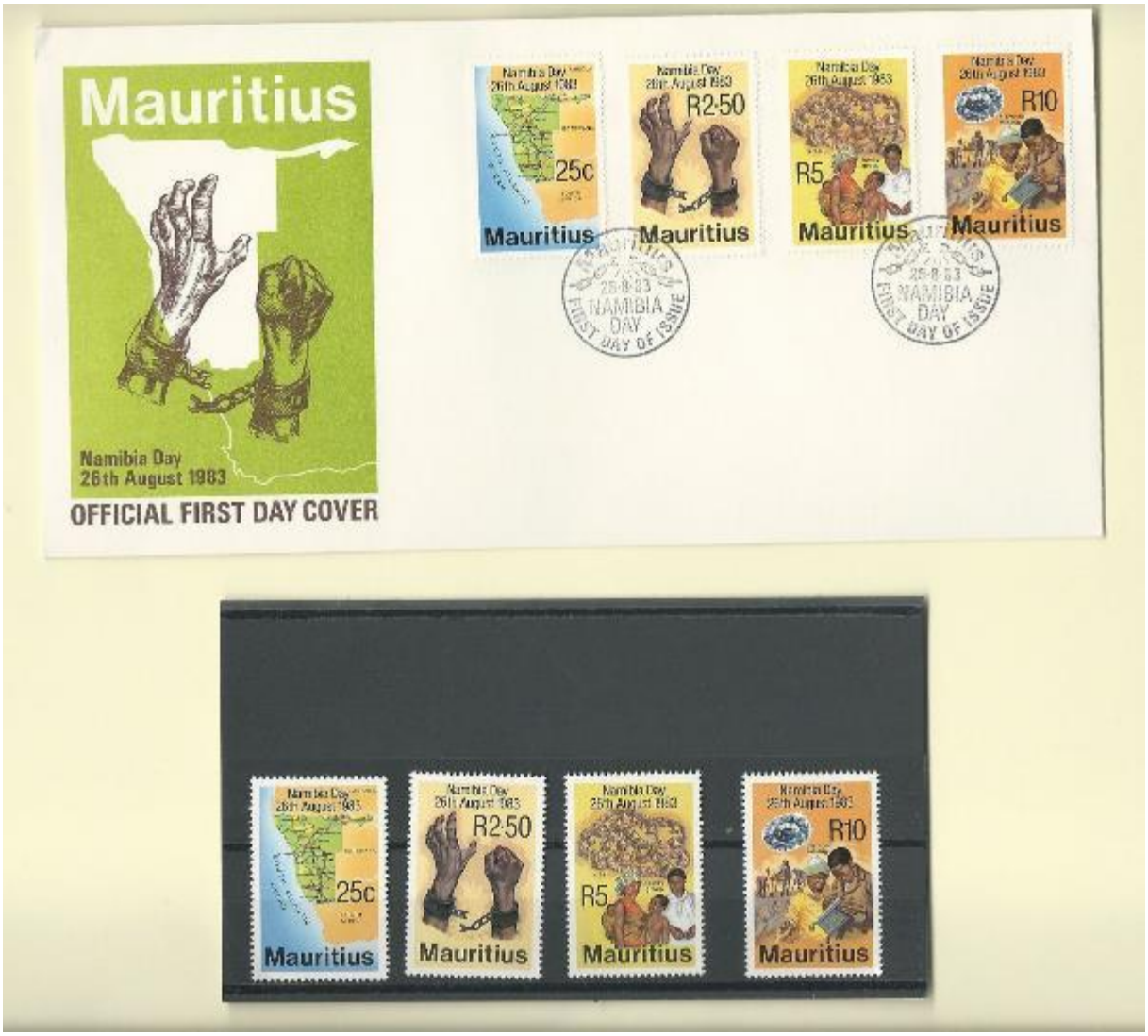
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1983-14-march-commonwealth-day.jpg?w=700

1983 World Communications Year (24 June 1983) (M558-561)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1983_world_communications_year.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1983-24-june-world-telecoms-year.jpg?w=700: "On 24 June 1983, the GPO released a set of 4 stamps to commemorate "World Communications Year". The stamps depict (i) a telephone (25cs); (ii) a telegraph apparatus (Rs. 1.25); (iii) an earth satellite station (Rs. 2) and (iv) the first hot air balloon launched in Mauritius on 30 June 1784 by Francois Cailleau, a French man settled in Mauritius based on the model of Montgolfier brothers (Rs. 10) with Signal mountain in the background".

1983 Namibia Day (26 August 1983) (M562-565)



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1983 Fishing (7 October 1983) (M566-569)

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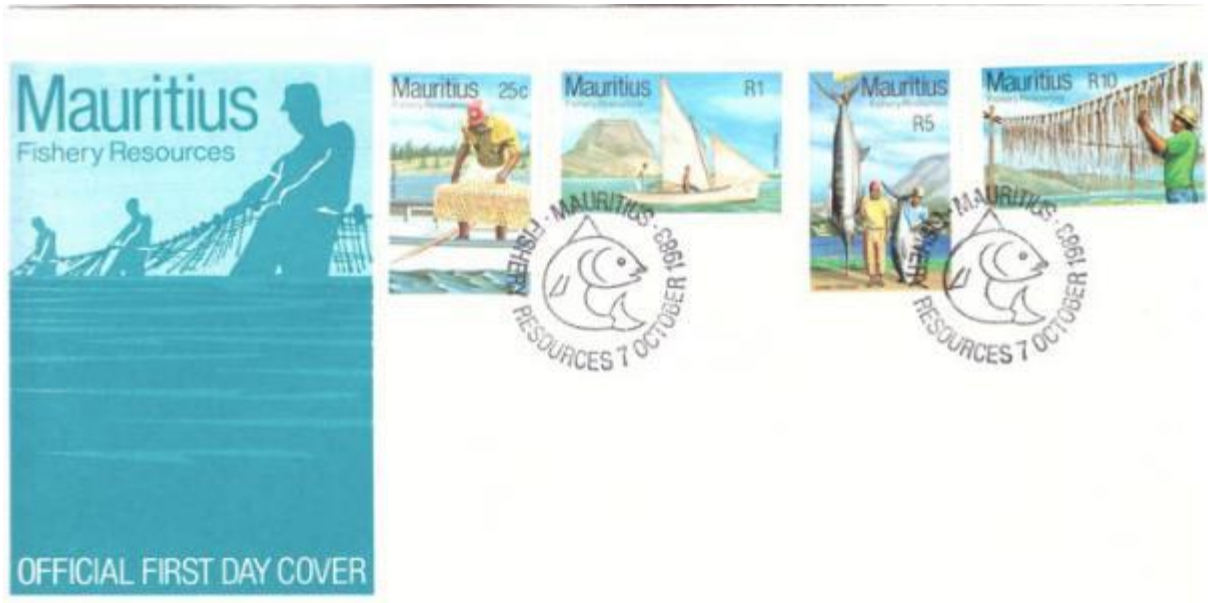

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1983-7-oct-fisheries-resources.jpg?w=700

1983 Death centenary of Swami Dayananda (3 November 1983) (M570-574)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0570.jpg (Advaita Vedanta-teacher and sanskit scientist)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/jqAAAOSwstJZQkTw/s-l1600.jpg

1983 The 125th Anniversary of the Arrival in Mauritius of Adolf von Plevitz (8 December 1983) (M575-578)

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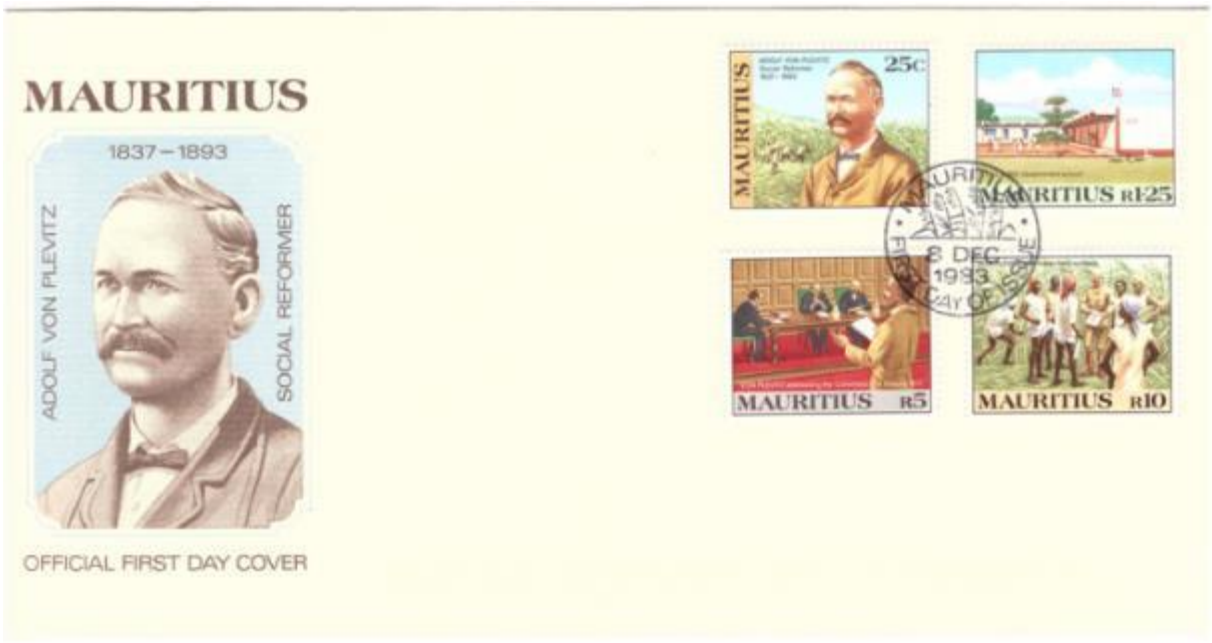

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1983-8-dec-adolphe-de-plevitz.jpg?w=700

1983 regular series of 1978 with year "1983"

35c: M440IIXA, not yet found

75c: M444IIXA

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1.25r: M448IIXA

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2r: M450IIXA, not yet found

1984 Kestrel (26 March 1984) (M 579-582)

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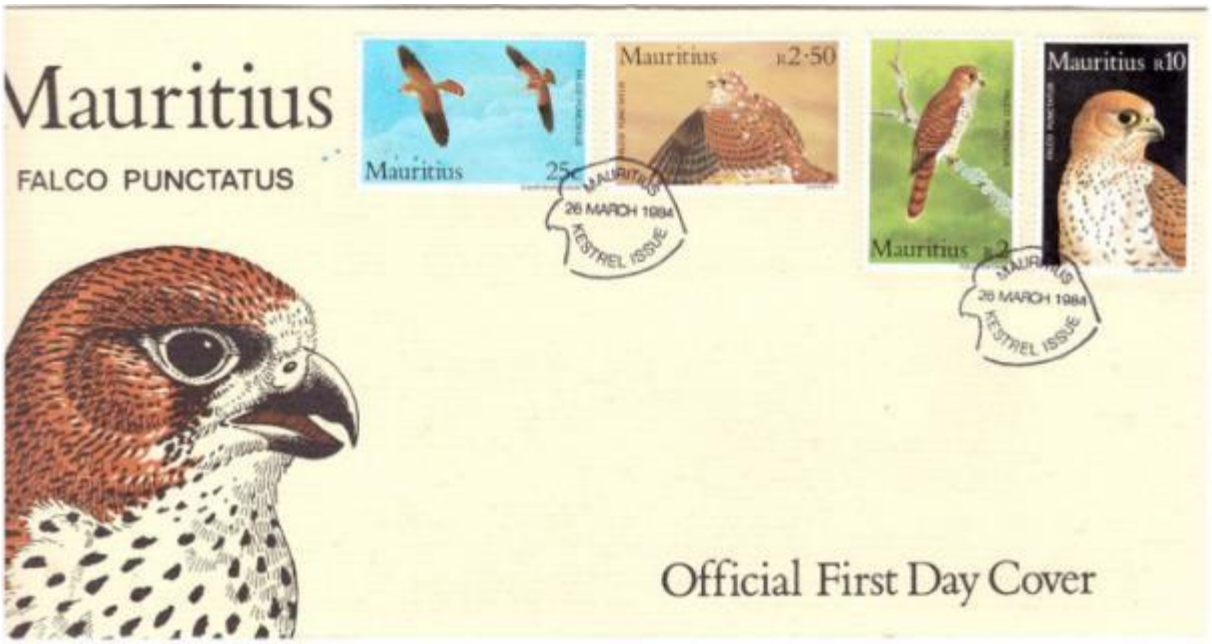

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1984 250 years Lloyd's List Newspaper (23 May 1984) (M583-586)

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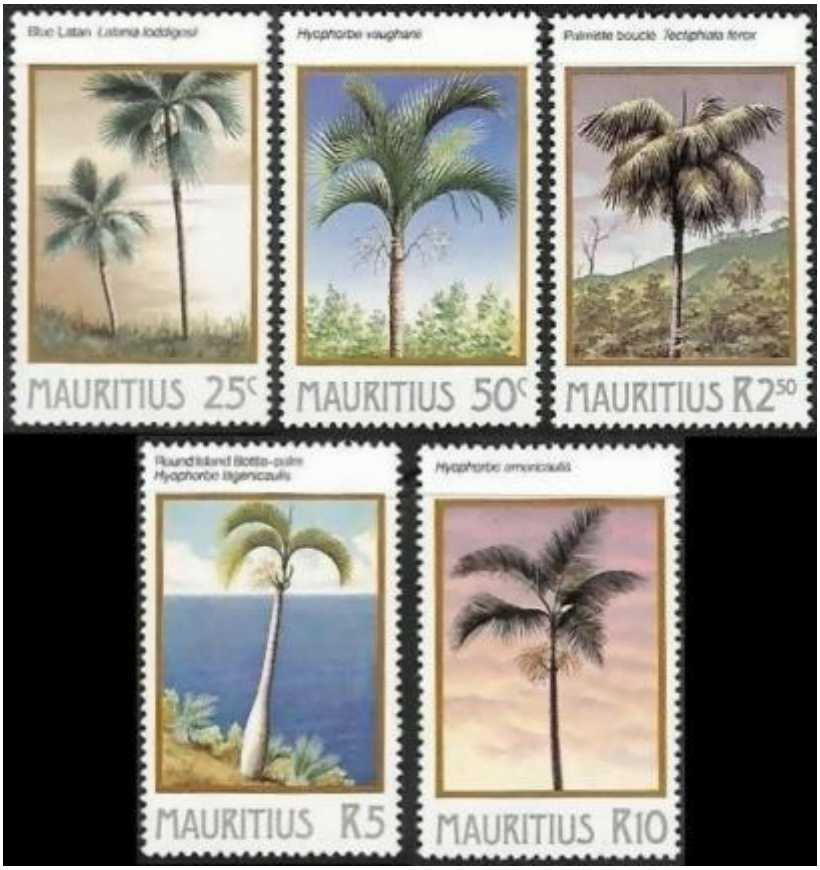
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1984-23-may-250th-anniversary-lloyds-list.jpg?w=700

1984 Palm trees (23 July 1984) (M587-591)



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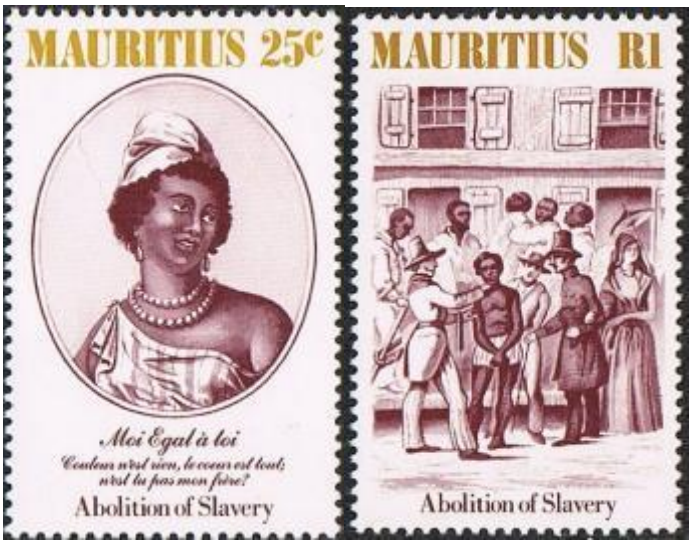
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1984-23-july-palms.jpg?w=700

1984 Mauritius-Paris flight with Boeing 747 (3 November 1984)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/air-mauritius-paris-flight.jpg?w=609&h=307: "By mid-1980, the government of Mauritius had become the majority shareholder [of Air Mauritius]. It also extended its network coverage in in 1983, with the addition of Rome and Zurich, and Paris in 1984, operated by a Boeing 747, which was commemorated by a special cover in November 1984. This was a major milestone in bridging Mauritius's insularity to the rest of the world". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1984 Abolition of Slavery and the arrival of Indian immigrants (20 August 1984) (M592-595)



http://www.sdcollectables.co.uk/ekmps/shops/sdcollectable/images/mauritius-sg691-1984-abolition-of-slavery-and-introduction-of-indian-immigrants-25c-unmounted-mint-154801-p.jpg

http://www.sdcollectables.co.uk/ekmps/shops/sdcollectable/images/mauritius-sg692-1984-abolition-of-slavery-and-introduction-of-indian-immigrants-1r-unmounted-mint-154808-p.jpg

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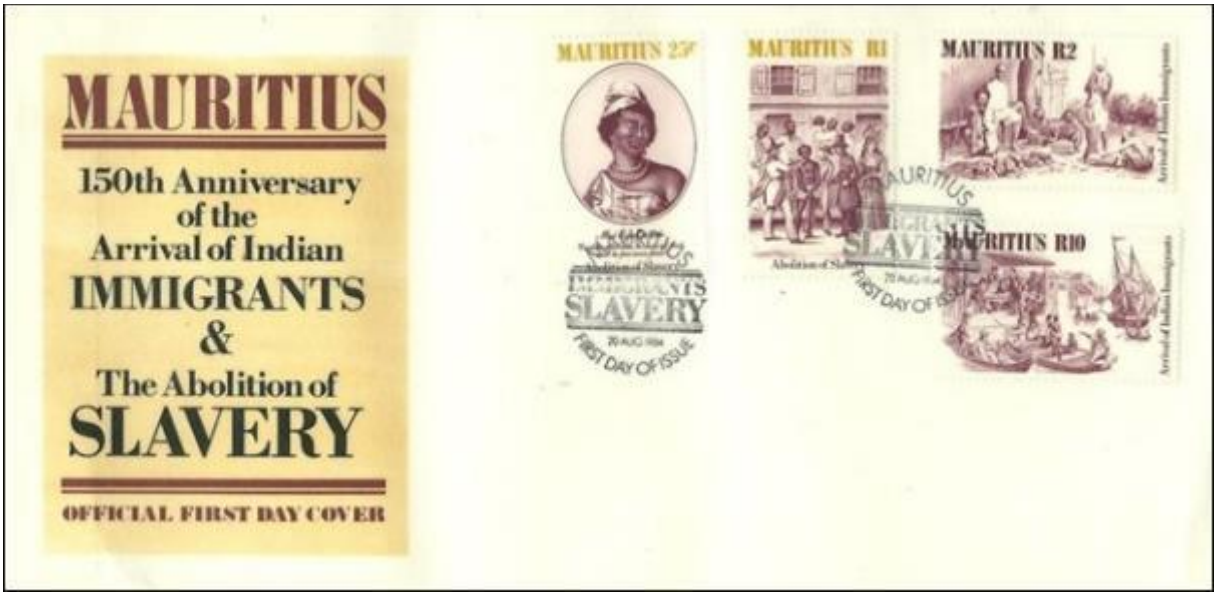

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1984 Alliance Française 100 years (10 September 1984) (M596-599)

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[The Building of the Alliance Francaise in Mauritius is in Bell Ville, Port Louis]

1985 Twenty Years of Television (8 February 1985)

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1985 Queen Mother Elisabeth (7 June 1985) (M600-603)

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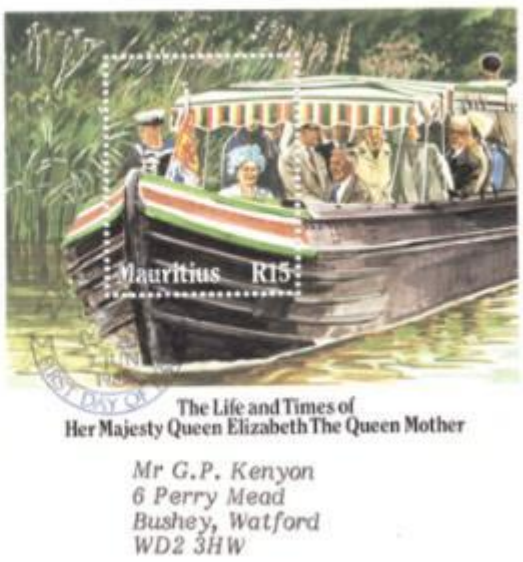
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1985 Indian Ocean Games (24 August 1985) (M605-608)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1985-24-aug-2nd-jeux-des-iles-de-locean-indien.jpg?w=700

1985 UN Issue Flag of Mauritius (20 September 1985)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1985-20-sep-flag-series-un_3.jpg

1985 Endangered species: Pink Pidgeon (2 September 1985) (M609-612)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/EU8AAOSwOkFZkcQm/s-l1600.jpg: "MAURITIUS SG708/11 1985 ENDANGERED SPECIES PINK PIDGEON MNH".

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1985 World Tourism Organisation 10 years (27 September 1985) (M613-616)

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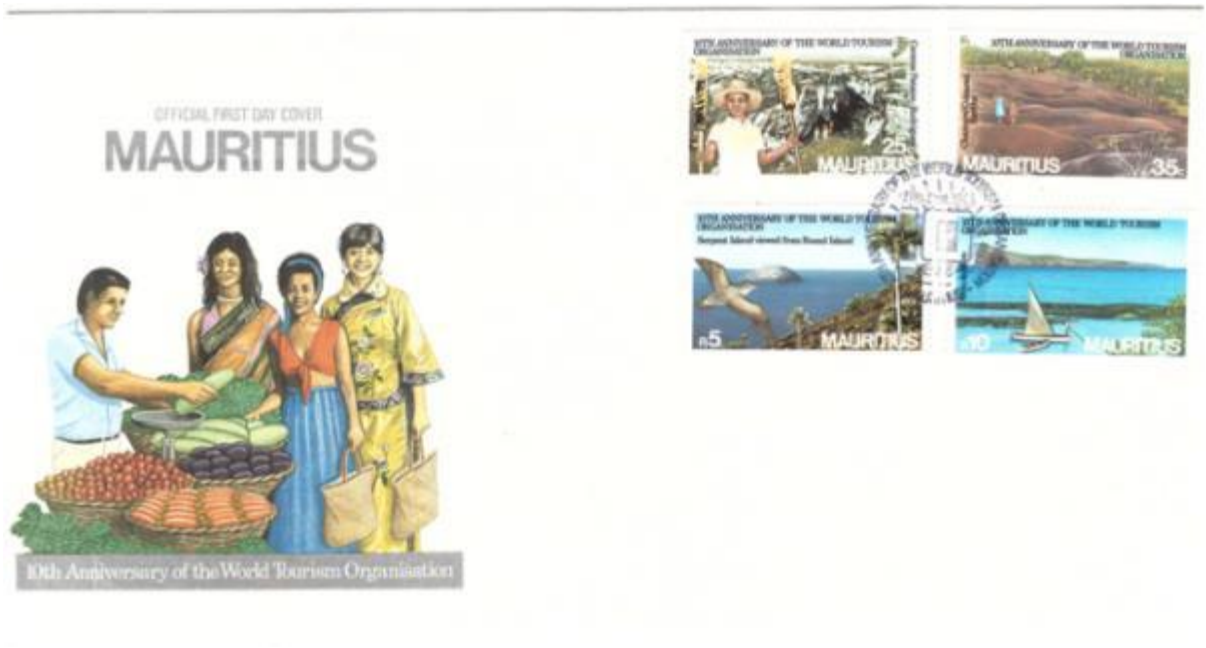

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1985 250th Anniversary of Port Louis (22 September 1985) (M617-620)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1985-22-sep-250th-anniversary-of-p-louis.jpg?w=700

[25c Old town hall Port Louis; 1r: Al Aqsa Mosque Port Louis; 5r: Tamil settlement in Port Louis; 10r: Port Louis harbour]

1985

10c: M436IIXA (“nov.1984”); 25c: M439IIXA (“1985”); 50c: M441IIXA (“1985”) ; 75c: M444IIXA (“1985”); 1r: M446IIXA (“1985”): all not yet found

1.25r: M448IIXA (“1985”)

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2r: M450IIXA (“1985”) : not yet found

5r: M452IIXA (“1985”)

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1986 Regular series of 1978 with year

35r: 440IIYC (“nov 1986”): not yet found

1986 Halley’s comet (21 February 1986) (M621-624)

http://shop.pcistamps.com/images/Mauritius-%20Scott%20%23625-628.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1986-feb-halleys-comet.jpg?w=640&h=337

1986 60th Birthday Queen Elisabeth II (21 April 1986) (M625-629)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1986-21-april-60th-anniversary-eliz-ii_sc.jpg?w=640&h=333

1986 Mauritius International Events (25 July 1986) (M630-633)

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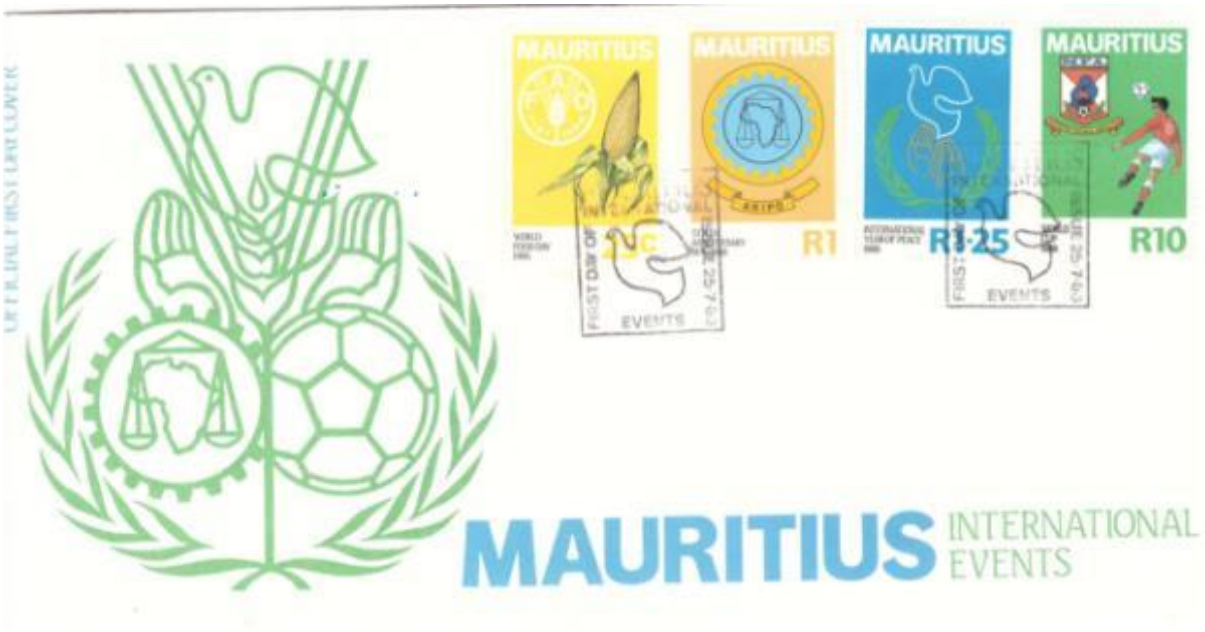

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1986-25-july-international-events.jpg?w=641&h=332

1986 Orchids (3 October 1986) (M634-637)

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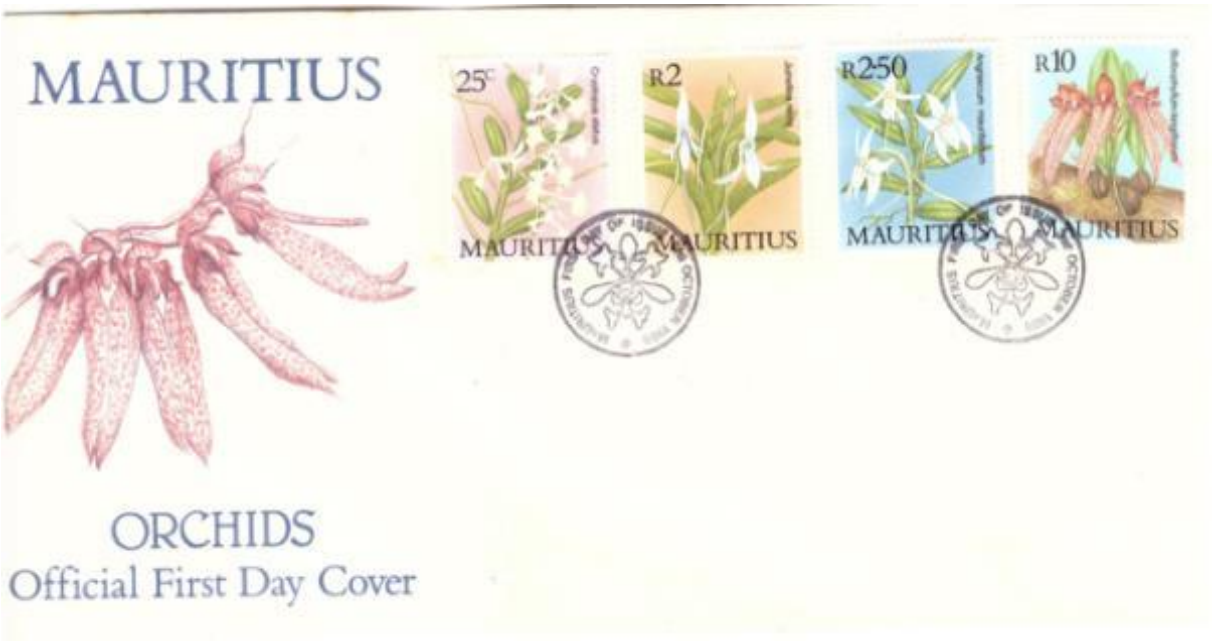

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1986-oct-orchids.jpg?w=640&h=336: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 3 October 1986 on the theme "Mauritius Orchids". Orchids are fascinating flowers with often curious shapes. This set comprises of (i) 25 cs – cryptopus elatus, an endemic plant to the Mascarene islands. In Mauritius it is found growing in full light on the plateau. It is one of the most beautiful orchid of the island and is the emblem of the Mauritius Orchid Society. The flower spice of about 20 – 25 cms carries up to 30 white flowers of about 4 – 5 cms long. It blooms between November and January; (ii) Rs. 2 is the genus jumellea, of which the greatest number of species is found in Madagascar. About 3 or 4 species are indigenous to Mauritius and they are found growing high up on trees in big clumps, in wet regions of the island. This orchid has strap-shaped dark green leaves of 12 cm long and 1 cm wide. The nice pure white fragrant flowers of about 3 cm across are of a very distinctive shape. The petals are more or less reflexed, the lateral sepals spreading and curved. (iii) Rs 2.50 is the angraecum mauritianum. There are many species in Africa and in neighbouring islands, the most famous being the "comète de Madagascar". Mauritius has a dozen of species. This pure white flower is star-shaped with 5 to 7 cm long spur. The flower turns to a creamy colour after a few days; (iv) Rs. 10 is the bulbophyllum longiflorum, an indigenous orchid, widely distributed in East Africa, Reunion, Madagascar, Tahiti and Papua New Guinea but very rare in Mauritius. The tawny flowers spotted with red are arranged in an umbrella-like inflorescence at the end of a fairly long stalk. The dorsal sepals of about 3cm long and petals of about 5 cm long end in a filament of about 2 – 3 cm. The plant blooms in January and February".

PART 3: 1987-1995

1987 Regular series of 1978 with year

20c: M438IIYC (11.1.1987); 25c: M39IIYC (11.1.1987); 2r: M450IIYC (1987)

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1987 Mauritian Bridges (22 May 1987) (M638-642)

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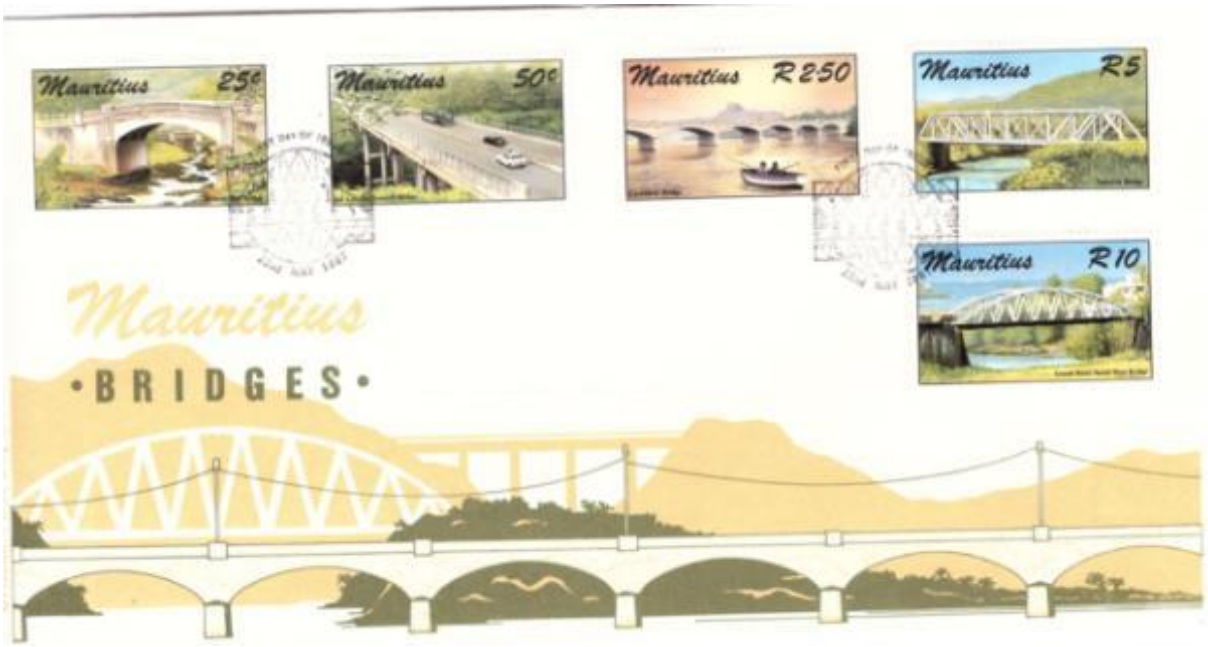

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1987 Bicentenary of the Bar (2 June 1987) (M643-646)

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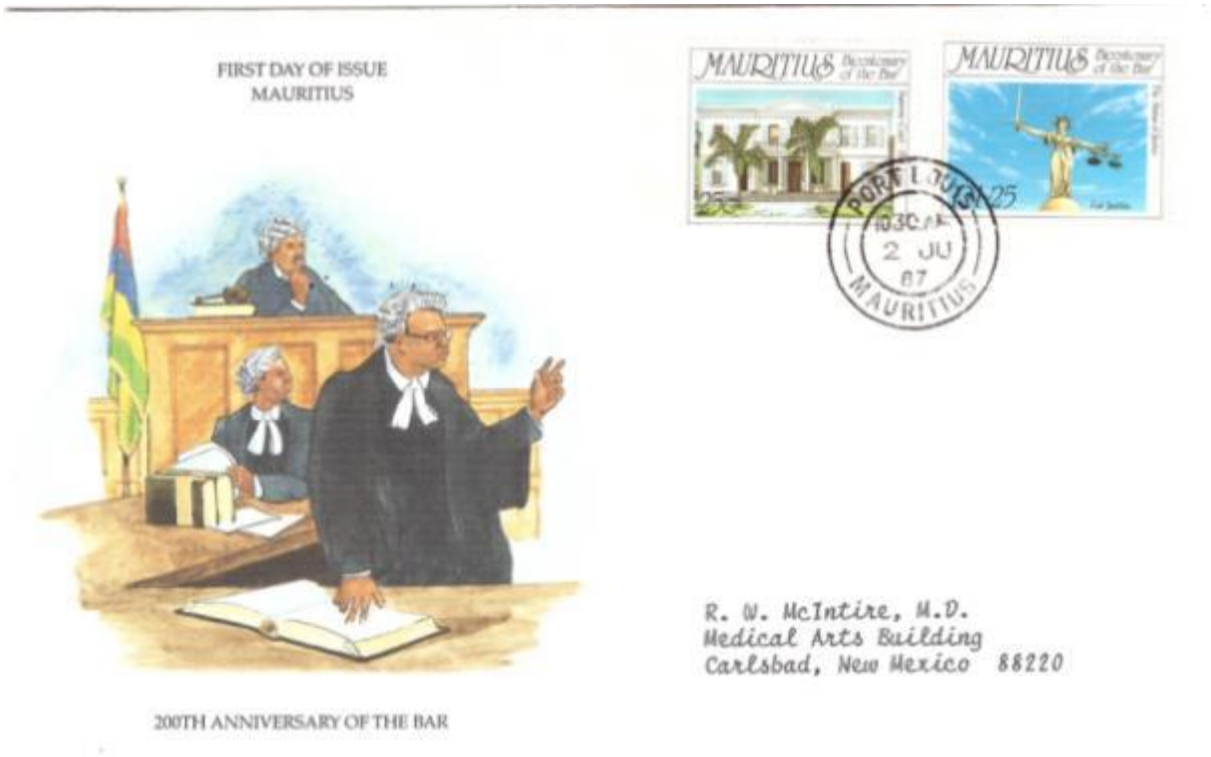

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1987-2-july-bar-sc.jpg?w=612&h=413 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1987 First Flight Mauritius Geneva (28 June 1987)

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1987 International Festival of the Sea (5 September 1987) (M647-650)

http://golowesstamps.com/reference/formatprinters/Mauritius/mauritius_1987_festival_of_the_sea.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1987-5-sep-festival-international-de-la-mer.jpg?w=642&h=337

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1987-28-sep-royal-of-duke-and-duchess-of-york.jpg?w=640&h=340 POSTMARK MOKA.

1987 Industrialisation (30 October 1987) (M651-655)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0651.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1987-30-oct-industrialisation.jpg?w=640&h=348

1987 Art and Architecture (30 December 1987) (M656-660)

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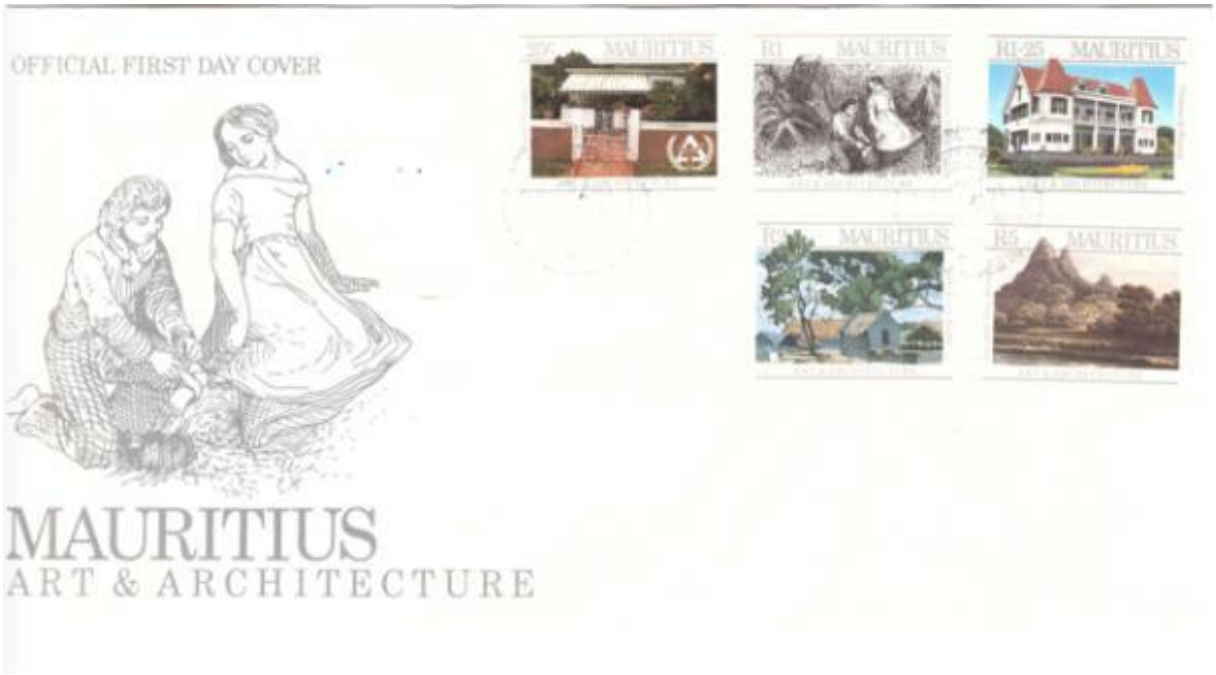

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M 656, 25c: house; M657, 1r: painting Paul and Verginia; M6581.25r: Rosnay castle; M659,2r: old farm house (painting of Boulle); M660, 5r: painting of landscape.

1988 Twenty Years of Independence (12 March 1988) (M661-665)

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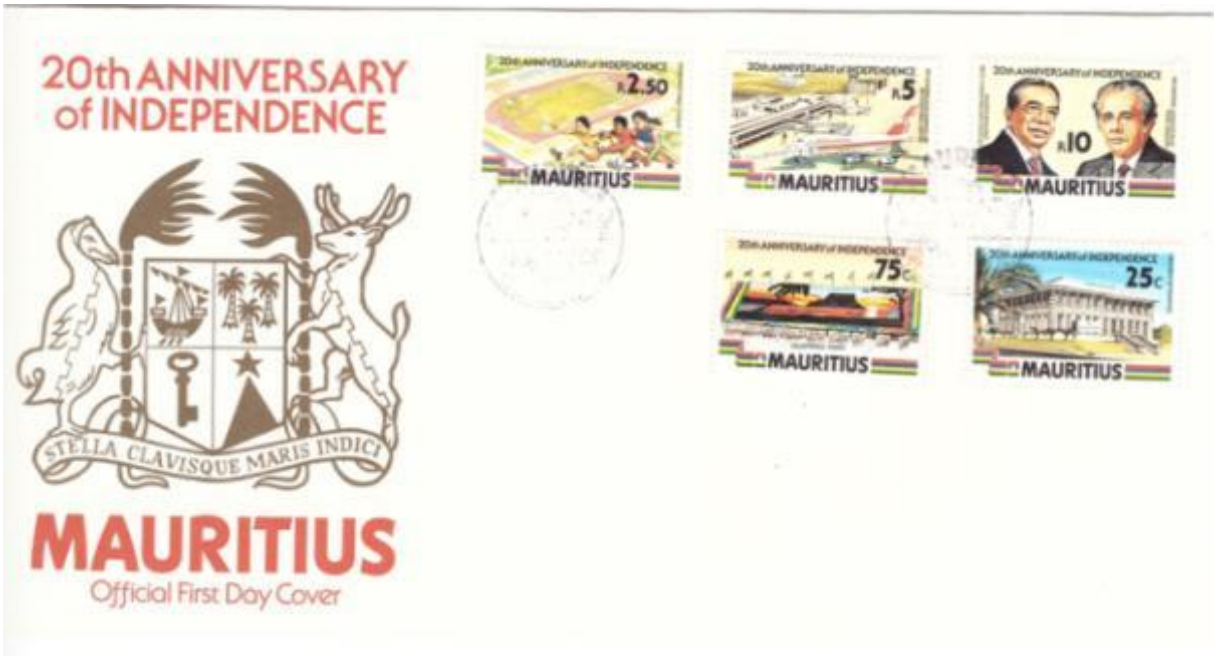

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1988-12-march-30th-anniversary-independance.jpg?w=641&h=347

1988 40th anniversary World Health Organisation (1 July 1988) (M666-669)

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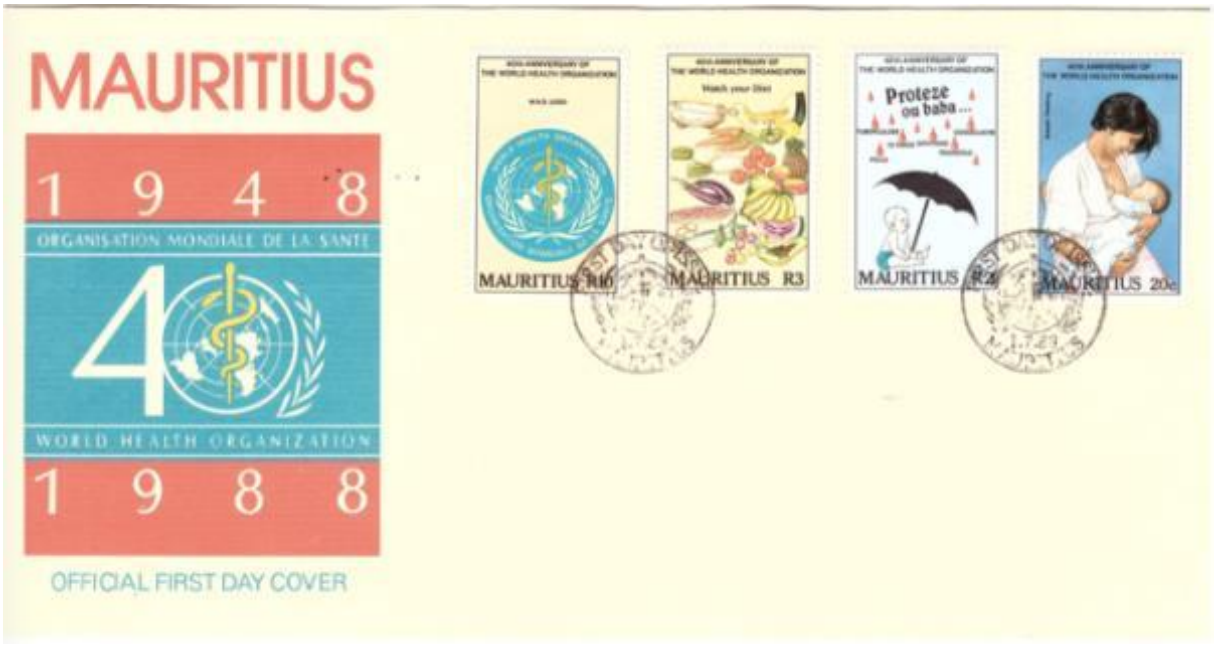

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1988 150th anniversary of Mauritius Commercial Bank (1 September 1988) (M670-673)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0670.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1988-1-sep-150th-anniversary-mcb.jpg?w=641&h=332: "The Commemorative set of 4 stamps issued on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Mauritius Commercial Bank on 1 September 1988 consist of (i) a 25cs stamp representing the MCB building in Port Louis; (ii) a R. 1 stamp featuring the old MCB building; (iii) Rs. 1.25 bears the armorial bearings assigned to the MCB by the Royal College of Arms on 7 December 1955; and (iv) the Rs. 25 stamp incorporates 3 bold number of 15 in the stamp design".

1988 Olympic Games Seoul (1 October 1988) (M674-677)

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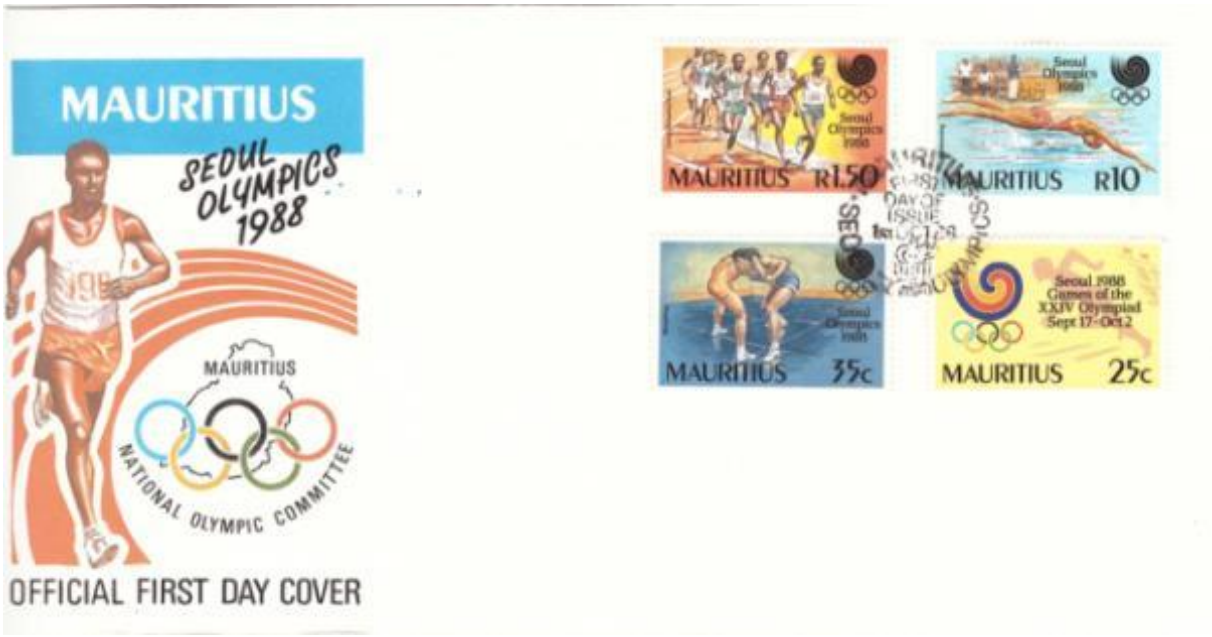

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1988-1-oct-seoul-olympics.jpg?w=640&h=332: "The Olympic games commemorative set of 4 postage stamps issued on 1st October 1988 is the first Olympic set of stamps issued by the Mauritius Postal Administration. This set depicts 3 disciplines, namely wrestling (35 cs), long distance running (Rs. 1.50) and swimming (Rs. 10). Each stamp shows the Seoul Olympic emblem, the Korean motif called "Sam t'aeguk", representing the harmony of heaven earth and man. The 25cs value is inscribed "Seoul 1988 Game of XXIV Olympiad, September 17 – October 2".

1988 Mauritius New Definitives: environment (1 August 1988) (M678IY, 679IX, 680IX, 681IX and 682IY, without year) According to Michel Katalog the series only started in 1989 (11.3.1989).

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0678.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1988-1-aug-new-definitive-part-i.jpg?w=700 : "The year 1989 was declared Year of the Environment in Mauritius. To mark this event, the Mauritius Postal Administration issued a set of 5 postage stamps on 11 March 1989. The set comprises of (i) 40cs stamp, featuring Le Val Nature Park, a country estate situated in St Hubert Village. Though not declared a Nature Park, it is commonly considered as such. There is a harmonious blend of a beautiful and spectacular scenery with various

activities, such as watercress cultivation and giant prawn breeding, taking place; (ii) Rs. 3 stamp shows a reef fish, the Chaetodontidae, in its natural habitat. The coral reef ecosystem is very fragile and uncontrolled interference could lead to the degradation of this wonderful water world and decrease fisheries ressources; (iii) Rs. 4 shows a fern tree. There are 2 species of indigenous tree ferns in Mauritius. These are Cyathea borbonica and Cyathea excelsa. In Mauritius, they are more commonly known as Fandia. The stem which is fibrous in nature is swollen at the base. It is an important component of the Mauritian native forest, which grows in the humid upland areas; (iv) Rs. 6 stamp showing an ecological scenery, a view of River Baptiste with Le Pouce mountain in the background. The river is situated near St Pierre, Moka; (v) Rs. 10 stamp showing the Phelsuma Ornata, a gecko licking nectar from a flower on the Round island. This gecko is one of the four species of geckoes found on the mainland of Mauritius and several outer islets. It prefers a hot and dry climate and is found mainly at low medium altitudes".

1989 Regular series of 1978 with year

50c: M441IIYC (16.1.1989) not yet found

2r: M450IIYC (1989)

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2 r and 5r: 452IIYC (1989)

http://i.imgur.com/mEX2QCz.jpg

3r: 451IIYC (16.1.1989); 25r: 453IIYC (1989) not yet found

1989 200th anniversary of the French Revolution (14 July 1989) (M683-686)

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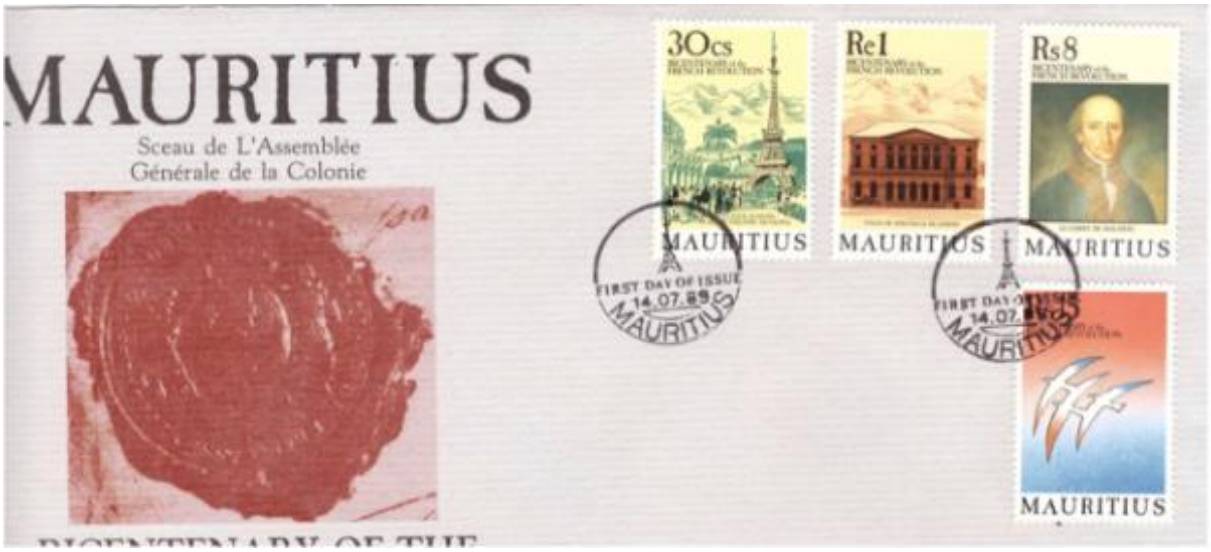

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1989-14-july-200th-french-revolution.jpg?w=640&h=287: "On 14 July 1989, a set of 4 postage stamps were issued to mark the bicentenary of the French revolution, which emerged from a political crisis that coincided with an economic breakdown. The set comprises of (i) 30cs stamp, showing la Tour Sumeire (Place du Theatre municipal in Port Louis), inspired by the Eiffel Tower and erected by Mr Camille Sumeire , a Frenchman who was the Director of the Albion Dockon 14 July 1889 to mark the centenary of the French revolution. It was subsequently sold by auction to a private residence in Curepipe; (ii) R. 1.00 showing la Salle du Spectacle du Jardin, the first Municipal Theater, designed by M. Lebrun, a colonial architect. It was built in 1787 in the Jardin de la Compagnie but was destroyed by a cyclone in 1816; (iii) Rs. 8 features Anne Joseph Hippolyte de Maurès, Comte de Malartic, who was appointed Governor of Isle de France and the French territories to the East of the Cape of Good Hope in 1792; (iv) Rs. 15 featuring the logo of the Bicentenary of the French Revolution, designed by Jean Michel Folon. It represents 3 birds flying to the four corners of the earth, which could symbolise the threefold ideal of the French revolution: Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité".

1989 Visit of Pope John-Paul II (14 October 1989) (M687-691)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0687.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1989-14-oct-visit-of-pope-john-paul-ii-ofc.jpg?w=640&h=305: "On the occasion of the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II on 14 October 1989, a special set of commemorative stamps was issue. His Holiness also visited the island of Rodrigues on the 15th October 1989. The set comprising of the 30cs, 40cs, Rs. 3, Rs. 6 and Rs 10 denomination features the following: (i) 30 cs – His Eminence Cardinal Jean Margeot, Bishop of Port-Louis. Born in Mauritius in 1916, he became the first Mauritian Bishop in 1969, one year after the country became independent. He was made Cardinal by His Holiness Pope John Paul II in June 1988; (ii) 40 cs – His Holiness Pope John Paul II welcoming the Rt. Hon. Sir Aneerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius. This was on the occasion of the elevation to Cardinalate of the Right Reverend Jean Margeot at the Vatican in June 1988; (iii) Rs. 3 – The Chapel of the Convent of "Les Filles de Marie", situated at La Paix Street, Port-Louis, was opened to worship in 1864. In the inset, is featured the founder of the Congregation, Mother Marie Magdeleine de la Croix, who died in 1889; (iv) Rs. 6 – The Church of St. François d'Assise at Pamplemousses, built in 1756. It is the oldest catholic church in Mauritius; (v) Rs. 10 – A portrait of His Holiness Pope John Paul II".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1989-14-oct-_-visit-of-pope-sc_5.jpg?w=619&h=354 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1989-14-oct-visit-of-pope-sc_11.jpg?w=620&h=352 [also see other special envelopes on this website]. POSTMARK S.S.R.INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MAURITIUS.

1989 Birth centenary of Pandit Nehru (14 November 1989) (M692-696)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0692.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1989-14-nov-birth-centenary-of-nehru.jpg?w=639&h=327: “On 14 November 1989, a set of four postage stamps were issued to mark the birth centenary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Nehru was born on 14 Nov 1889 in Allahabad in India. His father was an eminent lawyer and politician. In 1907, he joined Trinity College at Cambridge, where he obtained a degree in natural sciences. Subsequently he studies law and was called to the bar at Inner Temple in 1912. He returned to India to practice as a lawyer. He married Kamala Kaul, with whom was born a daughter, Indira

Priyadarshini (later Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India). Although coming from the middle class, he engaged into politics after listening to agricultural workers. In the 1930s, Nehru became the biggest crowd puller after Gandhi and became one of the major spokesman of the liberation movement. When India became independent on 15 Aug 1947, Nehru became its first Prime Minister and served as such for 17 years. The stamps represent the following : (i) 40cs show Nehru First Prime Minister of India; (ii) Rs 1.50 shows Nehru with his daughter Indira Gandhi and grandsons Rajiv and Sanjay; (iii) Rs 3.00 illustrated Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi; (iv) Rs. 4.00 shows Nehru with Nasser of Egypt and Tito of Yugoslavia; (v) Rs. 10 shows Nehru in the company of children".

1990 350 years anniversary of the introduction of sugar cane on Mauritius (10 January 1990) M697-700)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1990-10-jan-350th-anniversary-of-intro-of-sugar-cane.jpg?w=700: "On 10 January 1990 a set of 4 postage stamps was issued to mark the 350th anniversary of the introduction of sugar cane in Mauritius. It was introduced in 1639 by the Dutch Governor Adriaan Van der Stel, from Java. It was first grown in the region of Ferney. Two sugar processing plants were established by 1641 but was soon abandoned by 1652. The cultivation of sugar cane however continued for the production of arrak, an alcoholic beverage similar to rum. By then end of the 17th century Jan Bockelberg, a junior surgeon of the colony, produced both white and black sugar. During the French period, sugar cane production was re-instated under Governor Mahé de Labourdonnais. In 1810, sugar cane covered 10% of the island under crops. Sir Robert Farqhuar, the first British Governor felt sugar was an important asset for Mauritius and the area under cane production was increased. The expansion of sugar cane slowed down in 1835 due to shortage of labour, following the abolition of slavery but with the arrival of Indian immigrants relaunched production. New varieties were introduced, roads and railways were constructed to facilitate transport. At the turn of the 20th century the sugar industry suffered from the fall in world prices. Reforms were undertaken and production was centralised and mechanised and the number of factories were reduced. Preferential access to the EU market gave Mauritius a guaranteed market for its sugar production under the Sugar Protocol. The set comprising postage stamps of the (i) 30cs (cane cutting); (ii) 40cs, an ancient factory 1867; (iii) Rs 1, a mechanical loading of sugar cane; (iv) Rs 25, a modern sugar factory".

1990 60th Birthday Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth (29 March 1990) (M701-705)

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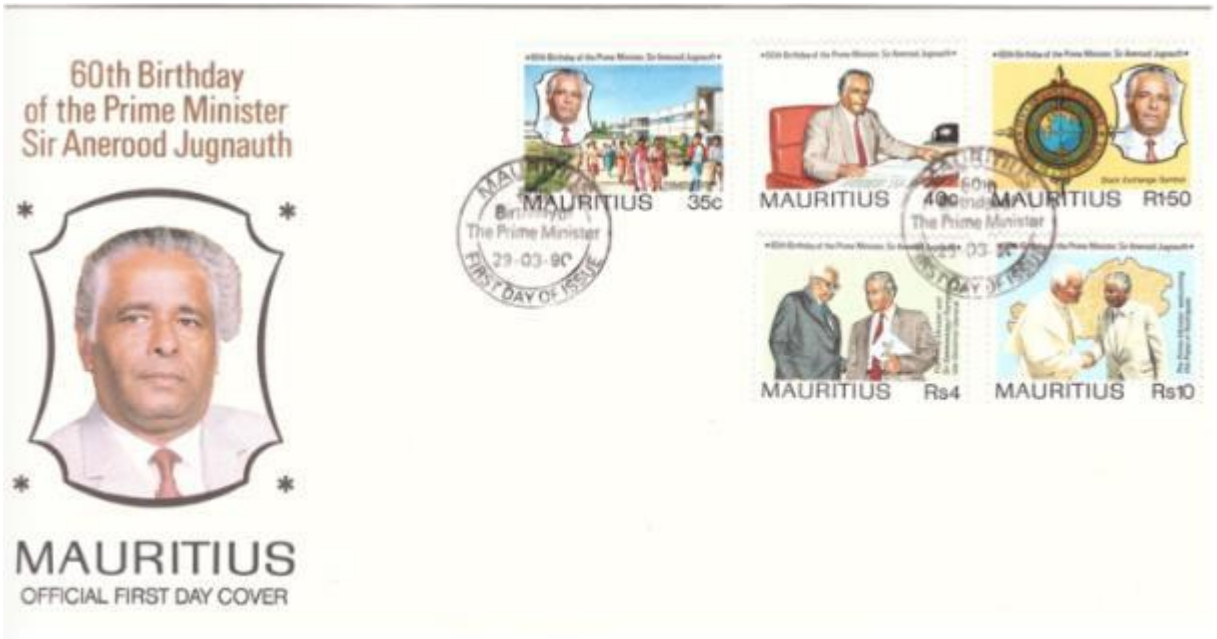

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1990-29-march-60th-anniversaire-saj.jpg?w=700 : "29 March 1990: 60th Birthday of the Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Official First Day CoverOn 29 March 1990, a set of 5 postage stamps were issued to commemorate the 60th birth anniversary of the Prime Minister, Sir Aneerood Jugnauth. He was born in the village of Palma in a family involved in sugarcane plantation. The stamps depicts various sceneries of the life of SAJ and key achievements under his prime ministership. (i) The 40cs stamp represents an industrial estate; (ii) Rs. 40c shows SAJ at his desk; (iii) Rs. 1.50 shows the stock exchange symbol; (iv) Rs. 4.00 shows the Prime Minister

with late Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam; (v) Rs 10 shows the Prime Minister welcoming the Pope in Rodrigues".

1990 Local events (5 July 1990) (M706-709)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1990-5-july-anniversaries-of-local-events.jpg?w=640&h=320: "On 5 July 1990, a set of 4 postage stamps were released

commemorating the four following local events (i) A 30c stamp commemorating the 150th anniversary of the death of Julien Desjardins, a Mauritian natularist born of 27 July 1799 on the family estate of Argy, Flacq. He showed an early interest in natural sciences and studied Botany, Meteorology and Zoology. Upon his return to Mauritius after his studies in France in 1824, he started to collect and draw rare fishes for Curvier. The latter expressed his warm thanks and gratitude to Desjardins in his book "Histoire Naturelle de Poissons". He was one of the founders of the "Société Histoire Naturelle" in 1829 and served as the secretary for 10 years; (ii) A 35c stamp to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation. In September 1963 an agreement was signed with Thomson Television International Ltd empowering them to act as Managing Agents for providing the island with a Television Service. The first television transmission in black and white was aired on 8th Feb. 1965. Subsequently, colour tv was introduced on 24 December 1975 and the service was extended to Rodrigues on 7 November 1988; (iii) A Rs. 6 stamp to mark the 250th anniversary of Line Barracks. The construction of Line Barracks started in 1740 under the Governorship of Mahé de Labourdonnais and is one of the oldest building in Port-Louis. During colonization, it was used for the lodging of troops and to accommodate regiments on their way to India. At some point, it was even used for the storage of grains. When the British took possession of the island in 1810, the Line Barracks already comprised several buildings. On 22 March 1922, the Police Headquarters were moved to the Line Barracks; (iv) A Rs. 8 stamp to celebrate the Centenary of the Municipality of Curepipe. It is believed that the name of Curepipe was first mentioned in 1817. At that time, it was a wooden marshy land with Azalea plants all around. With only a few inhabitants, it was mainly a relay station utilised by stage coaches plying between Port-Louis and Grand Port. In the 1850s, some industries began to set up there. A sawmill, a soap factory and a brewery were established, as well as 2 hotels, the Furcy Hotel and the Victoria Hotel. The inauguration of a railway station in 1865 gave an impetus to the development of Curepipe. In 1867, an epidemic of malaria caused an exodus of the inhabitants of Port-Louis towards the upper plateau, and this gave birth to the town of Curepipe. The foundation stone of St Thérèse Church was laid in 1869, and 2 primary schools were opened. The first slaughter house was built in 1876 and the market in 1878. The status of town was granted by Ordinance 12 in 1889. The foundation stone of the Town Hall of Curepipe was laid on 4th February 1902. The architectural design of this beautiful wooden building reflects the Colonial Style of the 19th Century".

1990 – Centenary (1890 – 1990) of the Municipality of Curepipe

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1990-centenaire-de-la-municipalite-de-curepipe.jpg?w=700: "A special commemorative cover, with a Rs. 8 stamp, was issued to celebrate the Centenary of the Municipality of Curepipe. It is believed that the name of Curepipe was first mentioned in 1817. At that time, it was a wooden marshy land with Azalea plants all around. With only a few inhabitants, it was mainly a relay station utilised by stage coaches plying between Port-Louis and Grand Port. In the 1850s, some industries began to set up there. A sawmill, a soap factory and a brewery were established, as well as 2 hotels, the Furcy Hotel and the Victoria Hotel. The inauguration of a railway station in 1865 gave an impetus to the development of Curepipe. In 1867, an epidemic of malaria caused an exodus of the inhabitants of Port-Louis towards the upper plateau, and this gave birth to the town of Curepipe. The foundation stone of St Thérèse Church was laid in 1869, and 2 primary schools were opened. The first slaughter house was built in 1876 and the market in 1878. The status of town was granted by Ordinance 12 in 1889. The foundation stone of the Town Hall of Curepipe was laid on 4th February 1902. The architectural design of this beautiful wooden building reflects the Colonial Style of the 19th Century". POSTMARK MUNICIPALITE DE CUREPIPE.

1990: International Literacy Year (28 September 1990) (M710-713)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1990-28-sep-international-literacy-year.jpg?w=640&h=348: "28 September 1990: International Literacy Year, Official First Day Cover".

1990 Definitives; new values (29 November 1990), without year (M714IX-718IX)

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1990 Postmark Vallee Pitot

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1991 regular series of 1989 with year

40c: M678IIX: “1991” (19.2.1991),

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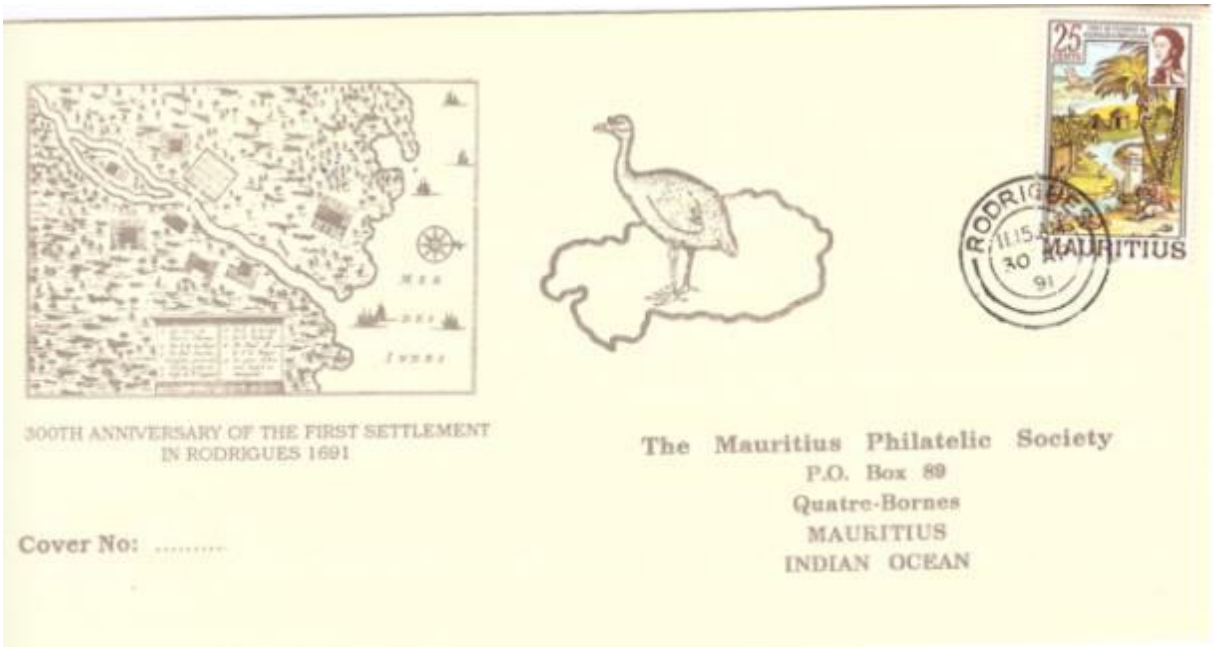
1991 300th Anniversary of the First Settlement in Rodrigues (1691) (30 April 1991)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1991-30-april-300th-anniv-of-first-settlement-in-rodrigues-sc-mps.jpg?w=639&h=339: "30 April 1991: 300th Anniversary of the First Settlement in Rodrigues (1691) – The Mauritius Philatelic Society Cover". POSTMARK RODRIGUES.

1991 65th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II and 70th birthday of Prince Philip (17 June 1991) (M719-720)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1991-17-june-65th-anniv-qe-ii.jpg?w=600&h=417: "On 17 June 1991, a set of 2 stamps were issued to mark the 65th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and 70th birthday of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburg. The Rs. 8 stamp shows Prince Phillip, while the Rs 8 stamp depicts Queen Elizabeth II".

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1991 Anniversaries and events (18 August 1991) M721-724)

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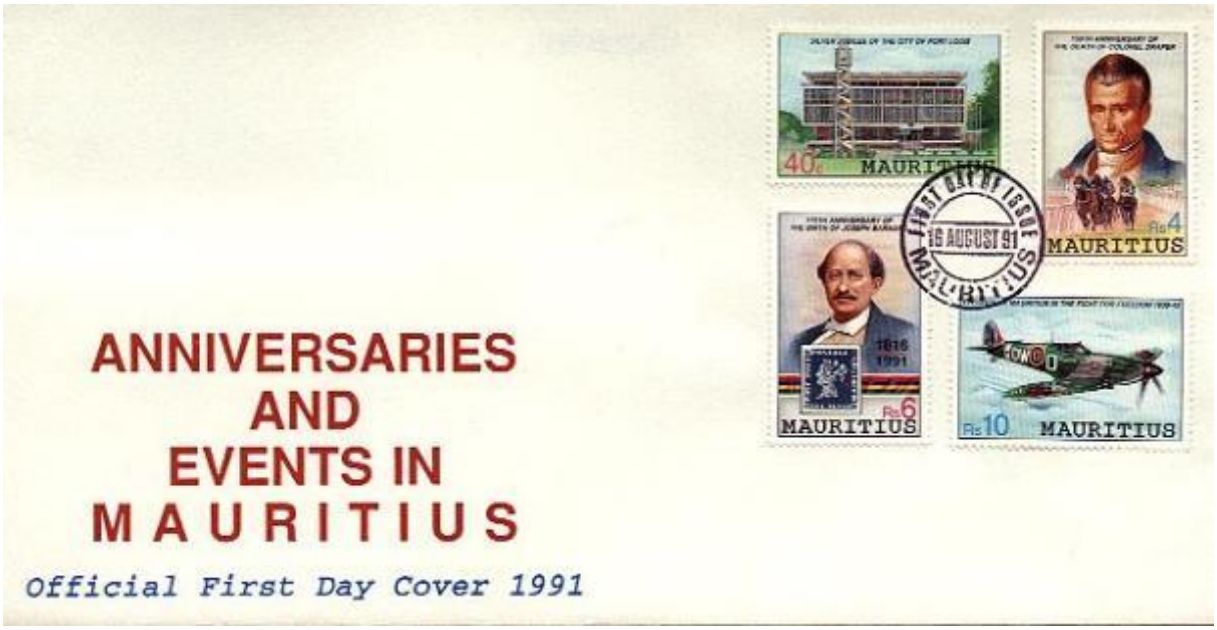

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1991-16-aug-anniversaries-and-events.jpg?w=639&h=344: "On 16 August 1991, a set of 4 postage stamps were issued to mark the following anniversaries and events: (i) A 40cs stamp to mark the silver jubilee of the City of Port-Louis. Port-Louis owes much of its development to Governor Mahé de Labourdonnais, who developed Port-Louis as a good harbour to shelter ships and to carry out trade. To develop Port Louis into a town, docks, defences, batteries, forts, a hospital, a Government House and an aquaduct bringing water from Grand River North West to Port Louis were built. In 1916, a great fire broke out, destroying the principal shops and warehouses and public properties. The status of City was conferred on Port-Louis on 25 Aug. 1966; (ii) A Rs. 4 stamp for the 150th anniversary of the death of Colonel Draper. Edward Draper was born in Oxfordshire on 22 October 1776. In 1796 he became Lieutenant, then Captain in the British Army, and he served in West Indies and Egypt. In 1803, as a brevet major, he announced the capture of St Lucia. In defence of Sir Thomas Picton in 1804, he was jailed for 3 months for libel. He retired from the army as Colonel. In 1812, he came to Mauritius. In the same year, he founded the Mauritius Turf Club and initiated the first horse races. For a short period of time, he was appointed Chief Secretary in Bourbon. Back to Mauritius, he served as Chief of Police, Colonial Secretary, Collector of Customs, Civil Engineer, Registrar of Slaves, Magistrate and Colonial Treasurer. Draper supported the Mauritian planters against the British officials in respect of slave trade and the abolition of slavery issues. Dismissed by Governor Nicolay, he went back to England in 1832 but came back to Mauritius in 1836. He died on 22 April 1841 and was buried in Rivière Noire; (iii) Rs. 6 stamp for the 175th anniversary of Joseph Osmond Barnard, who described himself as an engraver and a miniature painter. In 1842, Barnard engraved on steel a drawing of the Grand Hotel d'Europe. In virtue of the General Regulations of the Post Office Department published on 13 Jan. 1847, he received an order to engrave a plate to print of one penny and two penny postage stamps. However, he engraved "Post Office" instead of "Post Paid" on his printing plate. Some of the stamps were used on the invitation of the Ball of Lady Gomm. Because the engraving was incorrect, only a few stamps were printed, others were destroyed before being sued. Later Barnard produced other plates with the correct engravings and proceeded with the printing of more postage stamps ; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp showing the Spitfire, to commemorate the efforts of Mauritius for the Fight of Freedom (World War II – 1939 – 45). The colony of Mauritius contributed to the Fight of Freedom in numerous ways. Funds were raised through public subscription and a horse race was held on 26 Oct 1942 for the purchase of a pool of aircrafts for the Royal Air Force. Tax on outgoing sugar was also increased by the Chamber of Agriculture for the same purpose. In recognition of the contribution of Mauritius, one of the aircrafts was called Mauritius II. The aircraft, a Spitfire Mark II, started operating on 18 April 1941 and was used by various Air Force squadrons and transferred finally to the operational unit on 5 June 1942. It crashed 2 months later in Glamorgan, South Wales".

1991 Protection of the environment (4 October 1991), without year (M725IY-729IY)

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1991 Butterflies (15 November 1991) (M730-733)

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1991 Islands of the State of Mauritius, with flora and fauna (13 December 1992) (M734-737)

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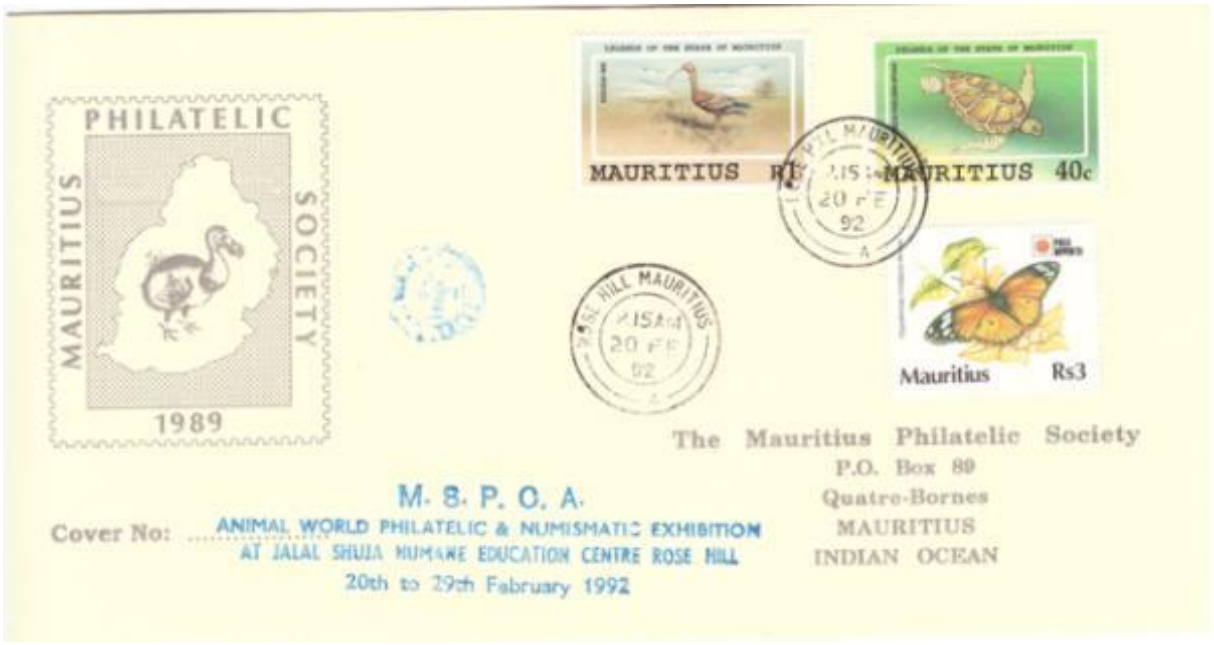
1992: M.S.P.C.A Animal world philatelic and numismatic exhibition: Mauritius Philatelic Society cover (20 February 1992).



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1992-20-feb-mspca-animal-world-mps-sc.jpg?w=640&h=337 POSTMARK ROSE HILL.

Republic of Mauritius, Introduction

On 12 March 1992 Mauritius no longer recognized the Queen of Great Britain and of the British Commonwealth as its head of state. The following people became Presidents and Prime Ministers of the Republic of Mauritius.

President	Period	Prime Minister
Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo (1920-2000)	12 March 1992 – 30 June 1992	Sir Anerood Jugnauth
Cassam Uteem (1941-)	30 June 1992 – 15 February 2002	Sir Anerood Jugnauth, Navin Ramgoolam, and again Sir Anerood Jugnauth
Karl Offmann	25 February 2002 - 1 October 2003	Sir Anerood Jugnauth

(1940-)

Sir Anerood Jugnauth (1930-)	7 October 2003 - 31 March 2012	Paul Bérenger & Navin Ramgoolam
Kailash Purryag (1947-)	21 July 2012 - 29 May 2015	Navin Ramgoolam & Sir Anerood Jugnaut
Ameenah Gurib (1959-)	After 5 June 2015	Sir Anerood Jugnauth & Pravind Jugnauth

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Presidents_of_Mauritius (excluding interim presidents). Pictures: for Offmann: https://i.ytimg.com/vi/tpCcfVgjkUQ/hqdefault.jpg; for Uteem: http://www.interpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2016-12-14_Interpeace_GC_headshot_Tardy_web_011_2_Cassam_Uteem.jpg

Postage stamps since 12 March 1992

1992 Proclamation of the Republic (12 March 1992) (M738-741)

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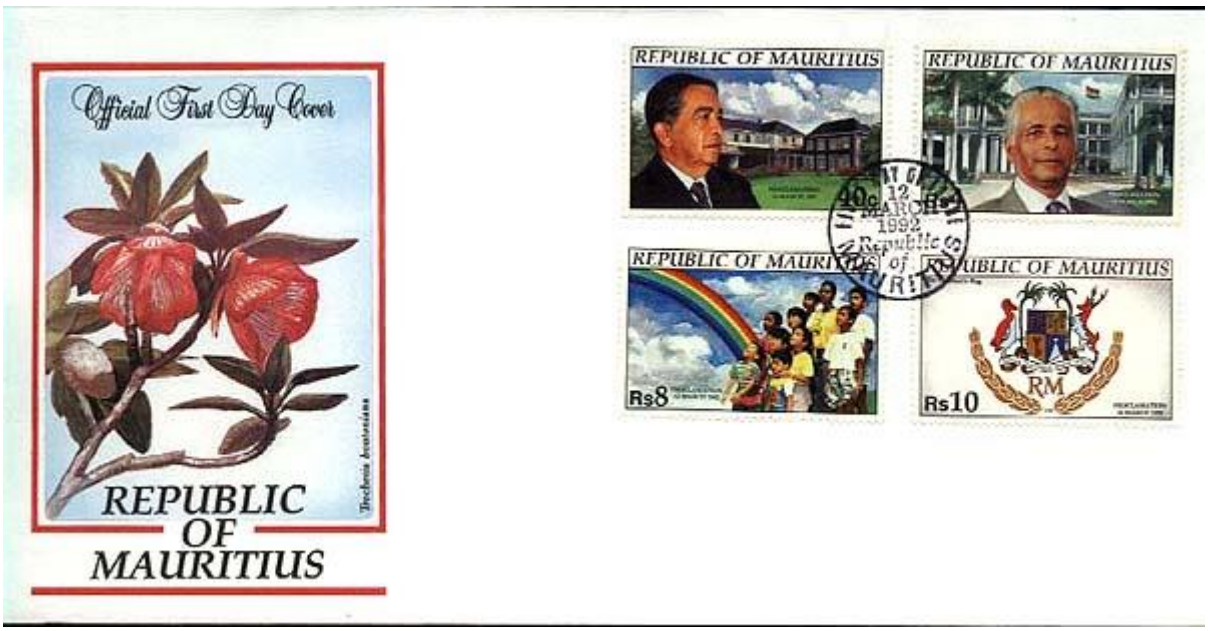

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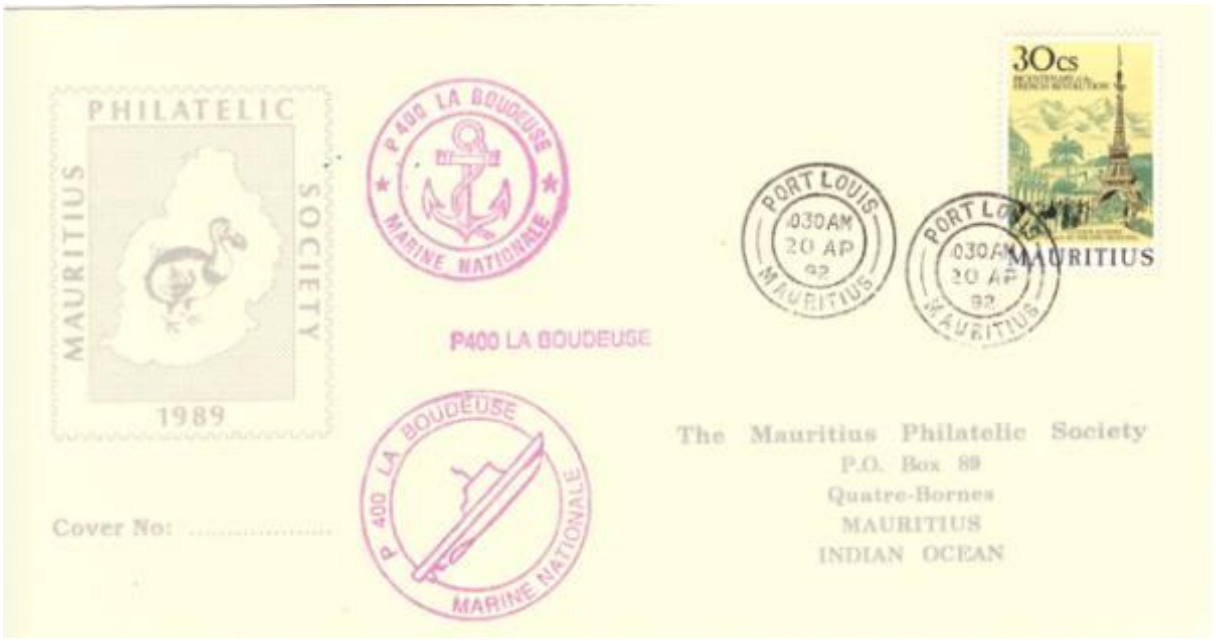
40c M738 President Cassam Uteem and government building; 4r, M739 Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth and overnment building; 8r, 740 children and rainbow as symbols of hope; 10r, M741 coat of arms

1992 Special postmark La Boudeuse, Marine Nationale (20 April 1992)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1992-20-april-p400-la-boudeuse-mps-sc.jpg?w=640&h=335 POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1992 Opening of Post Office Camp de Masque Pavé (4 May 1992, special cover)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1992-4-may-inauguration-of-camp-de-masque-po_sc.jpg?w=640&h=323 POSTMARK CAMP DE MASQUE PAVE.

1992 8th African athletics championship (25 June 1992) (M742-745)

http://www.sport-olympic.gr/sp/images/AFC_1992.jpg

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1992 Earth summit Brazil, special cover (3 July 1992)

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1992 Postmark Port Louis Station

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1992 Anniversaries and events (13 August 1992) (M746-750)

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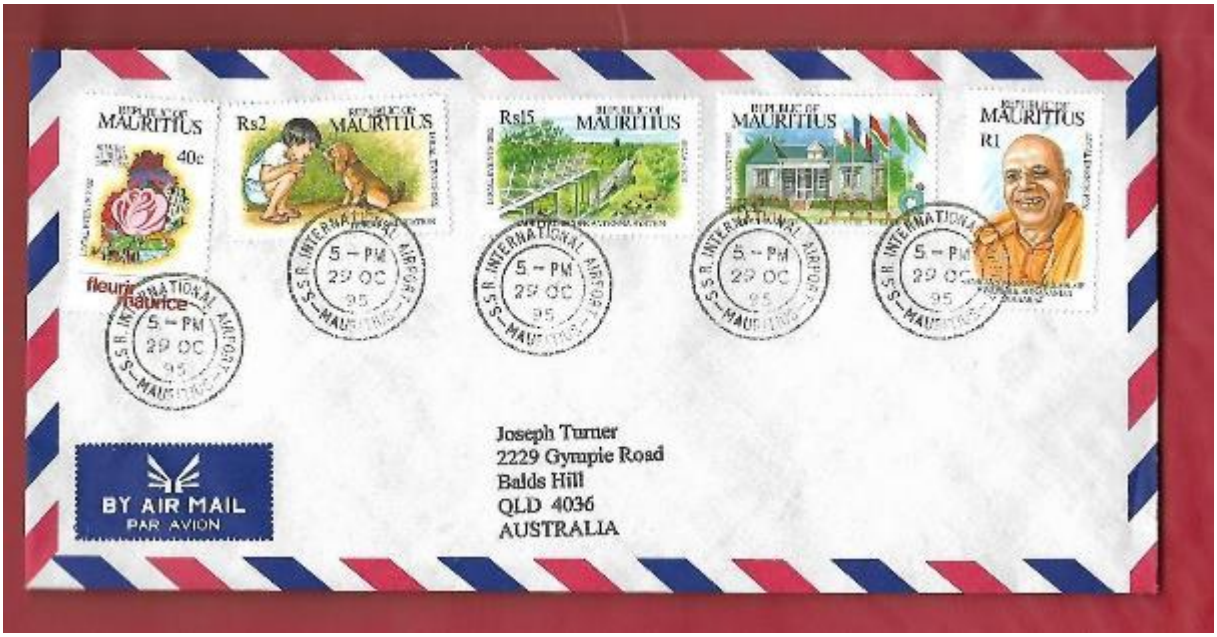

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1992 Silver jubilee of Bank of Mauritius (29 October 1992) (M751-754)

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1993 Regular series (environment), with year

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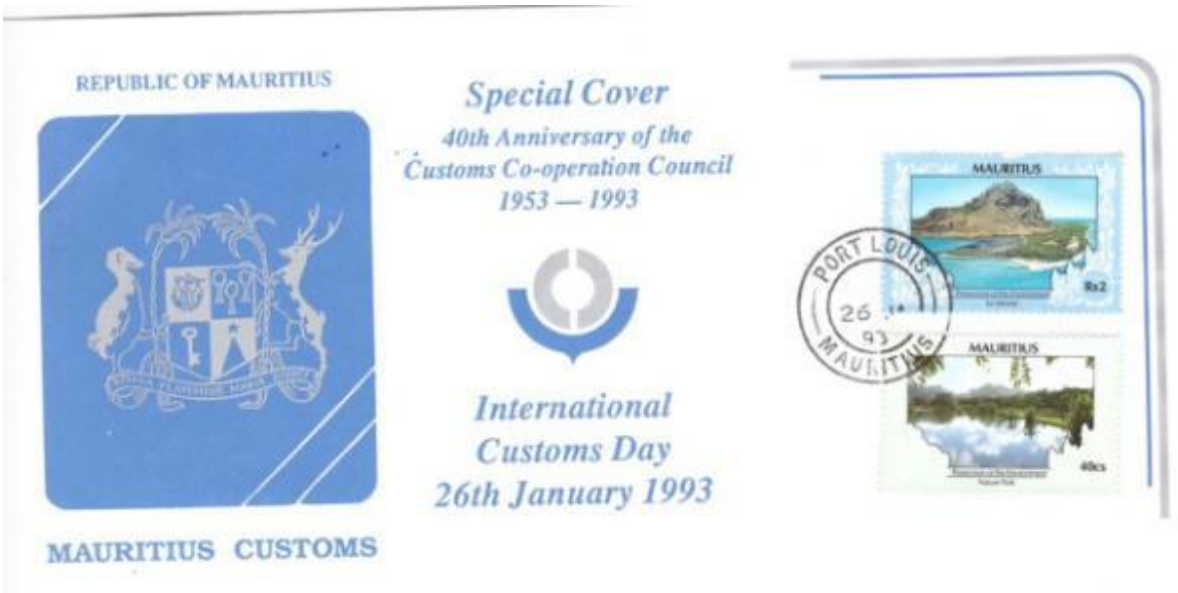
1993 400th Anniversary of the Customs Co-operation Council 1953 – 1993, International Customs Day, Special Cover (26 January 1993)



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1993 Anniversary of National Day (12 March 1993) (M755-759)

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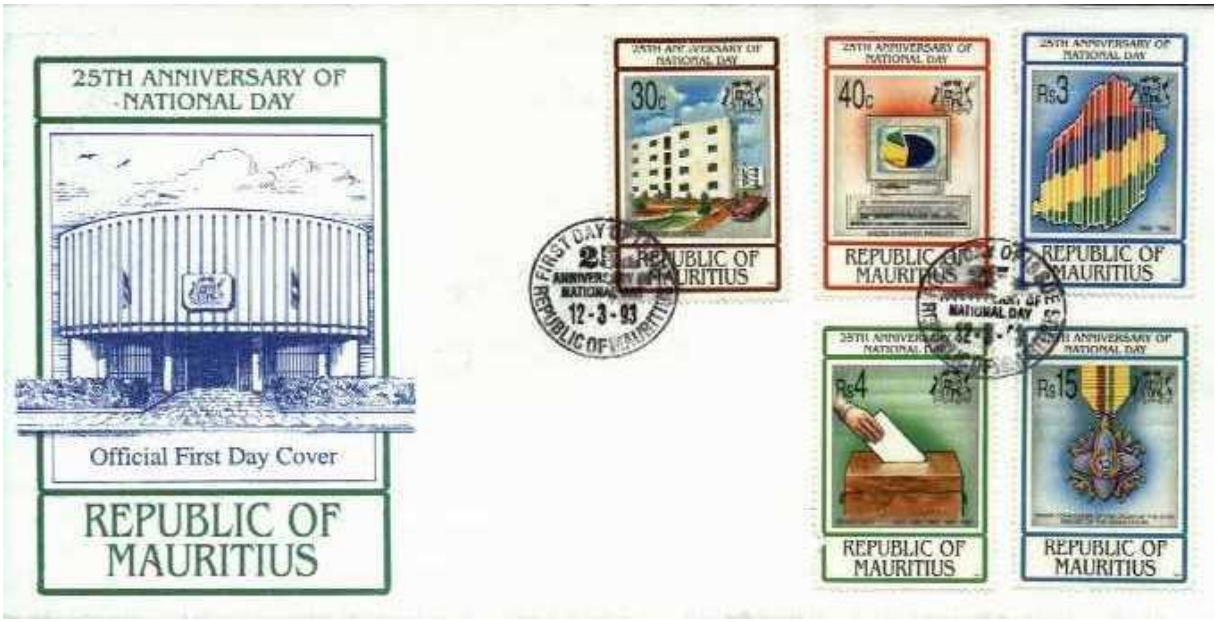

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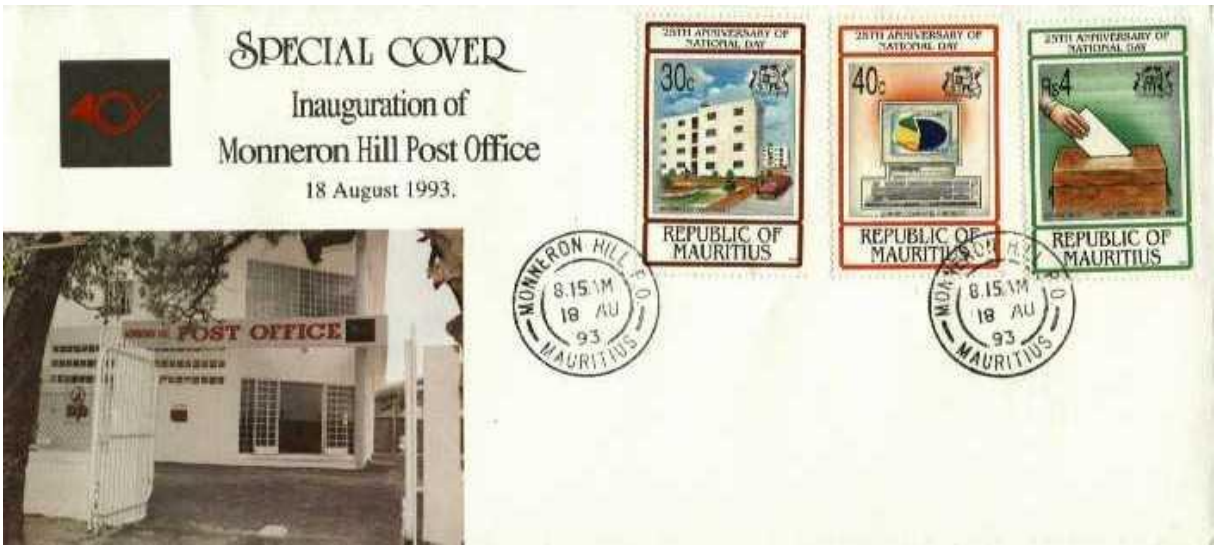
1993 Monneron Hill Post office opening (18 March 1993)



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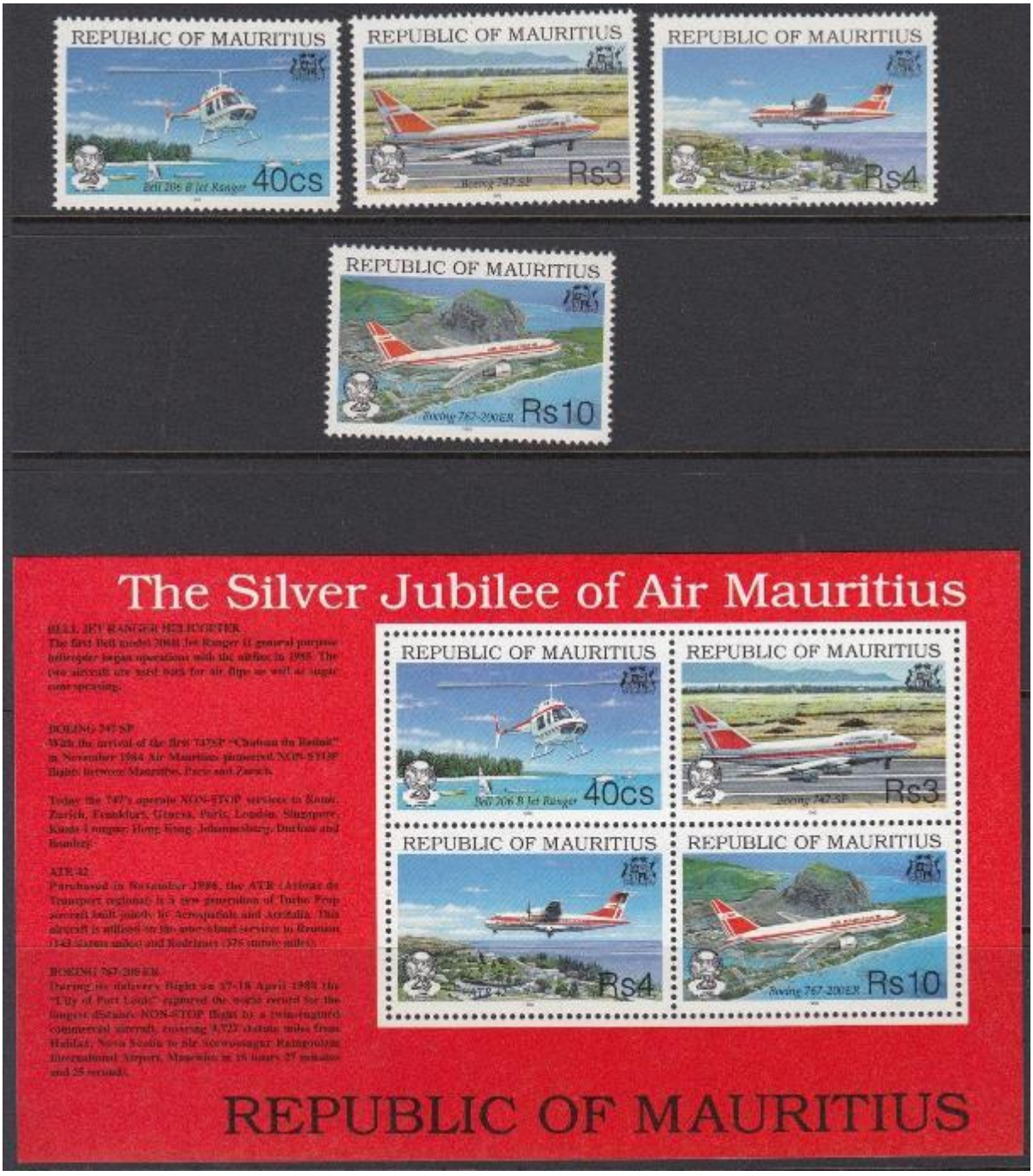
1993 Silver Jubilee of Air Mauritius (14 June 1993) (M760-763)



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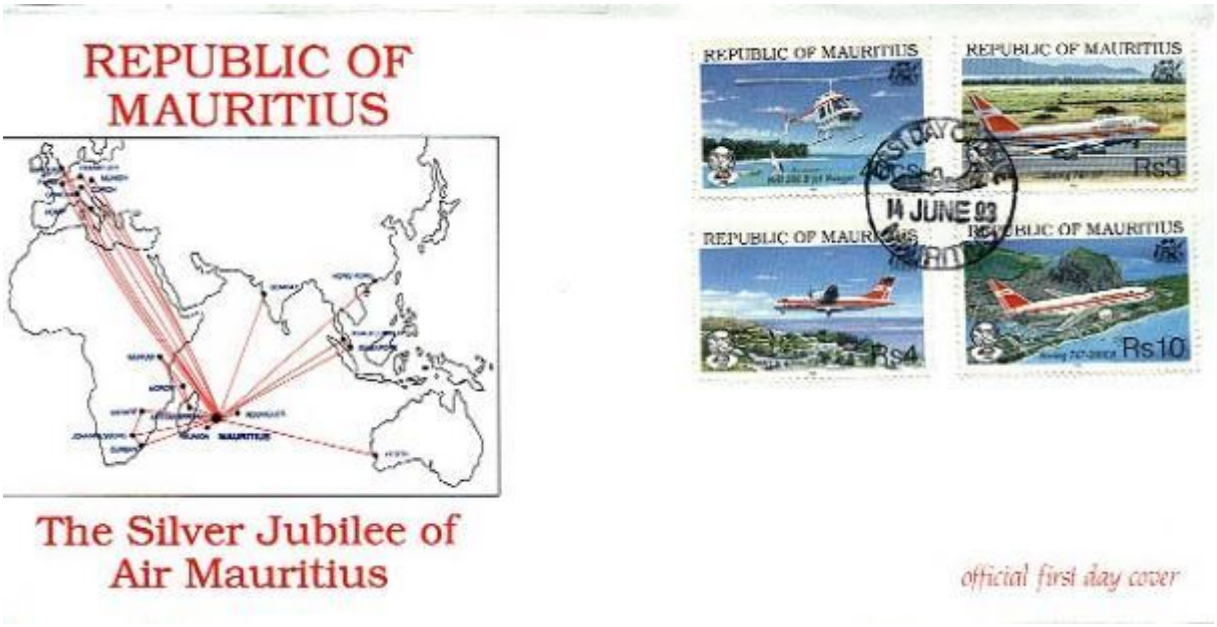

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1993-14-june-silver-jubilee-air-mauritius.jpg?w=634&h=330: "To mark the silver jubilee of Air Mauritius, a new official first day cover and a miniature sheet was released on 14 June 1993. It is composed of 4 stamps, (i) 40cs, representing a Bell 206B Jet Ranger helicopter, put in operations by Air Mauritius in 1985; (ii) Rs. 3, showing the taking off of a Boeing 747 SP, in operation since 1984. The aircraft was used for the first non-stop flights between Mauritius, Paris, Rome and Zurich; (iii) Rs. 4, showing an ATR 42, used for inter-island services, linking Mauritius to Reunion Isl. and Rodrigues. The plane was put in service in 1986; (iv) Rs. 10, showing a Boeing 767-200 ER, baptised the City of Port-Louis. This aircraft held the world record in 1988 for the longest non-stop distant. The FDC shows Air Mauritius route map. Over the years, the company acquired more airlines. Today, Air Mauritius covers a number of countries in Asia, Europe and Africa. It also has several weekly flights to Australia. Despite its small fleet compared to major global companies, it has strong connections with other companies, sharing code shares and partnerships with major companies, such as Lufthansa, Swiss Air and Emirates, to name but a few".

1993 Definitives, new value (15 September 1993) (M764)

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Envir40csurch.jpg: "40c.surcharged on 75c. Bassin Blanc)

1993 5th Summit of French Speaking nations (16 October 1993) (M765-768)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "A set of 4 postal stamps was issued to commemorate the holding in Mauritius of the 5e Sommet de la Francophonie from 16 to 18 October 1993. The background colour of these stamps represent the Mauritian national colours. The four denominations are (i) Re. 1 depicts the main stages of the francophone presence in Mauritius, including during the British colonisation from 1810 to 1968. Article VIII of the "Acte de Capitulation" is featured on the stamp; (ii) Rs. 5 illustrates a picturesque aspect of Mauritius, with place names and signboards reminding of the links with France; (iii) Rs. 6 depicts a law bulletin of 1807 where the french civil code – known as Code Napoleon – was extended to all overseas territories of France, including Mauritius. The seal of the Minister of Justice is also shown; (iv) Rs. 7 shows elements of the francophone press. In 1773 the first newspaper was printed in Mauritius. Until 1982, le Cernéen, established in 1832 was the oldest french language newspaper. The FDC lists out the names of some of our francophone authors".

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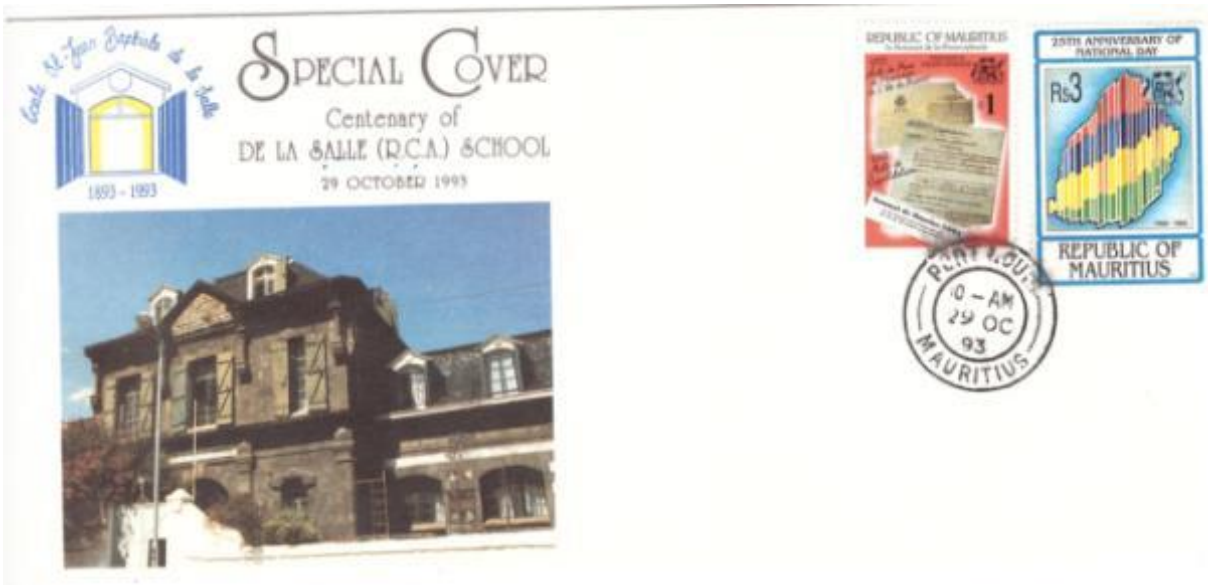
1993 Centenary of de la Salle (R.C.A) School, Special Cover (29 October 1993)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1993-29-oct-centenary-de-la-salle-school-sc.jpg?w=640&h=307: "De la Salle (RCA) School was founded in Port-Louis on 1 November 1893 by 'les Frères des Ecoles Chrétiennes'. It bears the name of the founding father of this brotherhood – St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle. The founder and director of de la Salle School was Brother Felix de Valois, the first Mauritian to join the 'Frères des Ecoles Chrétiennes'. In 1948, the management of the school, until then led by the Catholic church, was passed to laics, who perpetuated the pedagogical and administrative methods instituted by the brotherhood". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/ACCTspc.jpg: "ACCT special cover; 20 March 1995).

1993 Centenary of Telecommunications (25 November 1993) (769-772)

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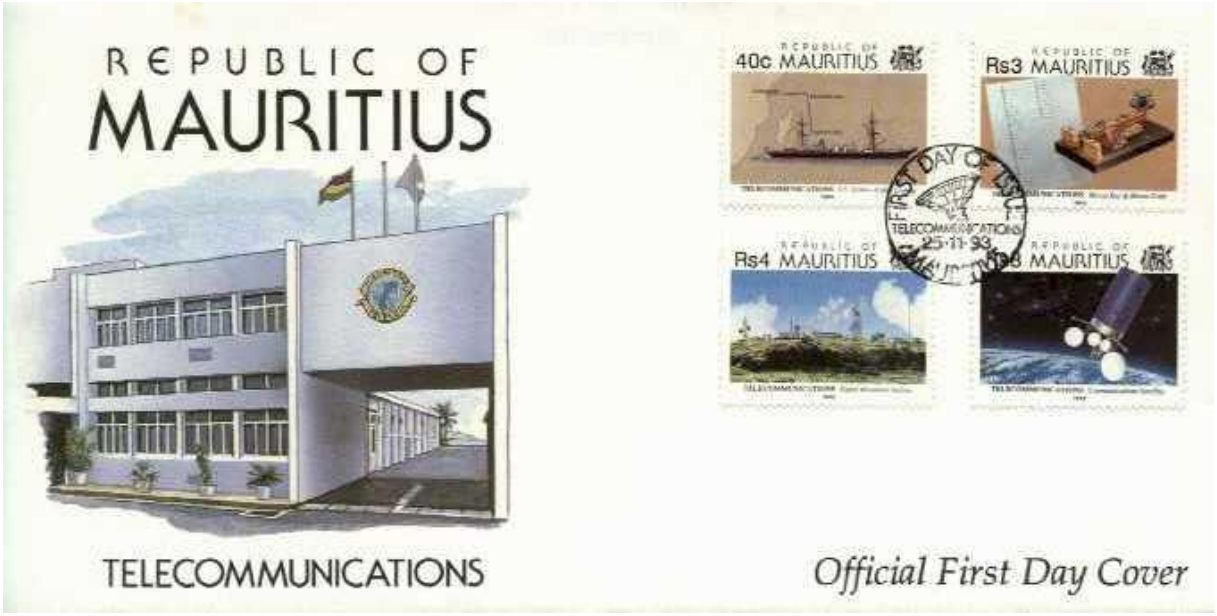
https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "This issue of 4 commemorative postage stamps on Telecommunications marks the celebration of the 100 years of external telecommunications by Mauritius Telecoms. The set of stamps depicts the evolution of telecoms in Mauritius: (i) 40cs stamp depicts the laying submarine cables between Mauritius

and Seychelles by S.S Scotia, marking the first external communications with the rest of the world in 1893. The submarine cable can still be seen at Cassis Station; (ii) Rs. 3 shows the morse key and code, invented by Samuel Morse in 1844. The first message from Mauritius was keyed on the Mauritius submarine telegraph to the Majesty Queen Victoria on 25 November 1893 at 14.45 hours and a reply was received at 17.15 hours; (iii) Rs. 4, shows Signal Mountain station, which serves as a relay station for microwave links between Mauritius and Seychelles; (iv) Rs. 8, showing a communication satellite, in operation in Mauritius since 1975. The FDC depicts Cassis Station".



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1994 Regular series (environment), with year

15c: M714IIX (27.7.1994), not yet found

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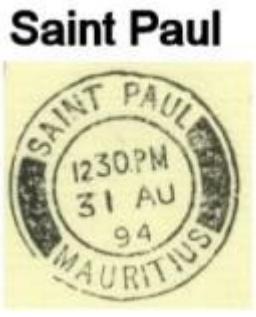
1994 Postmark Saint Paul



https://archive.is/M4Ah8/b482819ff8bd6d2422109d9d7044483e2c7f1219.jpg POSTMARK SAINT PAUL

1994 Wildlife (Mammals) (9 March 1994) (M773-776)

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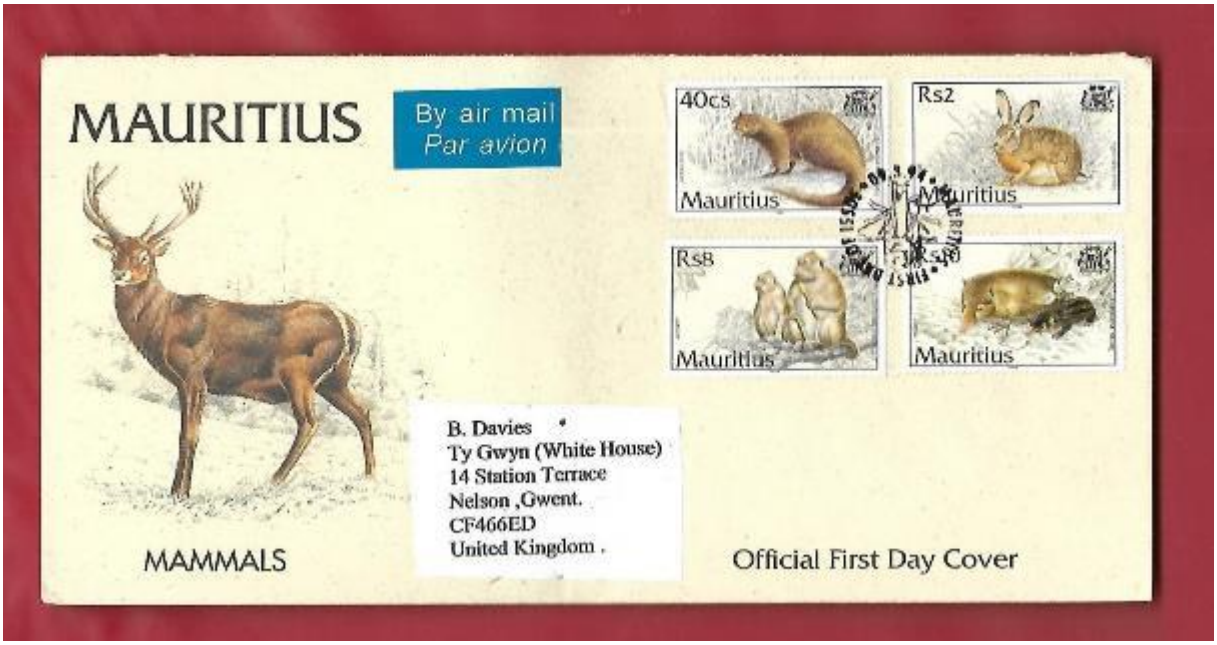

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/29EAAOSw30tZrlph/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “Mauritius has a limited species of natural wildlife most of which were introduced by early settlers and visitors. With the introduction

of sugar cane, forested lands diminished considerably. Animal species found on the island are mainly herbivores. This issue features 4 stamps with four species of mammals: (i) 40 cs stamp shows the mongoose (herpestes edwardsii) which was introduced from India in the late 19th Century to control rats because of the fear of a plague epidemic. These voracious carnivores reproduced rapidly and spread all over the island. The mongoose is partly responsible for the severe decline of the indigenous birds population; (ii) Rs. 2 shows a hare (lepus nigricollis), a herbivore from India in the 18th Century. It is very prolific and is found all over the island; (iii) Rs. 8 shows the monkey (macaca fascicularis). It was introduced from South East Asia and is responsible for the damage to the indigenous bird population and flora; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp represents a tenrec (tenrec ecaudatus), also known as Madagascar hedgehog, from where it was introduced during the 19th C. It is also very prolific and can be found all over the island. The FDC features the deer, introduced by the Dutch from Java".

1994 Anniversaries and Events (16 June 1994) (M777-780)

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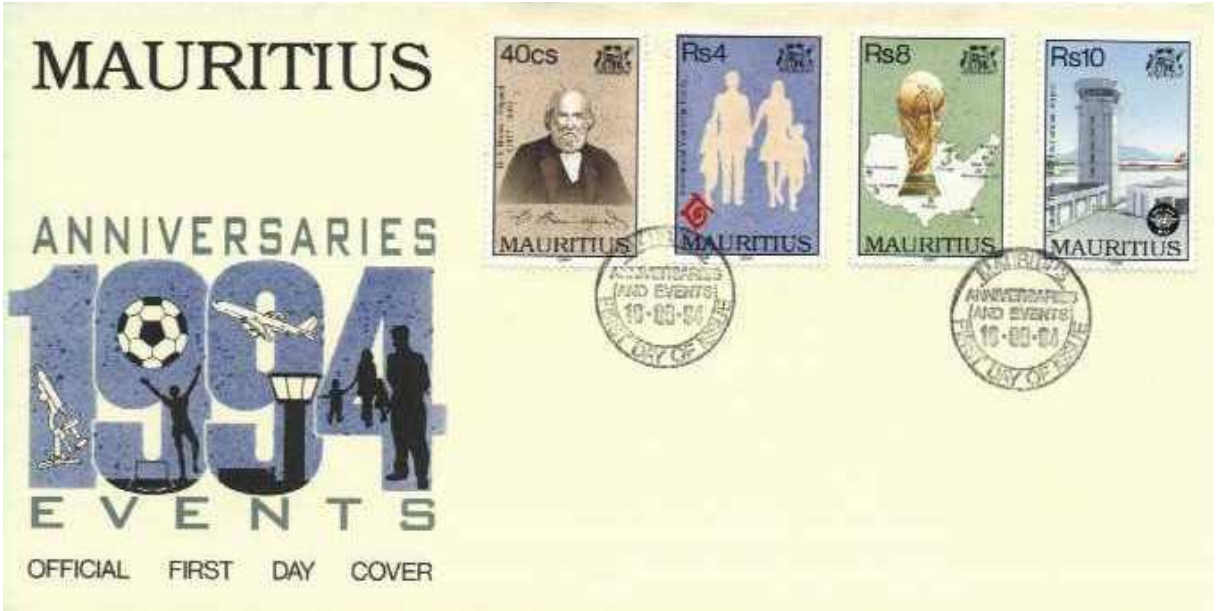

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Ani&Events941stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “This special issue of “Anniversaires and Events” postage stamps commemoratives 4 different subjects, namely (i) the 40cs, which commemorates the centenary of the death of Dr. Charles Brown-Sequard, a researcher on the physiology of the nervous system and doctor, born in Mauritius in 1817; (ii) Rs. 4 stamps, featuring the international year of the family proclaimed in 1994 by the UN. The logo symbolises life and love in a home; (iii) Rs. 8 stamps for the FIFA World Cup 1994 in the US; and (iv) Rs. 10 which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), whose main objective is to ensure the safe and orderly growth of civil aviation worldwide. The FDC is illustrated with the year 1994 incorporating designs of the themes depicted on the stamps”.

1994 250th Anniversary of the wreck of the St Geran (8 August 1994) (M781-784)

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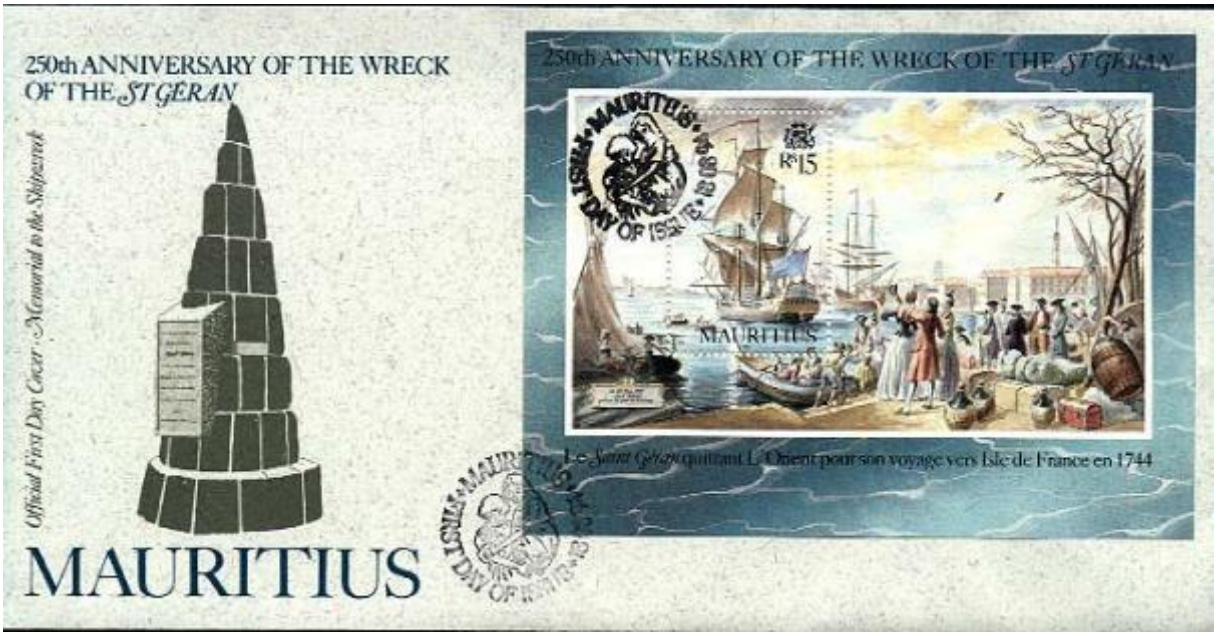
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1994-18-aug-250th-anniversary-wreck-of-st-geran.jpg?w=640&h=333: "The Saint Géran, built by the East India Company, was launched on 11 July 1736. From 1736 to 1743, it made 3 voyages to India, calling at Isle de France on each trip. On 24 March 1744, the St Geran, under the command of Capitain Lamarre, left Lorient to Isle de France and Isle Bourbon. In the afternoon of 17 August 1744, the St Géran arrived off the north east coast near Ile d'Ambre. The captain decided to wait for the next morning to enter harbour, rather risk sailing at night. However, because strong currents at night, the shift drifted towards the shore and wrecked on the reef. All attempts to rescue the ship were unsuccessful. Only 9 survivors reached Ile d'Ambre on 18th August. A famous legend was born from the story of the St Géran. French writer Bernardin de St Pierre, in his famous novel written in 1786 Paul & Virginie immortalised the St Géran. The 40cs stamps and the Rs. 15 miniature sheet show the St Géran at Lorient on 24 March 1744, before departure for Isle de France. The Rs. 5 stamp depicts the St Géran in rough seas in the north of Isle de France. The Rs. 6 stamp shows the bell of the ship: pieces of the bell were discovered by divers and was completely reconstructed (in the Naval museum of Mahebourg). The Rs. 10 links the St Géran to the legend of Paul & Virginie. The gold buckle embedded in coral symbolises Paul and the gold thimble Virginie. The FDC portrays the monument erected at Poudre d'Or in 1944 on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the shipwreck".



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1994 Postmark Port Louis W.S.

Port Louis W.S.

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1994 Children's paintings (25 October 1994) (M786-789)

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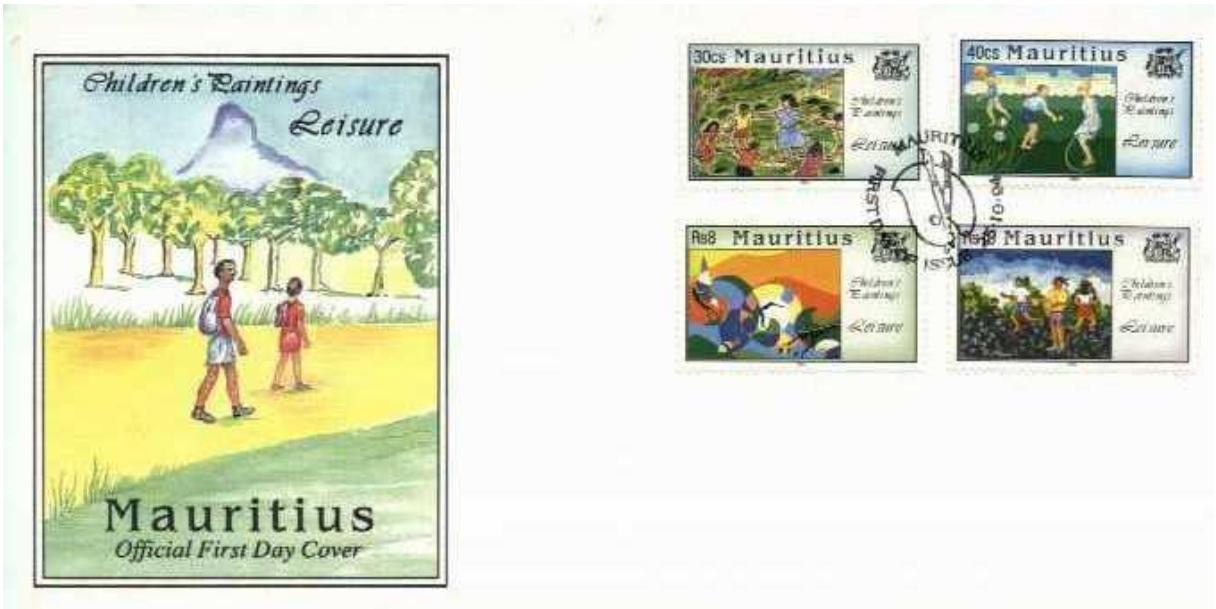

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “This issue pays tribute to young artists of Mauritius. A painting competition among student was organised by the Mauritius Postal Services and prizes for the five best entries were awarded on 9th October 1993 on World Post Day. Of those 5, four were chosen for the stamps: (i) 30cs stamp depicts a wax painting by Stephen Martin, aged 12, from Rodrigues. It shows children forming a circle holding hands while singing and playing. This form of leisure is common in Mauritius and Rodrigues; (ii) the 40cs stamp is a watercolour painting by Désiré Wan Hok Chee, aged 16 from St Esprit college. It features football, skipping and handball. (iii) Rs. 8 is a watercolour painting by Stephanie Wan Hok Chee, aged 17, from Dr. M. Curé S.S.S and shows water sports practiced in Mauritius; (iv) The Rs. 10 stamp is a collage by Marie Cynthia Nathalie Diolle, aged 18, of Couvent de Lorette de Curepipe. It shows children playing blindman’s bluff (colin maillard), a common game in schoolyards. The FDC is adapted from a painting by Vishal Somanah, aged 16, of Imperial College”.

1995 Spices (10 March 1995) (M790-793)

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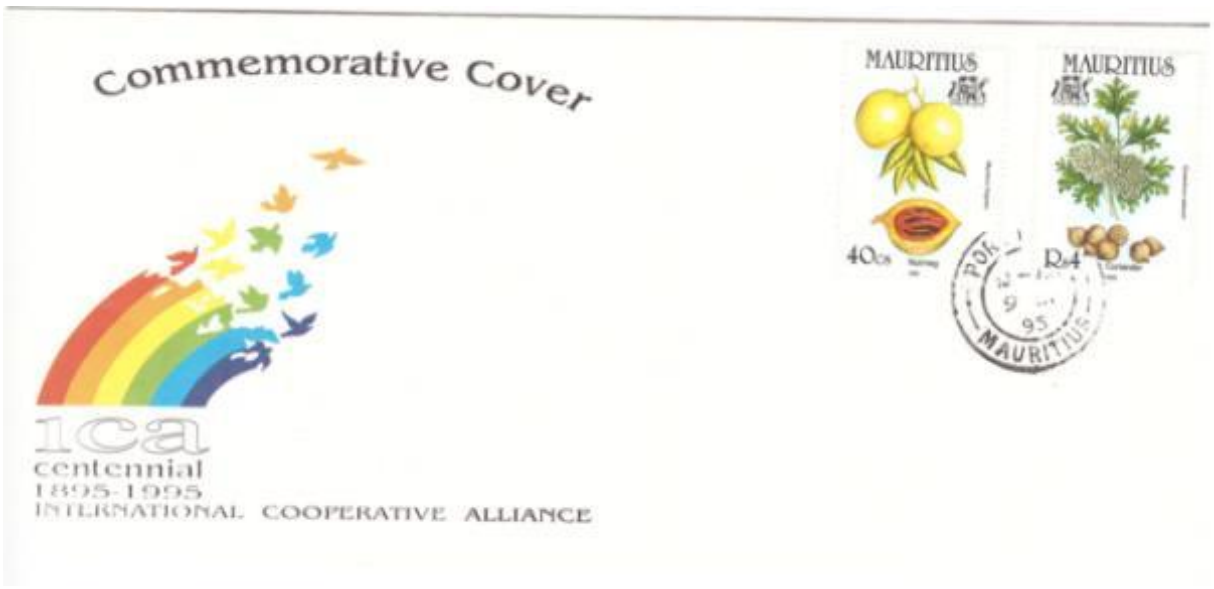
http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Spices1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "This set of four postage stamps on spices forms part of the Nature series of Mauritius. The country has a wide variety of spices, all used to flavour culinary preparations. Though none of the spices portrayed in this set is endemic, they have been adopted and adapted by all. The four denominations are (i) 40 cs, representing the nutmeg, a spice widely used in the Mauritian cuisine. It was introduced by Pierre Poivre to break the Dutch monopoly. The fruit has a golden colour when ripe. The brown seed (the part used as a spice) is covered by a crimson aril, called mace; (ii) Rs. 4 stamp shows the coriander plant and seed – commonly known as cotomili in Mauritius. Both leaves and fruits are used in culinary preparations; (iii) Rs. 5 stamp shows cloves, a spice indigenous to the Moluccas, where the Dutch has a monopoly over spice trade. Introduced in the 18th century by Pierre Poivre, the spice is widely used in sweet and savoury preparations; (iv) Rs. 10 shows the cardamom, a plant used in antique times by the Greek as an antidote for poisoning. The seed presents a pleasant aroma and is used both in culinary preparation and in medicine. The FDC illustrates local chillies".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1995-9-sep-ica-centenial-sc.jpg?w=640&h=306: "This special cover commemorates the 100th anniversary of the International Cooperative Alliance, an independent non-governmental association of business associations, present in over 100 countries. Its role is to promote the growth and strengthening of the cooperative approach in all its forms and coordinate and support the common interests of its members". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

1995 Inauguration of Post Office Museum (10 March 1995)

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/PMuseumspc.jpg

1995 Regular series (environment), with year

15c, M714IIX: "1995", not yet found

30c, M715IIX: “1995”(October 1995), not yet found

10r, M682IIX: “1995” (October 1995), not yet found

1995 Postmarks Central Flacq and Sainte Croix

Central Flacq

Sainte Croix

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/765d5639427e3d5116398c44aa95d1691a476be0.jpg POSTMARK CENTRAL FLACQ

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1995 50th anniversary end of WWII (8 May 1995) (M794-796)

http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/mauritius-1995-second-world-war-sg-921-fine-mint-46111-p.jpg

http://i.imgur.com/BYopARU.jpg

http://i.imgur.com/zPFu6cN.jpg

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/WWII1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "This set of 3 postage stamps commemorates the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. In 1941, hundreds of Mauritians left Port-Louis on board the "Talamba" for Egypt, where they served in the war. This set of stamps with a unique denomination of Rs. 5 pays tribute to those soldiers dead or alive, who contributed with their blood, sweat and toil in bringing peace in the world. The stamps show the following: (i) Rs. 5 portrays Mauritian soldiers of the Eighth army in the desert; (ii) Rs. 5 portrays HMS Mauritius, a cruiser equipped with 12 six inch guns and 8 four inch guns. It participated in the invasion of Sicily in July 1943 and in D-Day landing in Normandy on 6 June 1944; (iii) Rs. 5 depicts a Catalina of 259 squadron of the Royal Air Force at Tombeau Bay, a landing base during World War II. The FDC illustration shows the war memorial at Curepipe".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/img_0162.jpg?w=525&h=364: "During World War II (1939 – 45), Mauritius became a strategic location for the British in the Indian ocean. They operated Catalina hydroplanes for long reconnaissance missions in the region. Planes landed in the bay of Mahébourg or Baie du Tombeau for refuelling. In 1995, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of World War II, a series of 3 postage stamps was issued. One of the 3 – Rs. 5 stamp illustrated a Catalina hydroplanes at Baie du Tombeau".

1995 Local Events (8 May 1995) (M797-799)

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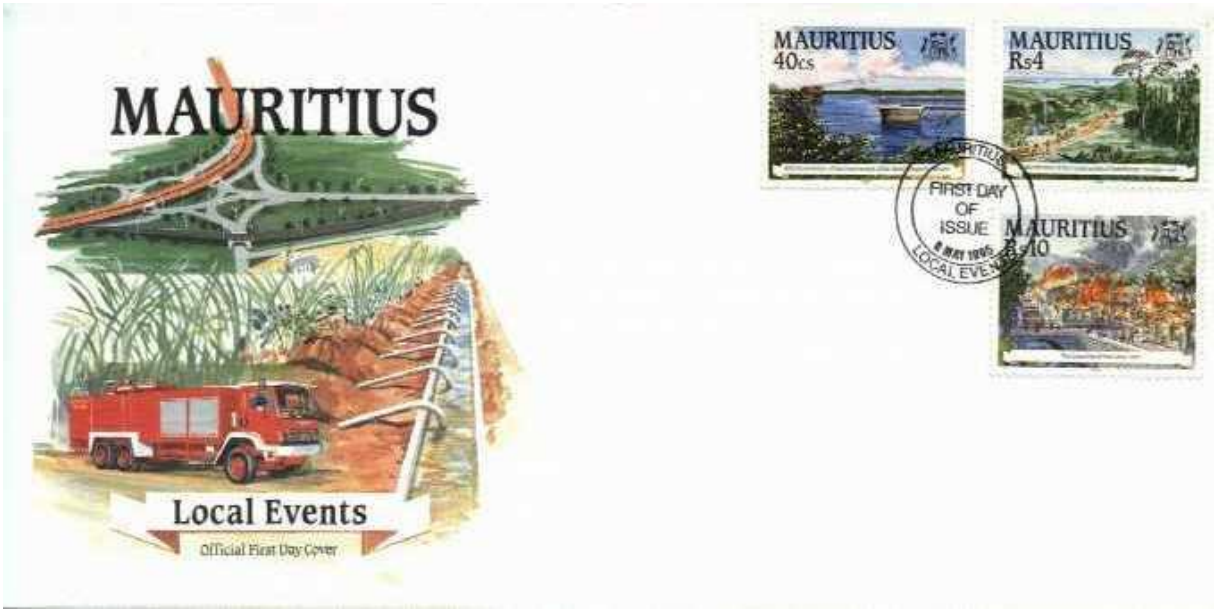

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/LocalEv951stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "This set of 3 postage stamps forms part of the Anniversaries and Events issue of 1995. The set commemorates the anniversaries of three different local events, namely (i) 40cs stamp, showing the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Mare Longue reservoir, which started on 28 Aug. 1945, and mainly used for irrigation; (ii) Rs. 4 showing the bicentenary of the construction of the road linking Mahebourg to Curepipe, started on 15th Feb. 1795 under the French Administration. The stamp shows workers constructing the road through the forest. It was a major component of international communications and (iii) Rs. 10 stamp depicting the great fire of Port-Louis, which broke on 3 April 1895 in a wooden building at La Chausée. The cause of the fire was attributed to burglars who set fire to the building. The FDC is a composite design showing a modern road construction plan, a present day fire engine and an irrigation canal".

1995 Lighthouses (28 August) (M800-803)

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https://i.pinimg.com/736x/87/59/89/8759894acd0f753fee47cbc07bfc2dd1--stamp-collecting-postal.jpg

http://lighthousestampsociety.org/wp/stamps-mauritius/mau00812s01.jpg

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Lighthouses1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “This set of postage stamps features the existing 4 lighthouses of Mauritius. Lighthouses were built as from 1851, and out of the four, only two are operational. The other two are kept as monuments. The stamps show the following: (i) 30 cs stamp shows the lighthouse at Ile Plate, a small island off the Northern coast of Mauritius. It because operational in 1856, to guide vessels coming to Mauritius from the

north. Today the lighthouse is powered by solar energy and the system is automated; (ii) 40 cs stamp, showing the lighthouse at Pointe aux Caves on the western coast of Mauritius at Albion. Inaugurated in 1910, the lighthouse is still operational. It is still manned by a lighthouse keeper; (iii) Rs. 8 stamp features the Ile aux Fouquets lighthouse, put into use in 1864, till world war I. It was used to guide navigators approaching from the south eastern coast; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp, showing the Pointe aux Cannoniers lighthouse in the North of the island. It is no longer operational. The FDC illustrates an astrolabe, an instrument used by navigators to find their position at sea".

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http://lh3.ggpht.com/-zi4BSedpmgo/TxKqlE9MS6I/AAAAAAAAQnM/XMQbzssiNv4/DSCN9717_thumb.jpg?imgmax=800. Postmark BLACK RIVER.

1995: 50th Anniversary of the United Nations (24 October 1995) (M 804-807)

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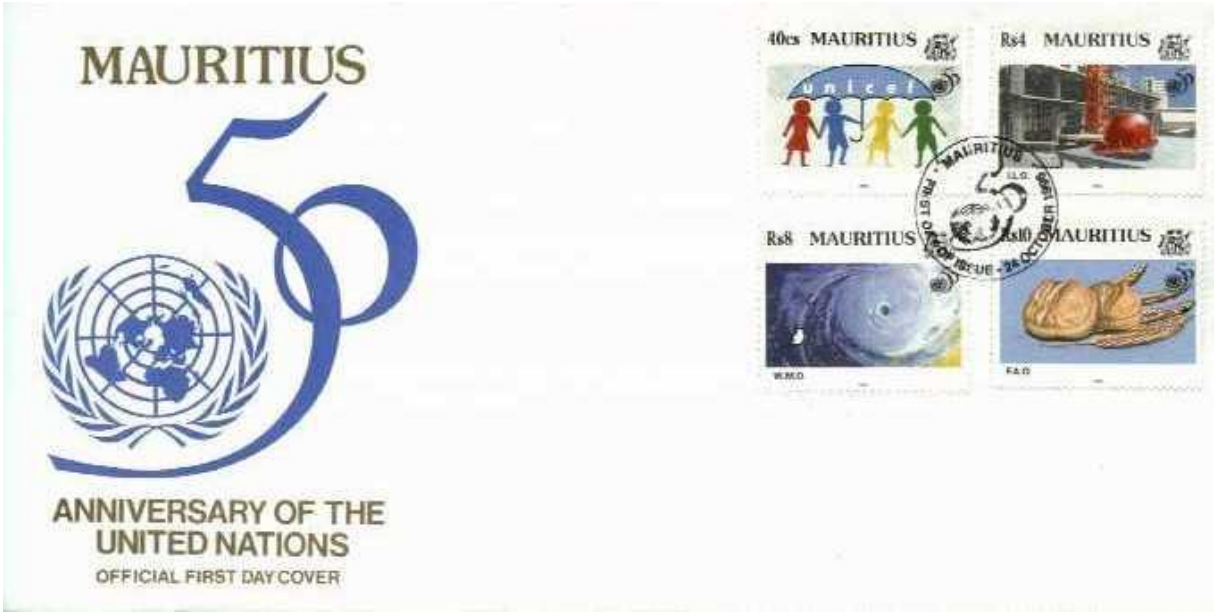

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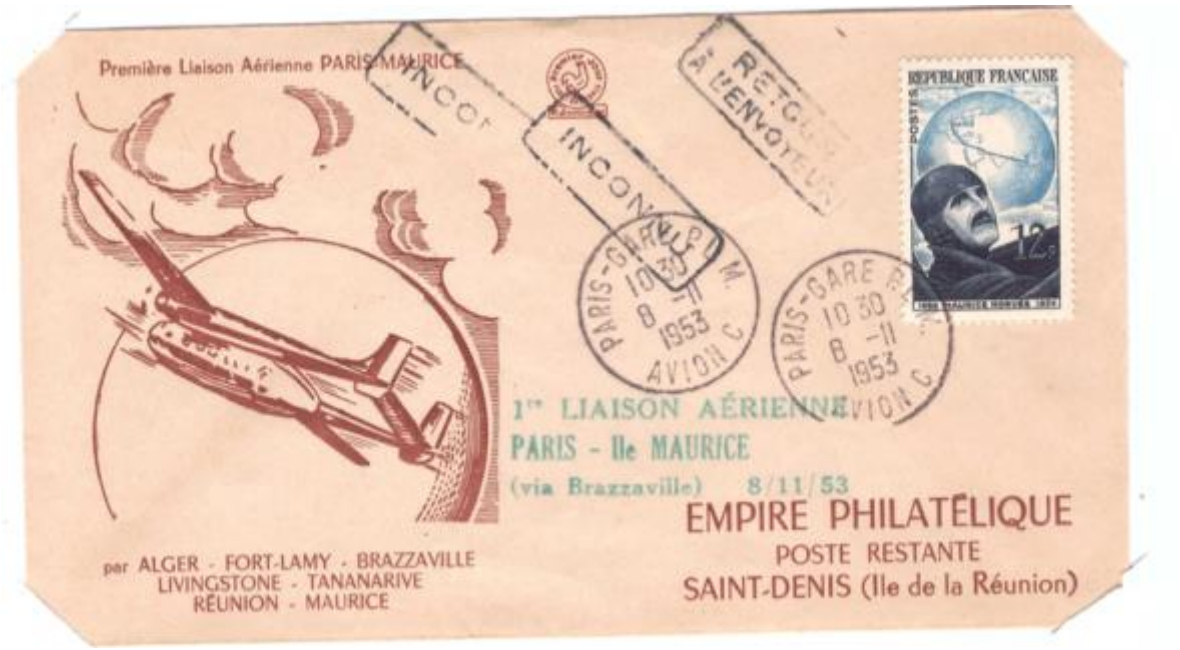
https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "This set of 4 postage stamps commemorates the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, established immediately after World War II to maintain international peace and security. The stamps feature 4 organizations of the UN, namely : (i) 40 cs stamp, showing UNICEF (UN Children's Fund), created in 1946 to meet the emergency needs of children in post war Europe and China for food, drugs and clothing; Rs. 4, shows ILO (International Labour Organization), created in 1919 but established as a UN specialised agency in 1946 to enhance the quality of the labour force and improve the living standards of workers. The stamp portrays a helmet, a cran and scaffolding, representing safety and modernisation of operations at the world place; (iii) Rs. 8 shows the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) created in 1939 to help the establishment of networks of stations and centres to provide meteorological and hydrological observations and services. The stamp depicts a cyclone; (iv) Rs. 10 shows the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), founded in 1945 to raise the standard of living, to improve productivity of farms, and ultimately eliminate hunger. The stamps portrays local bread and stalks of wheat. The FDC illustrates the logo design to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the UN".

1995 50 years presence of Air France on Mauritius (5 November 1995)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/air-france-50-ans.jpg?w=575&h=291 : "In 1995, another special aero philatelic cover was issued to mark the 50th anniversary of Air France's presence in Mauritius. In 1947, Air France introduced a four-engine Douglas DC4 on the Paris – Plaisance route. The flight lasted two days, and had six stop-overs.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/1er-liasion-aerienne-maurice-france-1945.jpg?w=588&h=321

1995 Inauguration of Common market for Eastern & Southern Africa, COMESA (8 December 1995) (M808-811)

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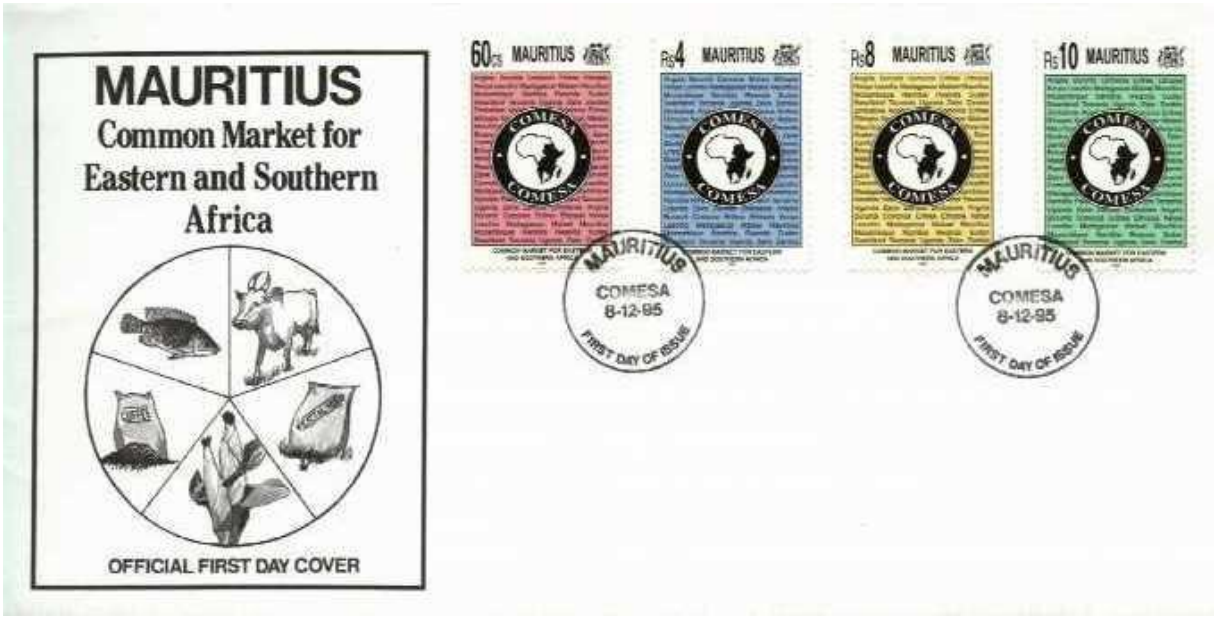

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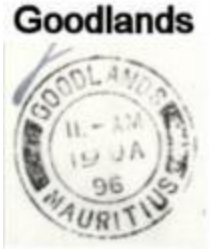
https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “This set of 4 postage stamps commemorates the birth of COMESA, a regional organisation in Africa of which Mauritius is a founding member. It aims at creating a good business environment to attract investment, facilitate trade, and maintain peace and security in the region. The issue consists of 4 stamps, namely 60cs; Rs. 4; Rs. 8 and Rs. 10, all depicting the COMESA logo, with the names of all members forming the background. The FDC illustration represents products of COMESA countries”.

1996 postmark Goodlands



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1996 Snails (11 March 1996) (M812-815)

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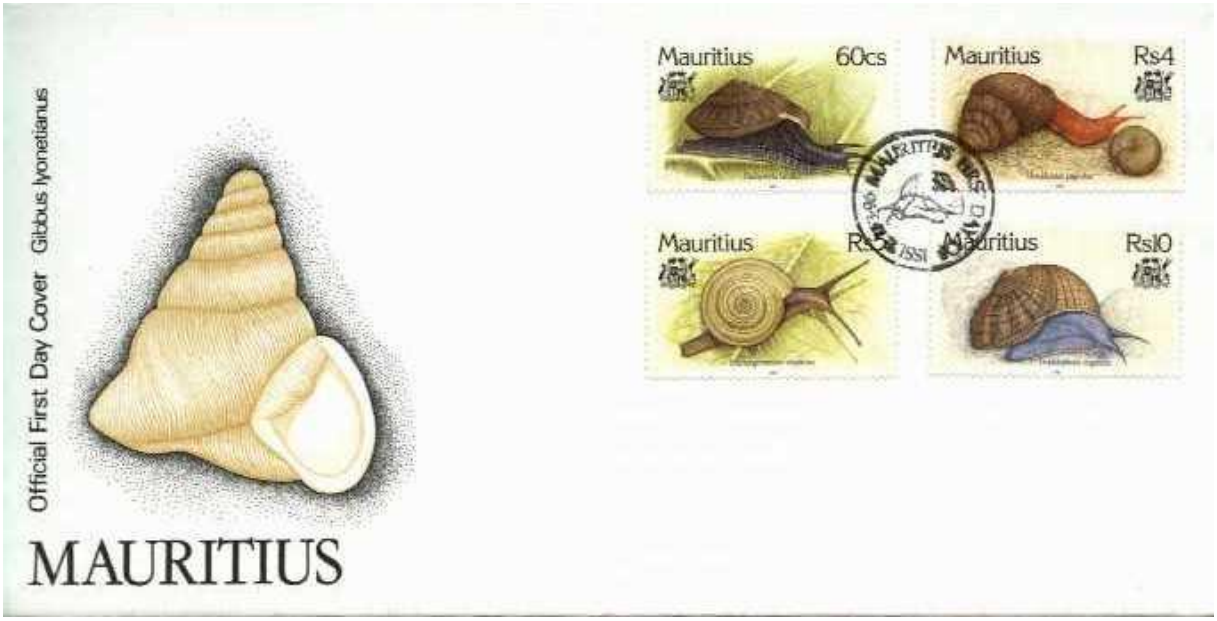

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Snails1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “This set of 4 postage stamps features snails of Mauritius and Rodrigues. Mauritius has a diverse, interesting and unique land snail fauna (116 native species recorded in Mauritius and 26 in Rodrigues, although many are now

extinct). An interesting feature the Mauritian land snail fauna is the high proportion of carnivorous snails that feed exclusively on other snail species. (i) The 60cs stamp shows a Pachystyla bicolor, the largest surviving snail in Mauritius; (ii) Rs. 4 is a gonidomus pagoda, the largest endemic carnivorous snail. It is readily distinguished by its bright red animal and unusual shell; (iii) Rs. 5 is a Harmogenanina implicata, a rare endemic snail, found mostly in forest slopes. It lives on shrubs or trees; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp is a Tropidophora eugenine, a snail extinct in Mauritius but still present in Rodrigues, where it is widespread. The FDC illustrates the extinct specie Gibbus lyonetianus".

PART 4: 1996-2004

1996 Regular series (environment), with year (M816-817 and M718IIY)

20c: M816 (1996): “1996”

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60c: M817 (1996): “1996”. Not yet found

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25r: M718IIY: “1996”(January 1996), not yet found

1996 Centenary of modern Olympic Games (26 June 1996) (M818-821)

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http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/OlympicsRs10.jpg

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "To commemorate the Centenary of Modern Olympic Games a set of 4 postage stamps was issued. The set comprises (i) a 60 cs stamp, representing boxing; (ii) Rs. 4 stamps showing badminton; (iii) Rs. 5 stamps shows basketball and (iv) Rs. 10 showing table tennis. The year 1996 [marked] also the Atlanta Olympic Games. The FDC illustration portrays an Olympic flag as a background".

1996 Ships (30 September 1996) (M822-825)

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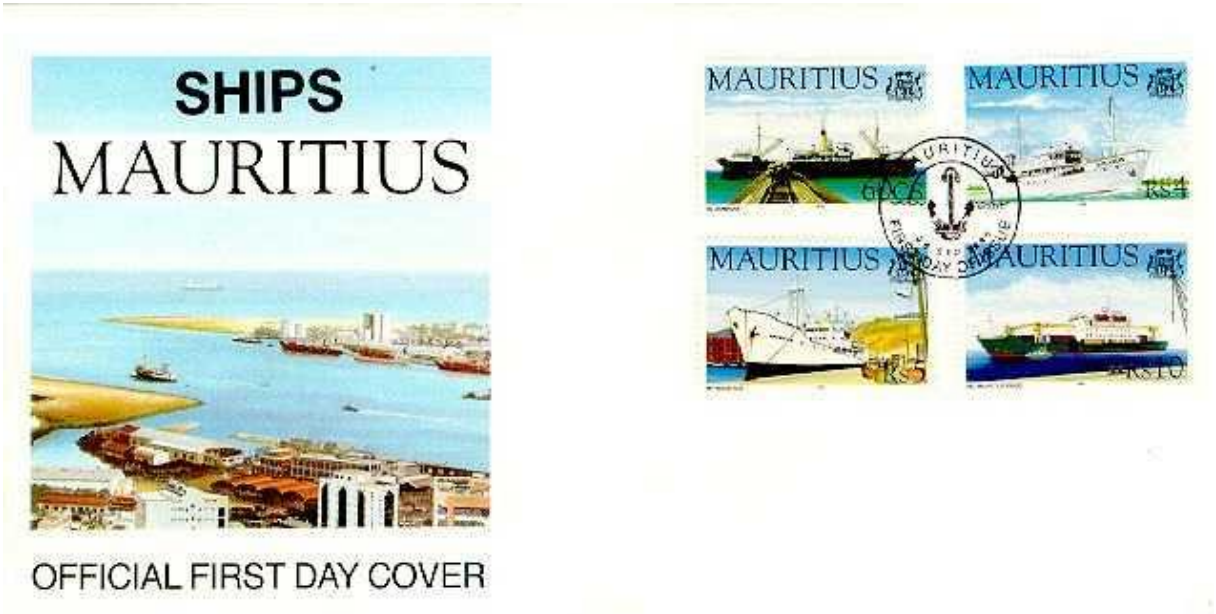


http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Ships1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "The four ships depicted on the stamps have been associated with trade, transport and administration. The set consists of (i) a 60 cs stamp, portraying SS Zambezia at the jettyo f Diego Garcia, Chagos Archipelagos, a ship built in 1903, used to carry commercial goods and animals such as cattle; (ii) Rs. 4 stamps, showing MV Sir Jules, especially built to sail between the Chagos Archipelagos and Agalega for copra trade (iii) Rs. 5 stamp, showing MV Mauritius at Quay C at Port Louis harbour. MV Mauritius was built in 1955 and used to carry passenger, cargo and livestock across Indian Ocean islands; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp shows MS Mauritius Pride at Port-Mathurin, Rodrigues, a multi-purpose vessel, which replaced MV Mauritius in 1990. It carries passengers, cargo,

containers, edible oil and fuel oil in cargo tanks. The FDC illustrates the harbour of Port-Louis".

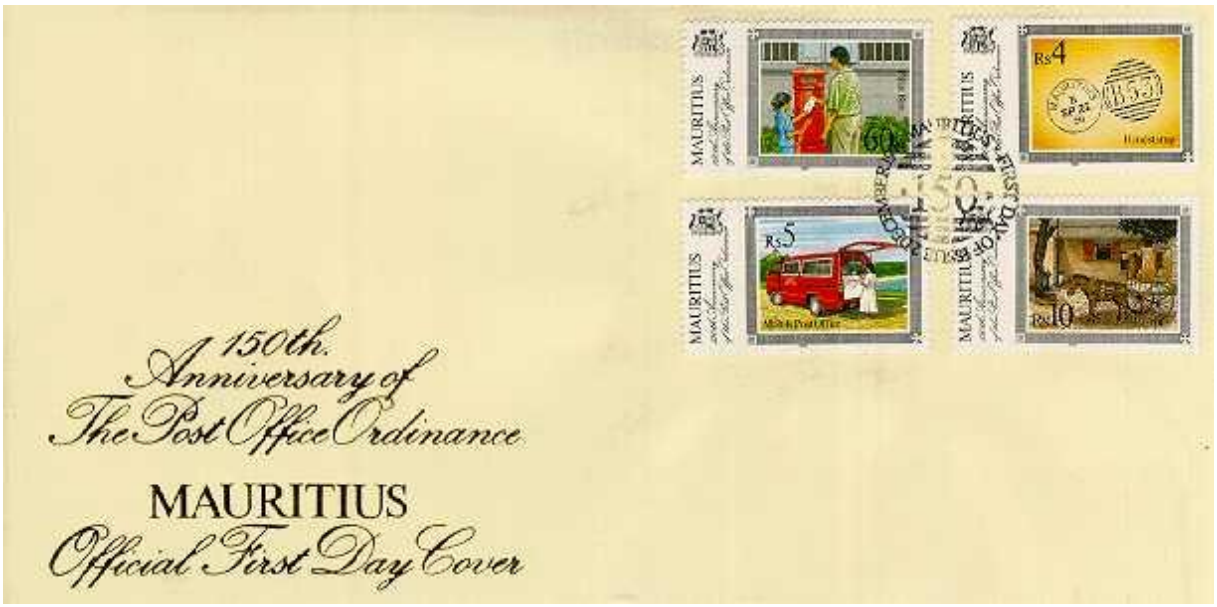
1996 150th Anniversary of the Post Office Ordinance (2 December 1996) (M826-829)

https://i.colnect.net/b/1803/820/Mailbox.jpg

https://i.colnect.net/b/3217/710/Early-handstamp-cancel.jpg

https://i.colnect.net/b/3217/711/Mobile-post-office.jpg

https://i.colnect.net/b/3217/712/Carriole.jpg



http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/150thAniPOO1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “The history of postal services in Mauritius dates back to the French administration, when an inland postal service was in operation. however, the legal framework for the operations of a Post Office was given under the British rule in 1846. Under the Post Office Ordinance of 1846, which became effective on 1 Jan. 1847, the postal system was completely reorganised in Mauritius. To mark the 150th Anniversary of this Ordinance, a set of 4 postage stamps was issued. The set comprises of (i) a 60cs stamp, showing a pillar box, introduced by the British in the 19th century; (ii) a Rs. 4 stamps, featuring an impression of the B53 handstamp, which was used in 1866 for the cancellation of postage stamps; (iii) a Rs. 5 stamp, showing a mobile post office, introduced in 1973 to serve 9 villages along the south east coast of Mauritius; and (iv) a Rs. 10 stamp, showing a carriole, a common mode of transport pulled by horses in the early days. The stamp shows a carriole waiting at a rural post office”.

1997 Regular series (environment), with year

20c: M816 (1997): “1997”, not yet found

40c: M678IIX: “1997”

https://thumb1.shutterstock.com/display_pic_with_logo/561133/141412783/stock-photo-mauritius-circa-a-stamp-printed-in-mauritius-protection-of-the-enviroment-nature-park-141412783.jpg

60c (Round Island): M817 (1997) “1997”, not yet found

10r: M682IIX: “1997”, not yet found

1997 Fruits (10 March 1997) (M830-833)

https://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user_images/117/400117/400117_120718232047_Scan_14658631.jpg

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Fruits1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “Mauritius has a wide variety of exotic fruits. some are cultivated for exports. This set of postal stamps features four different rate edible fruits. (i) The 60cs stamp shows both a ripe and a green vavang (vangueria

madagascariensis), which comes from a plant originating in Madagascar. The fruit gradually turns brown when ripening; (ii) The Rs. 4 stamp features a green and ripe Pom Zako (mimusops coriacea), from a tree that was introduced in the early years of colonisation from Madagascar. It has a sweetish flesh and a pleasant smell; (iii) the Rs. 5 stamp shows a zambos (syzygium jambos), from a plant originating from the Indo-Malaysian region, introduced in the late 17th century; (iv) the Rs. 10 represents some unripe sapot negro, from a plant originating in the West Indies and Central America, brought to Mauritius in 1772. The FDC illustrates the rusay fruit (eugenia uniflora)".

1997 Postmark Monneron Hill, Piton, and Port Louis E.S.

Monneron Hill

Piton

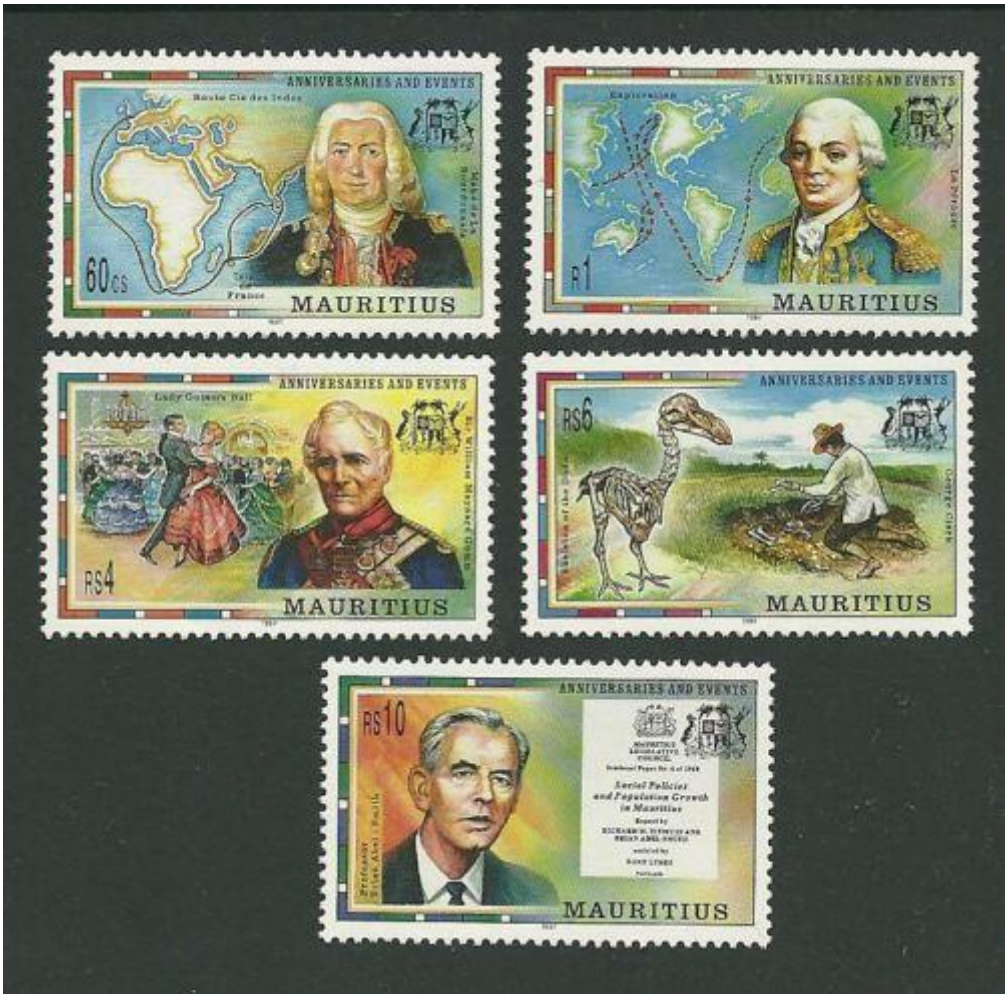
https://archive.is/M4Ah8/e2940f0079e5807b31e3c45e80d05d3e1f928dbf.jpg POSTMARK MONNERON HILL

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/d134e41e6755edfd07c4ba67e5ad725370f293b1.jpg POSTMARK PITON

Port Louis E.S.

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/da3d6ddf0afe5097401d9ad3c0f69b2947e96fb4.jpg POSTMARK PORT LOUIS E.S.

1997 Anniversaries and Events: Aspects of Mauritian history (9 June1997) (M834-838)



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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “A set of 4 commemorative stamps were issued to honour 5 eminent personalities who left their mark in the political, social, scientific and economic fields in Mauritius. (i) The 60cs portrays Mahé de Labourdonnais and the routes used between Mauritius and India. Labourdonnais was appointed Governor of Isle de France and Bourbon in 1735, during which time he developed the island as a colony, instead as a mere port of call. Among his main projects, were the construction of Port-Louis, the development of marine activities, and the establishment of the first sugar factory at Villebague; (ii) Rs. 1 stamp represents Jean Francois de Galaup, Comte de La Pérouse. He lived for some years in Mauritius (and married a Mauritian) but was later commissioned by the King to carry out scientific and exploration trip around the world; (iii) Rs. 4 portrays Sir William M. Gomm, appointed Governor of Mauritius in 1842. He reformed the postal system and enacted to Post Office Ordinance. In 1847, his wife gave a ball and the famous one penny orange and two pence blue were used to frank letters of invitation. The stamp features the ballroom as a background; (iv) Rs. 6 stamp features George Clark, a missionary teacher appointed school master in 1851. During his time in Mauritius, inspired by the book the Dodo, he started to search for the remains of the bird in marshes ana alluvial lands. In Sep 1863, he discovered the remains necessary to form a complete skeleton in the marshes of Mare aux Songes, which proved to be that of the dodo (the stamp features his digging there). (v) Rs. 10 stamp pictures Professor Brian Abel-Smith, a British scholar, who worked as a consultant for the World Health Organization. In the 1960s, he advised the government of Mauritius on provisions for social security. He presented a well know report in 1960 called “Social Policies and Population Growth in Mauritius””.

1997 150 Years Postage stamps in Mauritius (22 September 1997) (M839-842)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “On 21 September 1847, Mauritius made history by becoming the first British colony and the fourth country in the world, together with the US, to issue postage stamps. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the stamps, a set of four stamps and a miniature sheet (see below) were issued. The set of four stamps illustrate the famous 1d Orange and 2d Blue. On the same day as the stamps were issued, they were used to frank invitation covers to a ball given by Lady Gomm, the wife of the then Governor of Mauritius. Seven such covers are known to be still in existence. These stamps are the only ones in the world bearing the inscription “POST OFFICE”. They were replaced in the next

issue by POST PAID. The FDC illustrates the hand stamp used to cancel the Post Office stamps".

http://www.stampsoftheworld.co.uk/w/images/thumb/2/23/Mauritius_1997_Stamp_150th_Booklet_1.jpg/602px-Mauritius_1997_Stamp_150th_Booklet_1.jpg [four different booklets issued]

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/IDsAAOSw-QZZyOcF/s-l1600.jpg POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

https://thumbs.ebaystatic.com/d/l225/m/mCsjeSyLOwaAXAhTmvrLw-Q.jpg POSTMARK LA FLORA.

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/DHgAAOSwsFpaLANu/s-l1600.jpg

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/150thAPO1stdc.jpg

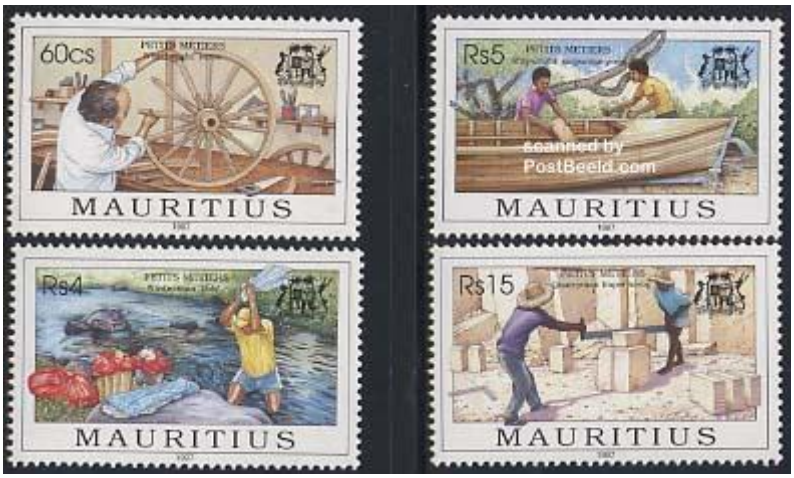
http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/150thAPOstss.jpg (M Block 19 and 843)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1997-22-sep-150-anniv-post-office-stamps-sheet-cover.jpg?w=637&h=454: "The souvenir sheet portrays the 'Bordeaux Cover'. The Rs. 20 stamps shows 2 POST OFFICE stamps cancelled with the PENNY POST handstamp. The Bordeaux cover is a unique piece of philatelic interest, discovered in 1902 by a school boy in France. It is the only cover that bears both the 1d and 2d Post Office stamps. The letter in the cover was written in Port Louis by Edward Francis and was addressed to Messrs. Duncan and Lurgnie, wine merchants in Bordeaux. The cover was posted on 4 October 1847 in Port Louis, and arrived in bordeaux on 28 December 1847. This rare piece of philatelic item is known as the "Crown of the Jewel of all Philately'. In 1903, it was purchased for 1600 pounds by Th. Lemaire, who sold it to Brunet de l'Argentière for 1800 pounds. The cover changed hands seven times between 1917 and 1988, when it was sold for US$ 3.8 million. In 1993, it was put again to auction by David Feldman and fetched a record price for a philatelic item".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/1997-fascination-mauritius-sc.jpg?w=640&h=349

[M844-847 no longer used]

1997 Small Business (1 December 1997) (M848-851)



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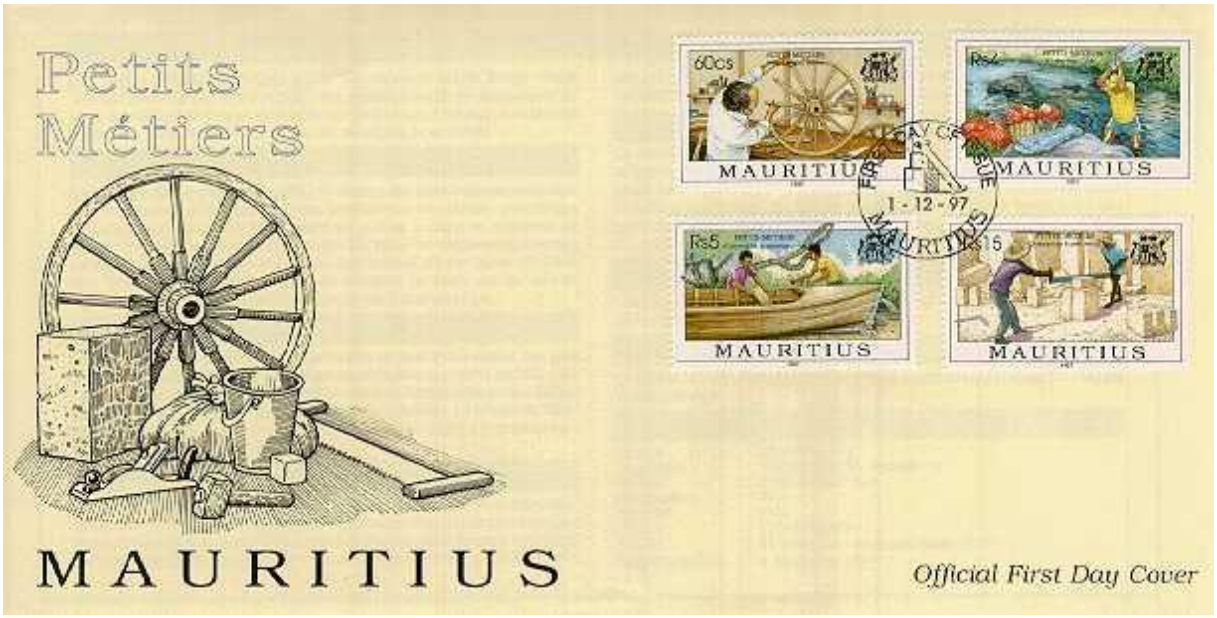


http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Petitmetiers1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "A set of four postage stamps were issued on the theme "petits métiers" to highlight the contribution of local craftsmen to the development of the country. The set comprises of 4 stamps: (i) a 60cs stamp, showing a wheelwright (saron) at work, who contributed a lot to the development of transport, in particular for carts to carry their loads of sugar to the mills; (ii) Rs. 4 stamp represents a washerman (dobi), washing clothers at the river. Stains and other oily patched were removed using maize cobs (koto maille). This craft has almost disappeared with the arrival of technology and washing machines; (iii) Rs. 5 stamp shows a shipwright (charpentier pirogue), giving a finishing touch to a small fishing boat. The scene was typical of fishing villages, where boat construction was done under banyan trees on the beach; (iv) Rs. 15 stamp shows quarrymen (coupeur corail), woking on blocks of corals to make bricks for the construction of houses and walls. The scene is typical in Rodrigues. The FDC pictures a composite design of the stamps".

1998, Regular series (environment), with year

1r: M716IIY: "1998" (December 1998), see below

4r: M680IIX: "1998", see below

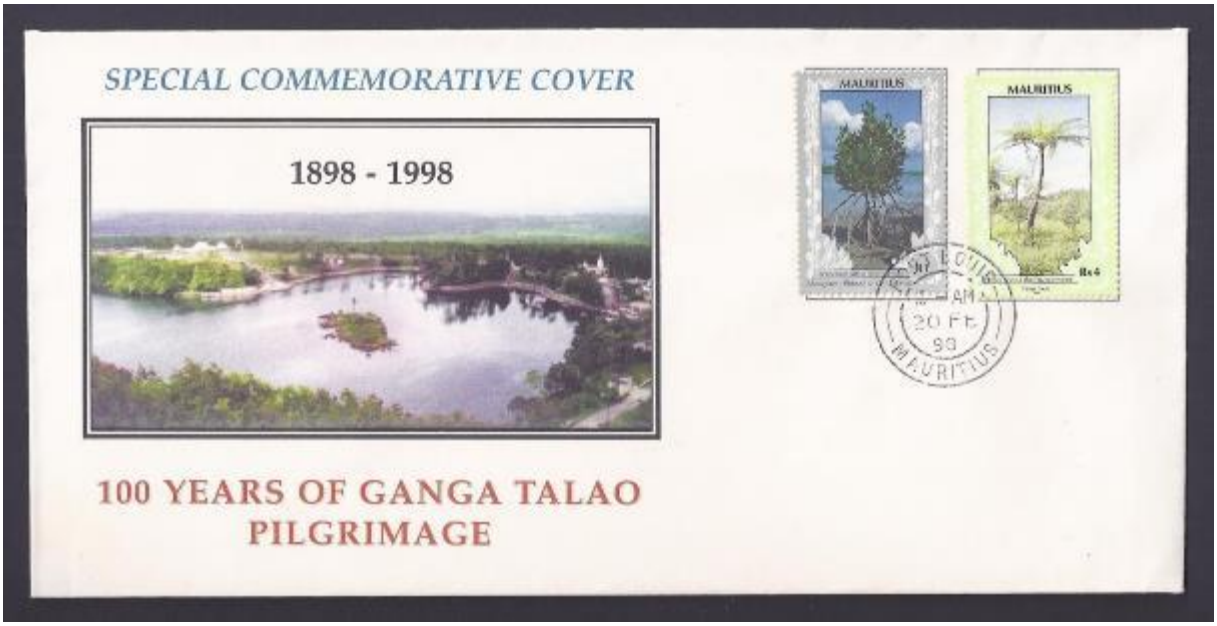
5r: M728IIX: "1998", not yet found

6r: M681IIX: "1998", not yet found

10r: M682IIX: "1998", not yet found

15r: M729IIX: "1998", not yet found

25r: M718IIX: “1998”, not yet found



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1998 Postmark Morne Brabant

Morne Brabant

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/3871a3a865c03746828358c8ac21c5805d594e17.jpg POSTMARK MORNE BRABANT

1998 Geckos (11 March 1998) (M852-855)

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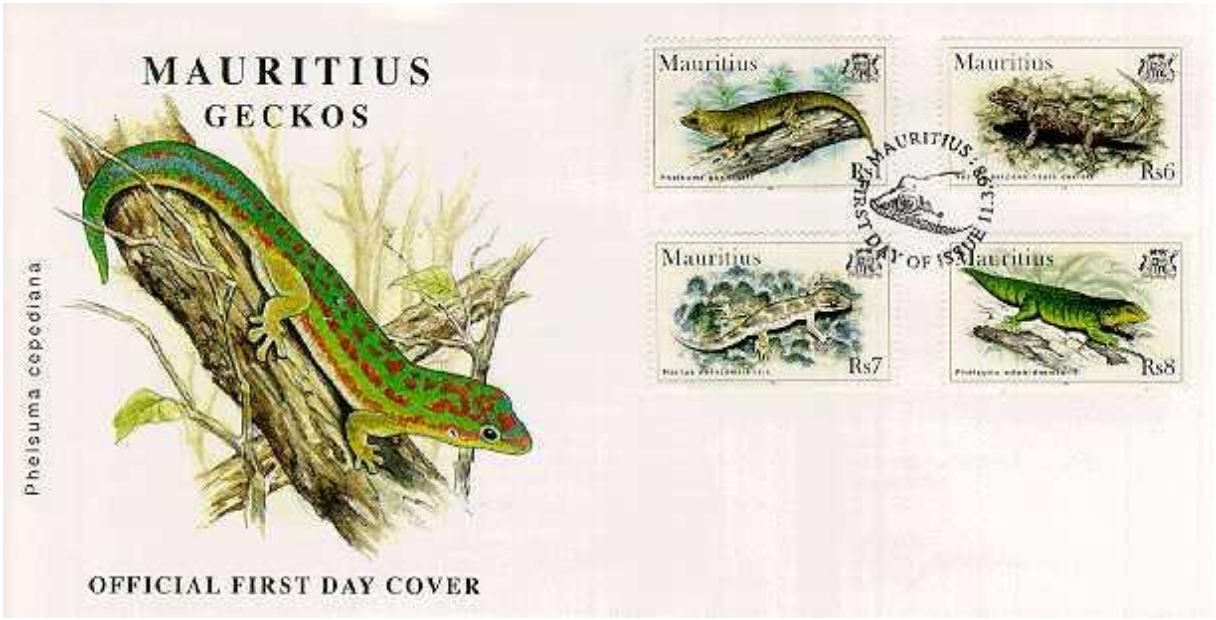

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Geckos1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “Mauritius and its dependencies have 12 endemic geckos, in 2 categories – day and night geckos. A set of 4 postage stamps were issued in the nature series to illustrate four of these geckos. (i) Re. 1 stamps shows the phelsuma guentheri gecko, the largest of all varieties, and highly endangered. This day gecko has a very attractive olive colour and beautiful eyes. Today it is known to exist only in Round island; (ii) Rs. 6 stamp shows a night gecko, the nactus serpensinsula durrelli, also found on Round island. It has brown, beige and white banding and stippling; (iii) Rs. 7 is a night gecko, called nactus coindemirensis, similar to the one on the Rs. 6 stamp but smaller in size. It is found on Gunner’s Quoin and Ilot Vacoas only; (iv) Rs. 8 stamp shows a wonderful day gecko, phelsuma edwardnewtonii, from Rodrigues, but now extinct. The FDC portrays a common day gecko found in Mauritius, called phelsuma cepediana”.

1998 30th anniversary of Independence (12 March 1998)

http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-iKGRapK5_90/Ve28ChJ-U5I/AAAAAAAABvc/JcsniDMW5NI/s1600/30th%2BAnniversary%2BIndependence%2BSCC.jpg : Special cover 30th Anniversary of Independence; 12 March 1997.

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "To mark the 30th anniversary of independence, a special commemorative cover was issued, with a Rs. 10 stamp denomination from the "150th Anniversary of the 'Post Office' stamps issue'. The cover portrays a gold embossed bust of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the first Prime Minister of Mauritius, with the colours of the flag of Mauritius as a background. The official logo designed especially for the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Independence is also shown on the cover".

1998 Inland transport (15 June 1998) (M856-859)

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http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/ITrans1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on the theme 'Inland Transport' to illustrate post-war means of transport. The set comprises of (i) 40cs stamp, portraying a train crossing one of the numerous bridges built along the railway track. The introduction of railways in 1864 brought about a major revolution in the transport sector in Mauritius but the latter was discontinued on 1964; (ii) Rs. 5 stamp shows a lorry of the early fifties on the wharf at Port-Louis. Lorries were used mainly for the transport of goods from the capital city to other parts of the island, and their importance increased with the closure of the railway; (iii) Rs. 6 stamp pictures a bus in the town centre of Rose-Hill in the early fifties. The first buses were introduced in 1920, and because the main means of

passenger transport with the closing of the railway; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp shows a coastal barge unloading sugar at the Coaster's Wharf in Port-Louis in the 1940s. They were used until 1950 for the carriage of sugar from factories to Port-Louis but disappeared because with the advent of diesel lorries, they became too expensive. The FDC shows a 'calèche' used to carry passengers".

1998 State Visit of Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa (10 September 1998) (M860)

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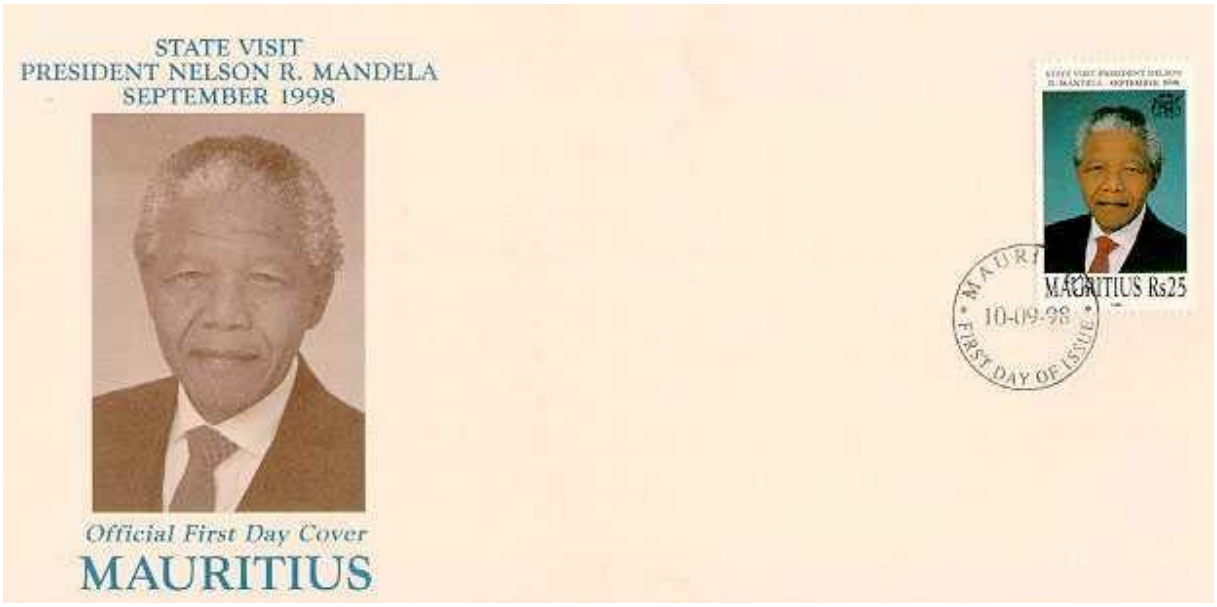

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Mandela1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "To commemorate the State Visit of the President of South Africa, Nelson R. Mandela from 10 – 12 September 1998, the Postal Services issued a postage stamp of Rs. 25. The stamp portrays the President, who is the architect of democratic South Africa and of the fall of the apartheid regime, thanks to his

relentless protests and fights against the regime. Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1964. During his imprisonment he became a world symbol of the racial discrimination against the black population and enlisted international sympathy. He was considered as the leader of the South African freedom movement. In 1990 he was released from prison, obtained the Nobel price for Peace in 1993 (jointly with F. W de Klerk) and was elected President of South Africa in 1994 following a landslide victory of his political party, ANC in the first democratic elections in South Africa".

1998 400 Years Dutch landing (18 September 1998) (M861-864)

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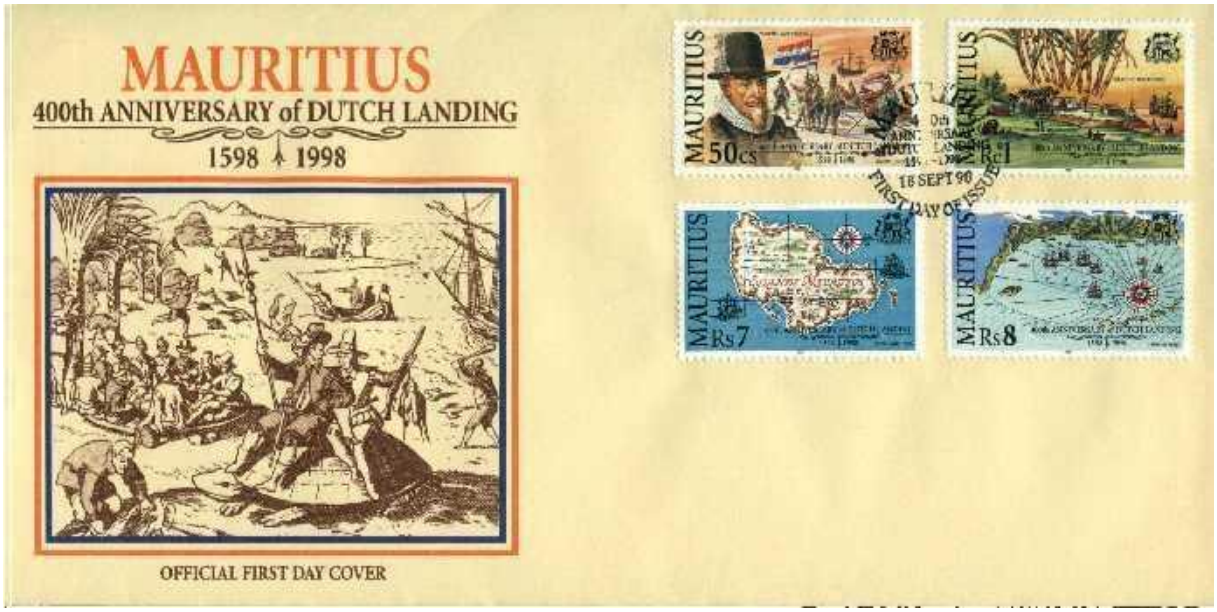
http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/DutchlRs7.jpg

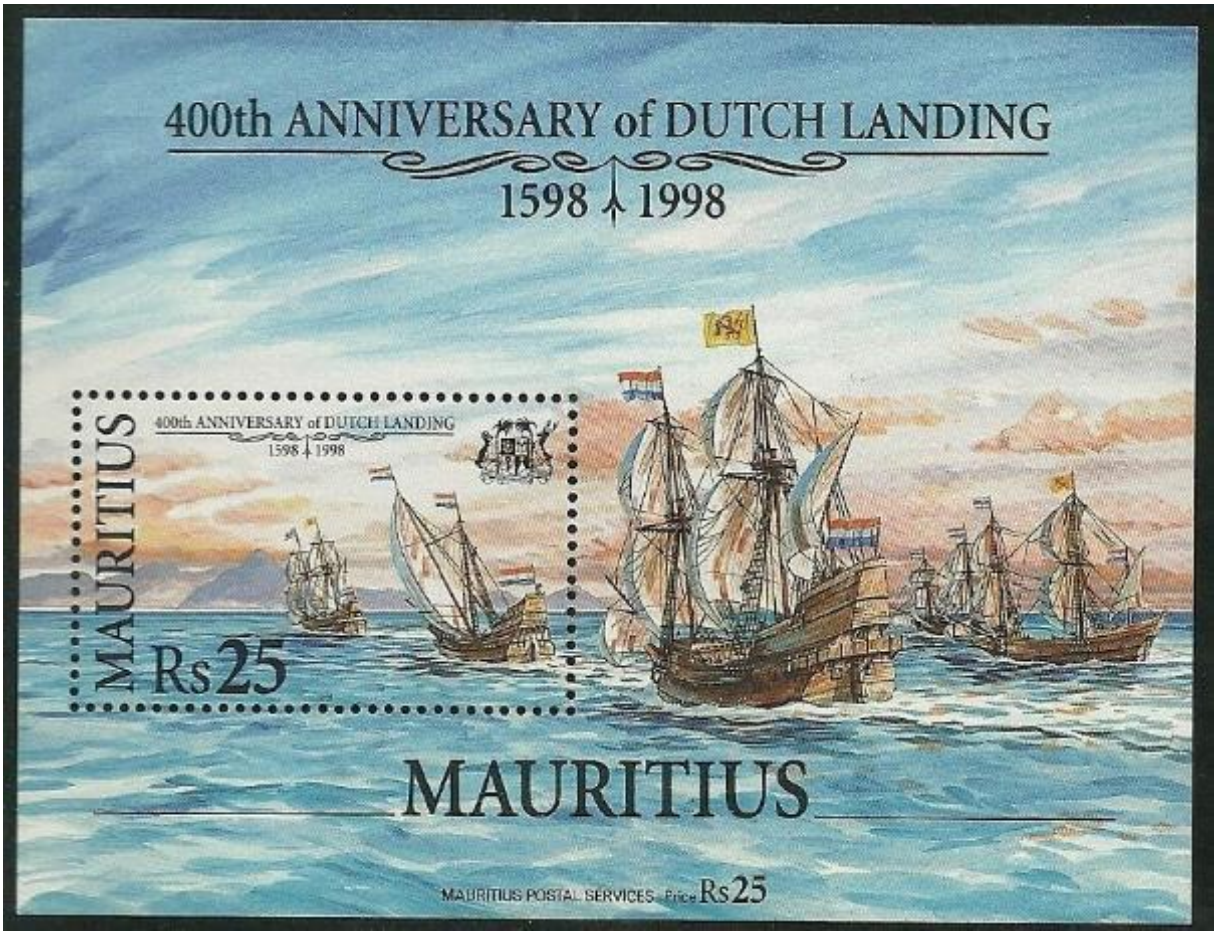
http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/DutchlRs8.jpg

https://i1181.photobucket.com/albums/x424/nethryk/Volume%2015/Mauritius-865-DutchMap-1670-9-18-98Litho_zps0tmkvvl1.jpg



http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Dutchl1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "A set of four postage stamps and a miniature sheet were issued to mark the 400th Anniversary of the Dutch landing in Mauritius on 20th September 1598. They took possession of the uninhabited island but it was only 40 years later, in 1638 that they established the first settlement. At that time, deer and sugar cane were introduced. The set comprises of (i) The 50cs stamp depicts a landing scene as well as Prince van Nassau, after whom the island was named; (ii) The Re. 1 stamp illustrates the design of the Frederik Hendrik fort and a bunch of sugarcane, introduced in 1639; (iii) the Rs. 7 stamp shows a map of Mauritius drawn by the Dutch around 1670. This is the most accurate Dutch map of Mauritius; (iv) The Rs. 8 stamp is an artistic representation of the fleet nearing the south eastern coast of the island. The FDC illustrates activities of the Dutch sailors during their stay on the island".



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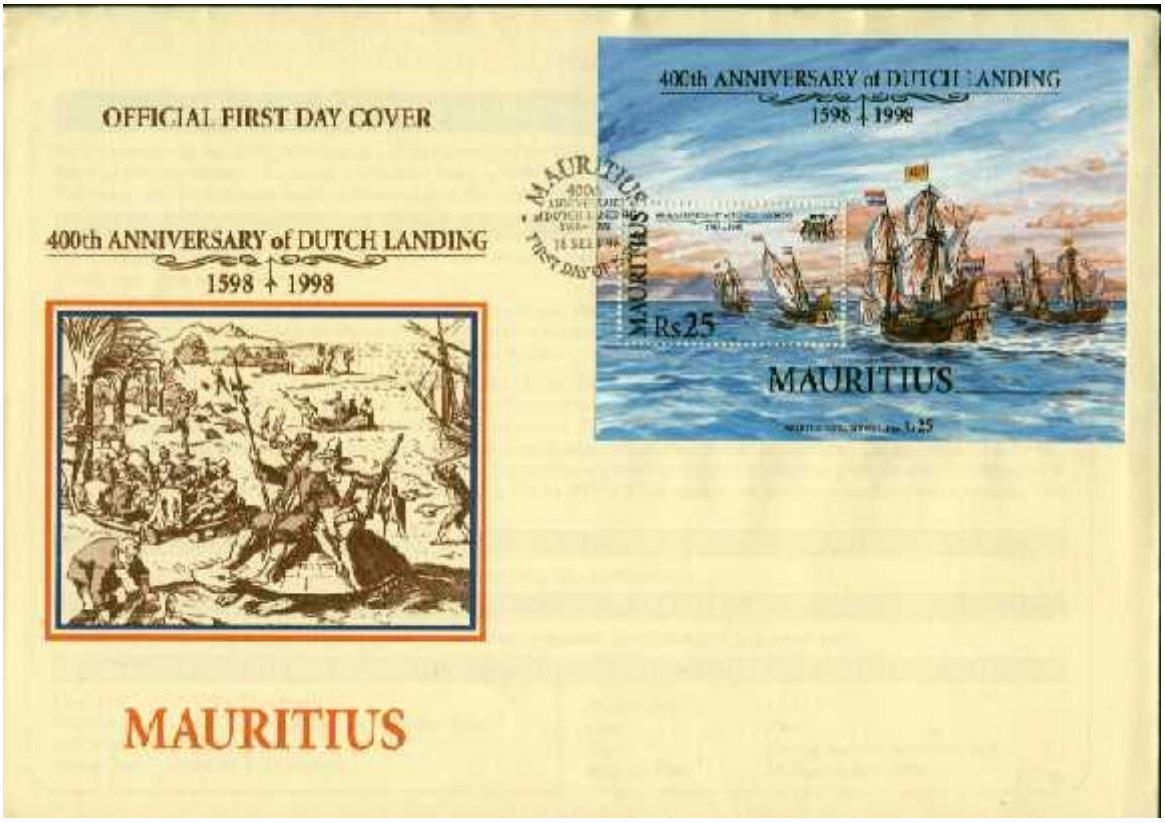

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1998 Waterfalls (16 November 1998) (M866-869)

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https://www.mountainstamp.com/Mauritius_pictures/Mauritius_1998_GRSE_Falls_stamp.jpg

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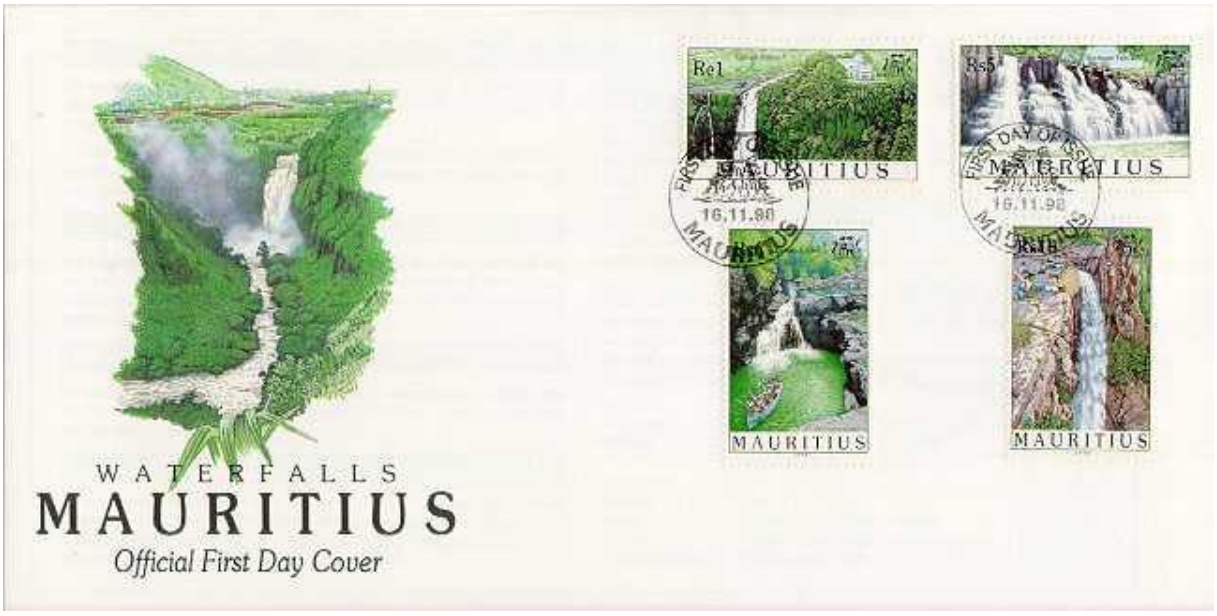

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “Mauritius has some 15 waterfalls, most of which are found in the southern part of the island. A set of 4 postal stamps were issued depicting 4 waterfalls. (i) Re. 1 stamp shows the Balfour waterfall, situated in Beau-Bassin along Rivière des Plaines Wilhems. The stamps also shows in the background the Residence de la Tour Blanche, commonly known as Mont Thabor; (ii) Rs. 5 stamp shows Rochester Falls, situated near Surinam in the South of the island, along the course of Rivière Patates: (iii) Rs. 6 stamps shows cascade Grande Rivière Sud-Est in the eastern part of the island, along the river bearing the same name. The picture shows a barge full of tourists; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp shows cascade 500 pieds, located at Chemin Grenier along rivière des galets. It is one of the highest waterfalls and is a preferred site for hikers. The FDC shows cascade Sorèze found along Moka river”.

1998 250th anniversary of Reduit Castle (14 December 1998) (M870-873)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup0870.jpg

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Reduit1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “To mark the 250th anniversary of the creation of le Réduit, a set of 4 postage stamps was issued. Le Réduit is the official residence of the President of the Republic and has a very long history, going back to the beginning of colonial days. In March 1748, Pierre Felix Barthelemy David, successor of Mahé de Labourdonnais, obtained the permission for the construction of a fortress. The works were completed in 1749. It was the successors of David who modelled the grounds of Le Réduit into a beautiful garden. The layout of the Chateau has been modified several times, and the later was rebuilt in 1778 by Governor Labrillane. The set of stamps comprises (i) Re. 1, which depicts the plan of Le Réduit drawn in 1823; (ii) Rs. 4 is a reproduction of a watercolour of the Chateau by Mr. Thuillier; (iii) Rs. 5 is a reproduction of an oil painting by a local artist, Hassen Edun made

in 1998; (iv) Rs. 15 portrays an architect's plan of a monument found in the gardens of Le Réduit to commemorate its 250th anniversary. The FDC illustrates the front elevation of the Chateau in 1823".

1999 300th Birth Anniversary of Mahe de Labourdonnais (11 February 1999) (M 874)

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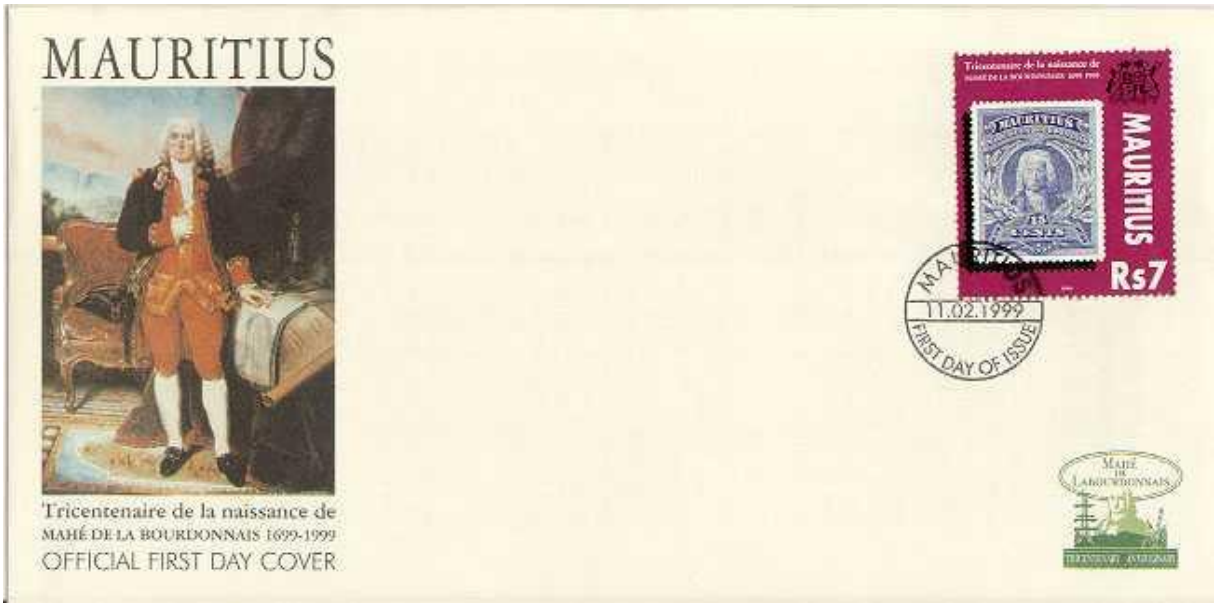

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "On 11 February 1999, a stamp of Rs. 7 was issued to commemorate the tricentenary birth anniversary of Labourdonnais, one of the most influential governors of Mauritius, during the French administration. He was appointed Governor of Isle de France et Bourbon on 4th June 1735. He contributed greatly to the construction of the island, namely to the building of Port Louis as the capital city, to the establishment of the harbour, the construction of several roads and to the booming of the sugar industry. He also created a police force to improve law and order. Numerous building erected under his rule can still be seen today: they include the Government House and the Police Headquarters at Line Barracks. The stamp features another commemorative stamp issued in Mauritius on 13th December 1899 for the bicentenary anniversary of his birth".

1999 Endemic Plants (10 March 1999) (M875-878)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “As part of the natural history series, a set of four stamps was issued on 10 March 1999 on the theme ‘endemic plants’. The set comprises of (i) Re. 1 stamp showing a plant commonly known as bois cabri (of the verbenacae family – clerodendron laciniatum). It is a plant found in Rodrigues bearing leaves which are different and with pink flowers; (ii) Rs. 2 stamp shows a plant commonly known as bois chèvre, of the compositae family (senecio lamarckianus). It is a rare endemic shrub of Mauritius and grows on exposed cliffs. The tiny florets are yellow in colour; (iii) Rs. 5 is another rare endemic shrub of Mauritius also of the compositae family. It has thick leaves with woolly hairs; (iv) Rs. 9 stamp shows a psiadia pollicina, an endemic shrub of Mauritius, equally of the compositae family, mainly found on mountains. The FDC illustrates an endangered endemic shrub from Rodrigues, known as café marron (ramosmania rodriguesii)”.

1999 10th anniversary of introduction of cellular phones in Mauritius by EMTEL (29 May 1999)

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1999 Local Artists (18 June 1999) (M879-882)

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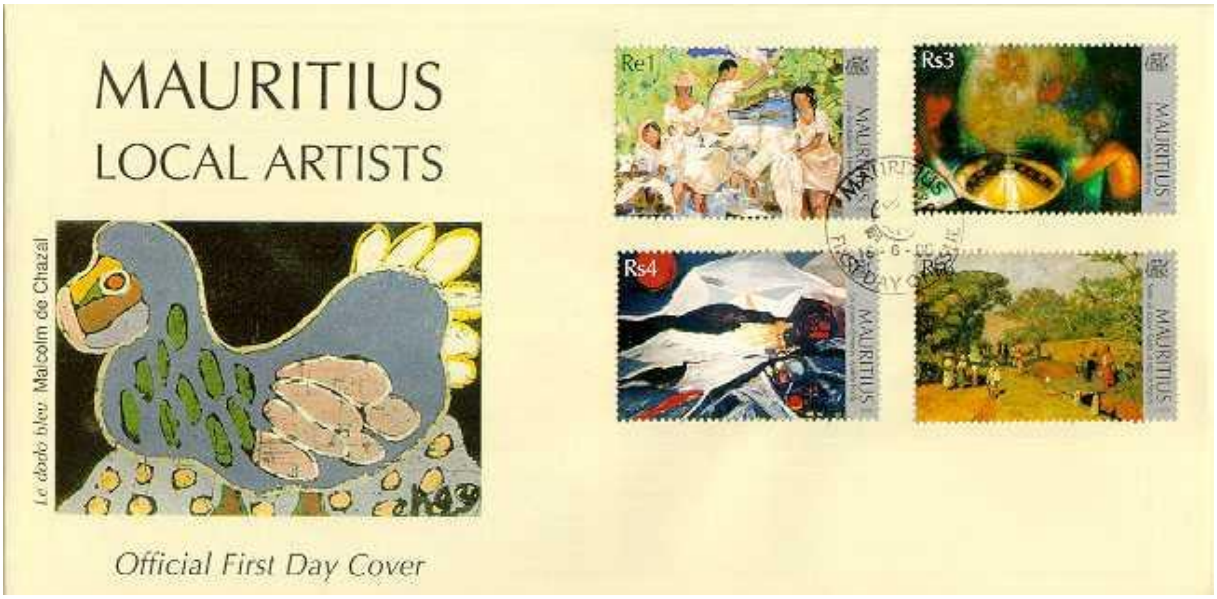

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "A stamp of 4 postage stamps was issued on 18 June 1999 to mark the contribution of local artists to the artistic landscape. The set depicts (i) Re. 1 les lavandières by Hervé Masson, showing a scene of ladies washing clothes in a river. Hervé Masson was born in Mauritius in 1919 but spent most of his professional life as an artist in France, where is works can be found in a number of museums in Paris, the US, Canada and Mexico; (ii) Rs. 3 features 'Le casino' painted by Gaetan de Rosnay, a Mauritian artist, who obtained a number of prestigious prizes in France for his works; (iii) Rs. 4 showing 'les quatre éléments' by Andree Poilly, known for her abstract paintings. The four elements are air, fire, water and earth; (iv) Rs. 6 representing 'la sortie de la messe' by Xavier Le Juge de Segrais, a scene which evokes calm and peace. The FDC illustrates Le Dodo bleu, a painting from Malcolm de Chazal".

1999 Old Sugar Mills Chimneys (17 September 1999) (M883-886)

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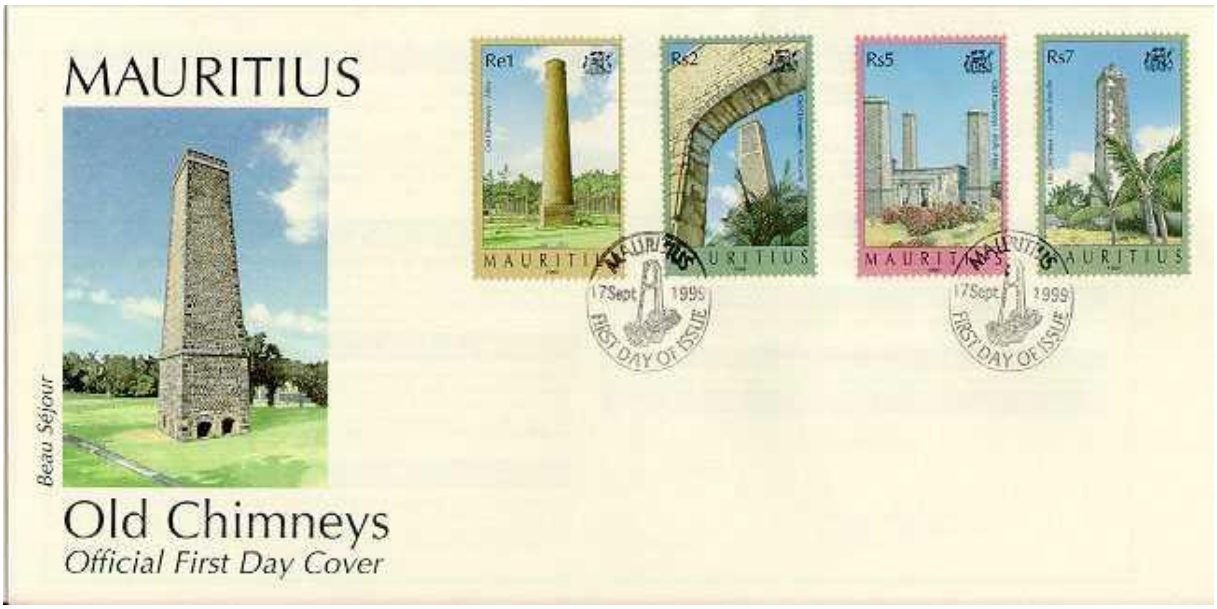
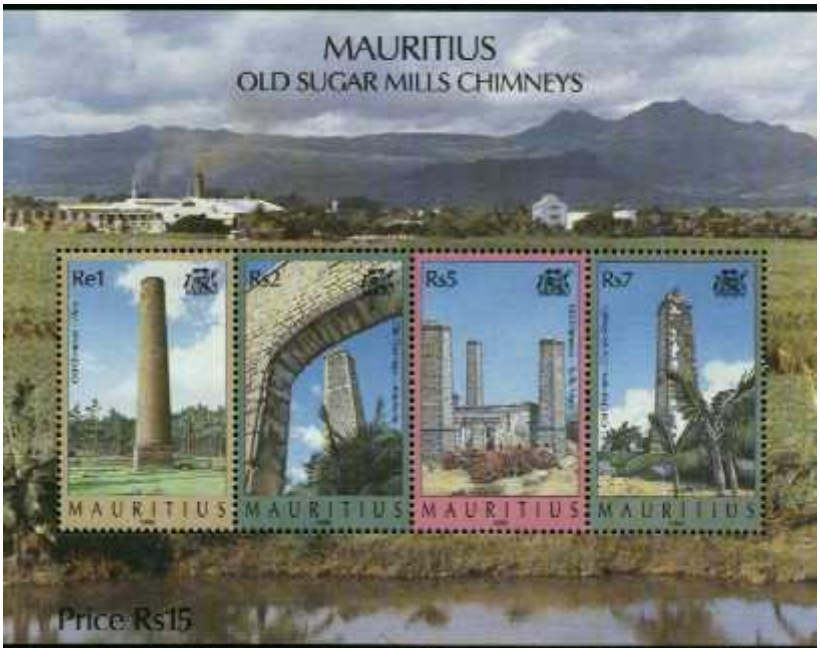


http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/OSMChim1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "A set of four postage stamps was issued on 17 September 1999 depicting the chimneys of ancient sugar mills. The set comprises 4 stamps and one miniature sheet. (i) Re. 1the chimney of Alma mill, also known as Champ D'or situated in the district of Moka. It was the first sugar factory to introduce the chemical control of sugar in the industry but ceased operations in 1947, when its activities were centralised at Mon Désert; (ii) Rs. 2 shows a chimney at Antoinette, a sugar mill situated in

the district of Rivière du Rempart. The mill started operations in 1828 and the chimney was constructed around 1832. It was formally known as L'Alliance. The first Indian immigrants settled there. The factory closed down in 1938 and centralised its activities at the Mount; (iii) Rs. 5 stamp shows the chimney at Belle Mare sugar estate in the district of Flacq, which started activities in 1820. In 1822, it became the first mill to be operated by steam engines. The mill closed down in 1875 and its activities were centralised at Constance; (iv) Rs. 7 shows Grande Rosalie mill – The Villebague sugar estate owned by Mahé de Labourdonnais in the district of Pamplemousses started production in 1745. Ferney (in the south east) and Villebague were the first sugar mills on the island. Villebague was parcelled in two to become respectively Grande Rosalie and Petite Rosalie. Grande Rosalie ceased operations in 1899 and activities were centralised at the Mount. The FDC illustration illustrates the chimney of the old Beau Séjour sugar mill, in the district of Rivière du Rempart, which started production during the French period".



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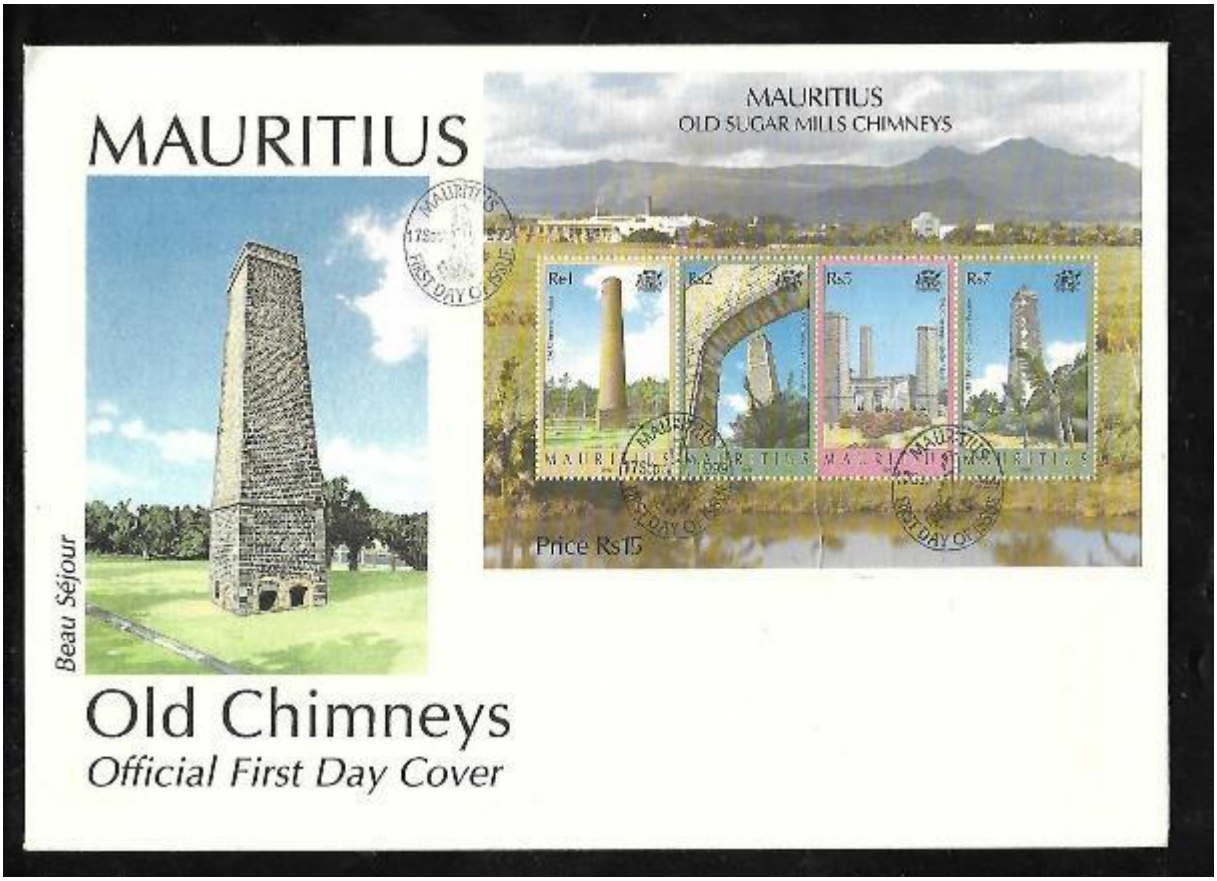

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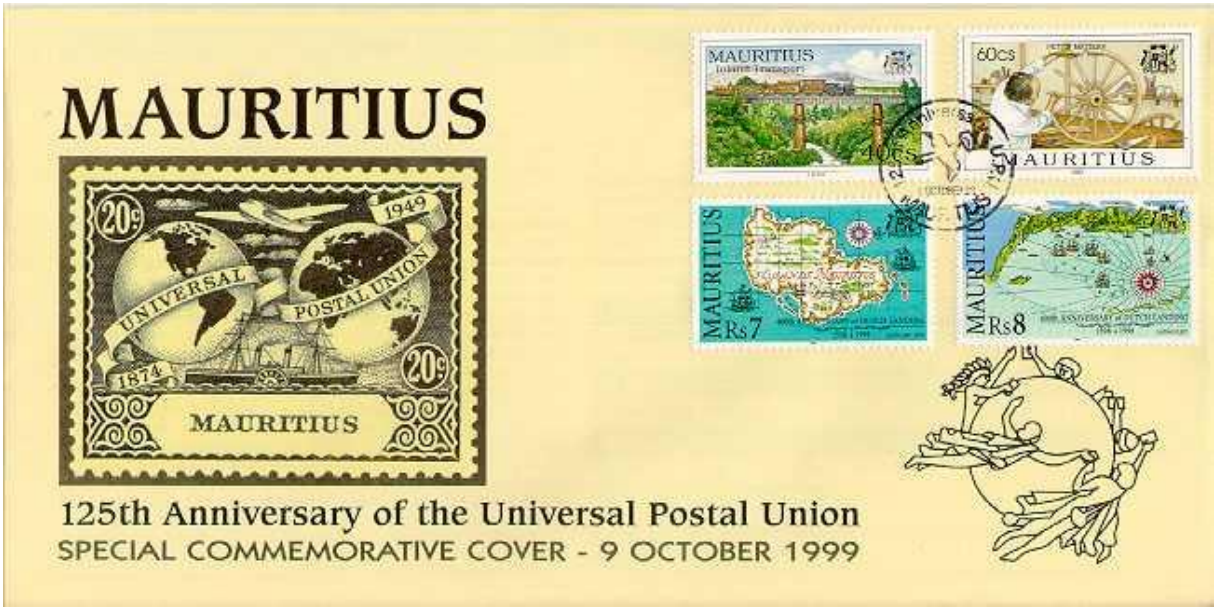
https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: "This cover shows a souvenir sheet with the same chimneys as above".

1999 125th Anniversary of UPU (9 October 1999)



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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “On 9 October 1999, a set of four postage stamps from previous series, were used on a special commemorative to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, an international organization whose mission is to promote and develop communication between the people of the world. The cover illustrates a 20c stamp issued in 1949 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the UPU”.

1999 Achievements in the 20th Century (7 December 1999) (M887-890)

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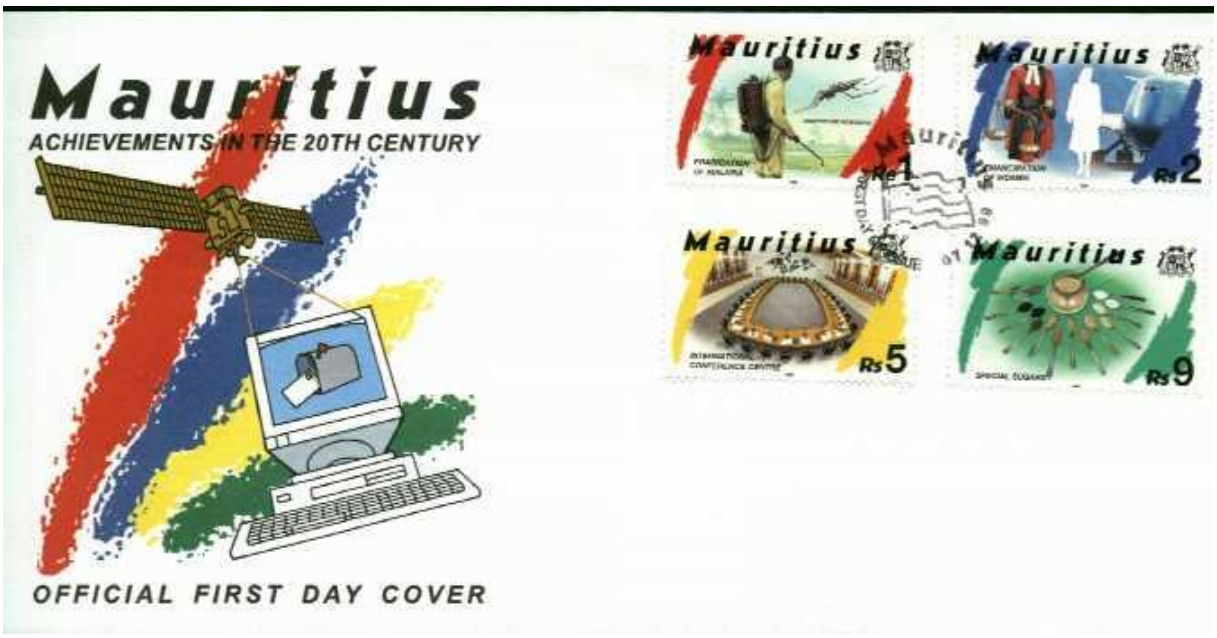

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/1990-1999/: “The Postal Services issued a set of 4 postal stamps on the theme “Achievements of the 20th Century”. It is dedicated to four spheres of activities where major developments have been realised. The set consists of (i) Re. 1 a mosquito and a man spraying a marshy land, as part of a programme to eradicate the malaria vector Anopheles funestus; (ii) Rs. 2 stamp is a composition featuring women as judges of the supreme court and pilots of jet planes, showing major progress made in

Mauritius for the emancipation of women, due to the right to education since the 19th century and relentless efforts to bring education to rural areas and to award scholarships; (iii) Rs. 5 showing the international conference centre in Grand Baie built in 1993 to host the 5th Summit of Francophonie and flags from various countries. Since then Mauritius established itself as an important international meeting place; (iv) Rs. 9 shows various types of special sugars produced by Mauritian factories to tap high end markets in the US and in Europe".

2000 150th Anniversary of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce & Industry (15 January 2000) (M891-894)

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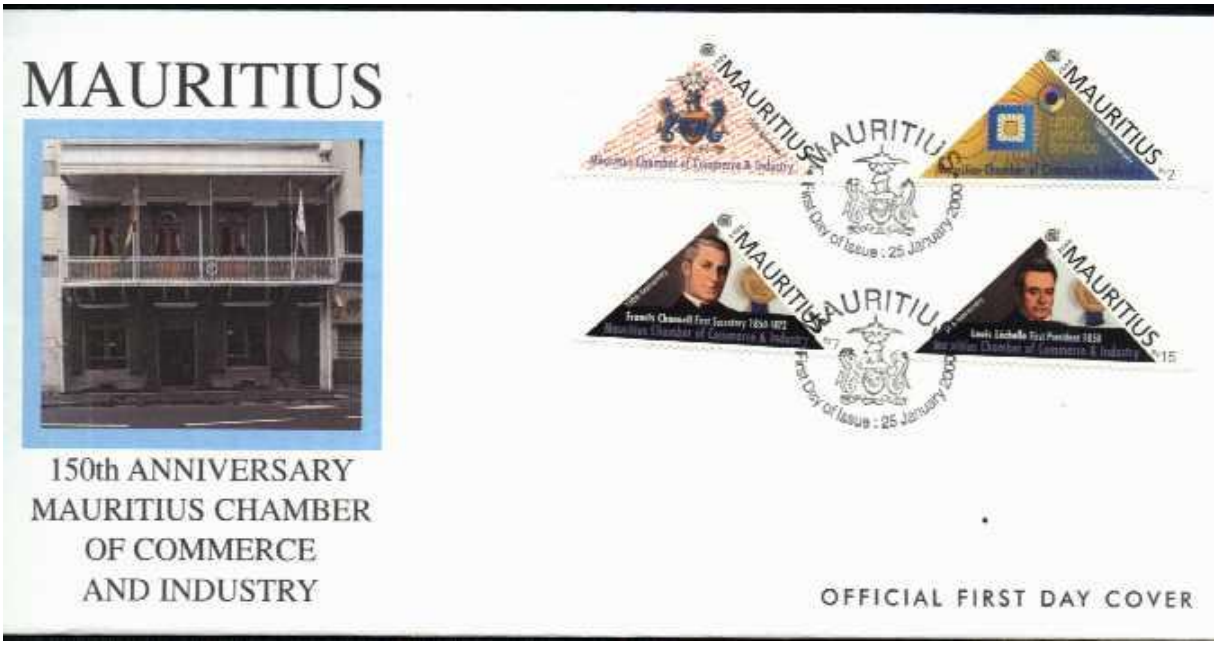

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/ : "The first day cover illustrates the facade of the seat of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) on Royal Street, Port-Louis. A set of 4 triangular postage stamps were issues to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the MCCI. The set consists of 4 stamps of the following denominations: (i) Re. 1: The Coats of Arms of the MCCI, granted in 1975 and officially awarded in 1979. The Chamber's moto, which appears on the Coats of Arms is 'Non nobis, sed patriae', which means 'Not for ourselves, but for our motherland'. The blue and yellow colours symbolise trust, confidence and optimism; (ii) The Rs. 2 stamp represents new technologies and the perception of the Chamber for the future (i.e. vision, service and cohesion); (iii) The Rs. 7 stamp shows a painting of the first Secretary of the Chamber, Mr. Francis Channell; and (iv) The Rs. 15 stamp features a painting of Mr. Louis Léchelle, first President of the Chamber (and first Mayor of Port-Louis)".

2000 Beetles (29 March 2000) (M895-898)

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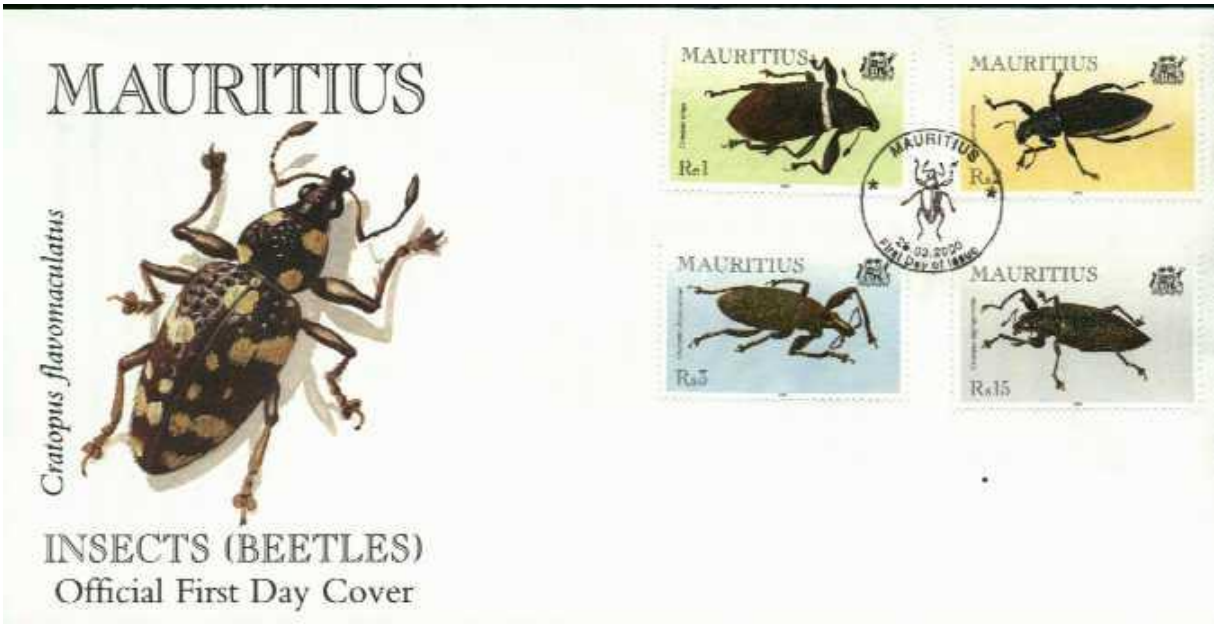

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Beetles1stdc.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "The Mauritius Postal Services issued a set of four postage stamps on insects in the natural history series. Th exact number of species is not known with certitude, but in the last compilation of species for the Mascarene Islands (which dates back to 1967), 1165 species, most of which were found in Mauritius. The species on this FDC are endemic to Mauritius and records mention about 30 unique species that can be found on the island, although most of them are difficult to find and therefore endangered. The set comprises of the following denominations: (i) Re. 1: A beetle cratopus striga. It is a stout-bodied black insect, with a narrow pure-white band of scales across the case of the elytra (thickened forewings); (ii) Rs. 2: Cratopus armatus, a beetle having a navicular body. It is dark with a narrow stripe of orange scales running laterally along the edge of the elytra; (iii) Rs. 3: Cratopus chrysochlorus, an insect with a fusiform body with narrow median stripe of white scales on the head, a uniform dark thorax and an elytra covered with scales having a striking blue-green-gold iridescence; (iv) Rs. 15: cartopus nigrogranatus, which has an elongated body with brilliant green and coppery scales with shiny black granules between them. The FDC illustrates the Cratopus flavomaculatus, whose body is covered with a striking yellow on black pattern, resulting from patches of yellow scales on a black derm".

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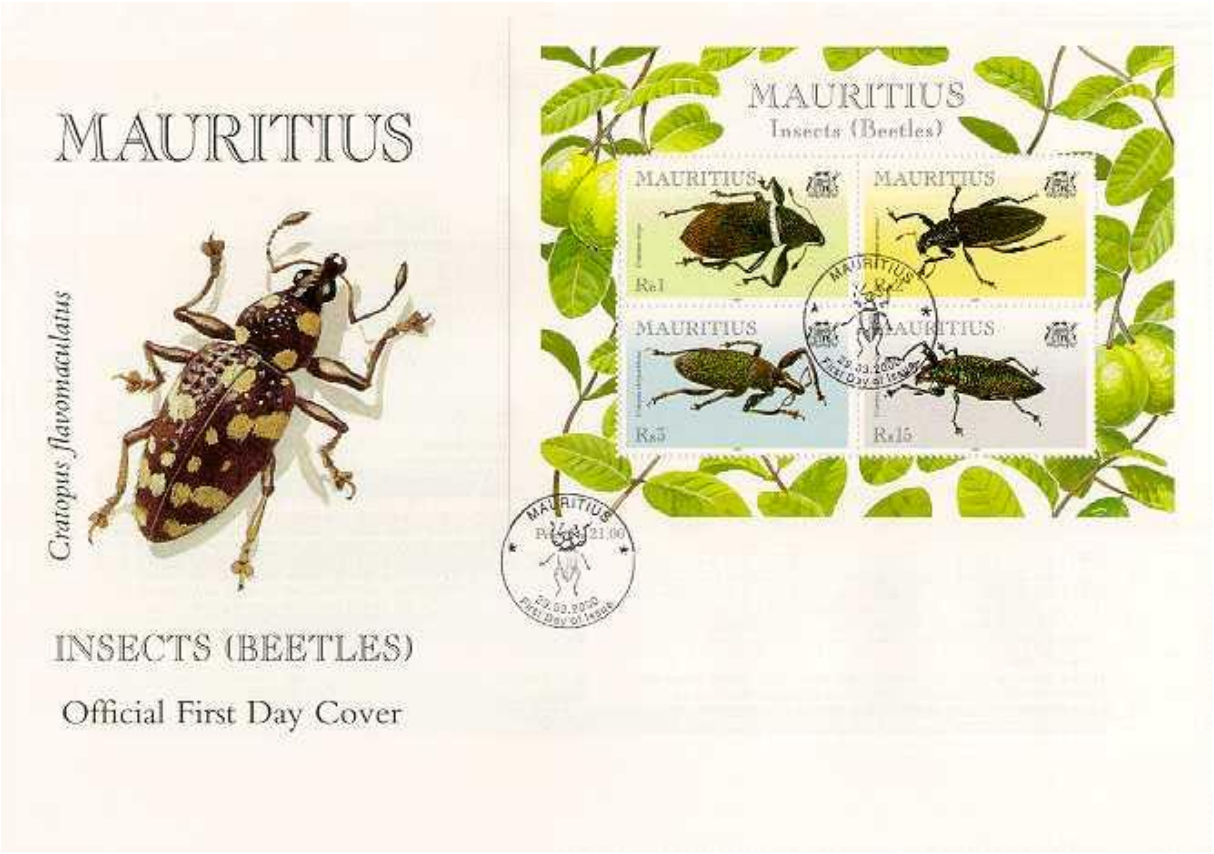

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2000 Olympic Games (28 June 2000) (M899-902)

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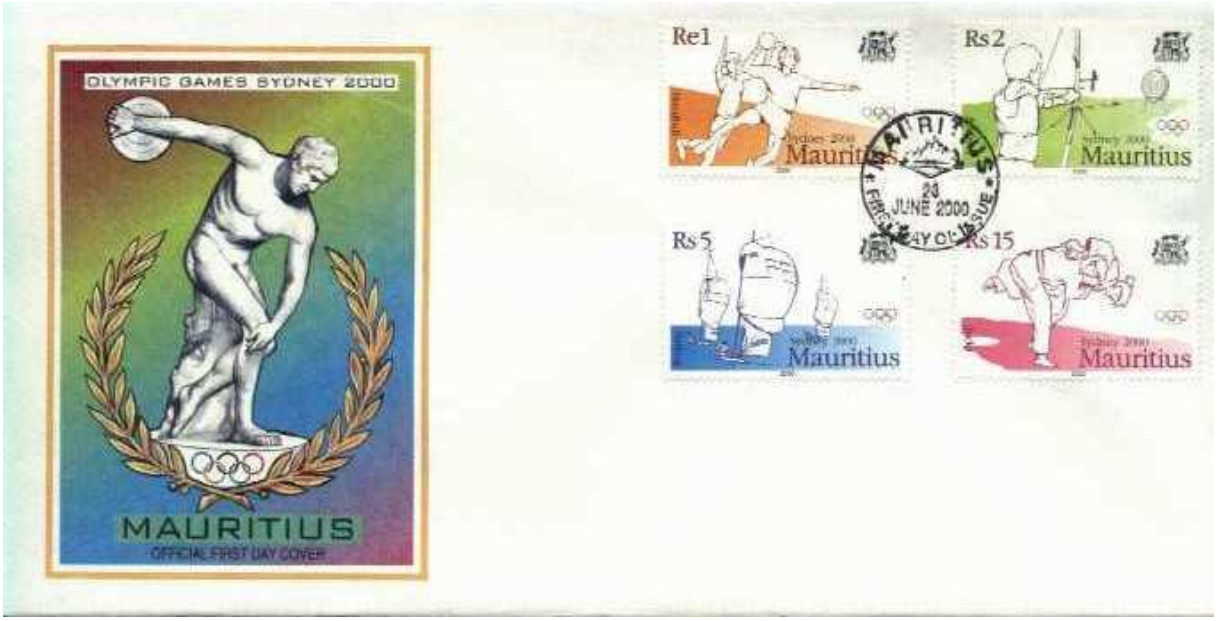

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "A set of four postage stamps were issued to mark the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, Australia from 15 September to 1st October 2000. The set consists of 4 denominations, all olympic disciplines, namely: (i) Re. 1 – Handball, a sport growing in popularity in Mauritius; (ii) Rs. 2 – Archery, formally launched in Mauritius in 1992. Mauritius had qualified for the Sydney games; (iii) Rs. 5 – Sailing – competitions are regularly organised in Mauritius in various parts of the island; (iv) Rs. 15 0 Judo – the sport is widely practiced in Mauritius by both men and women at all levels. The Fédération Mauricienne de Judo was registered in 1974. The FDC illustrates a discus thrower".

2000 100th BIRTH CENTENARY OF SIR S.RAMGOOLAM (18 September 2000) (M903-906)

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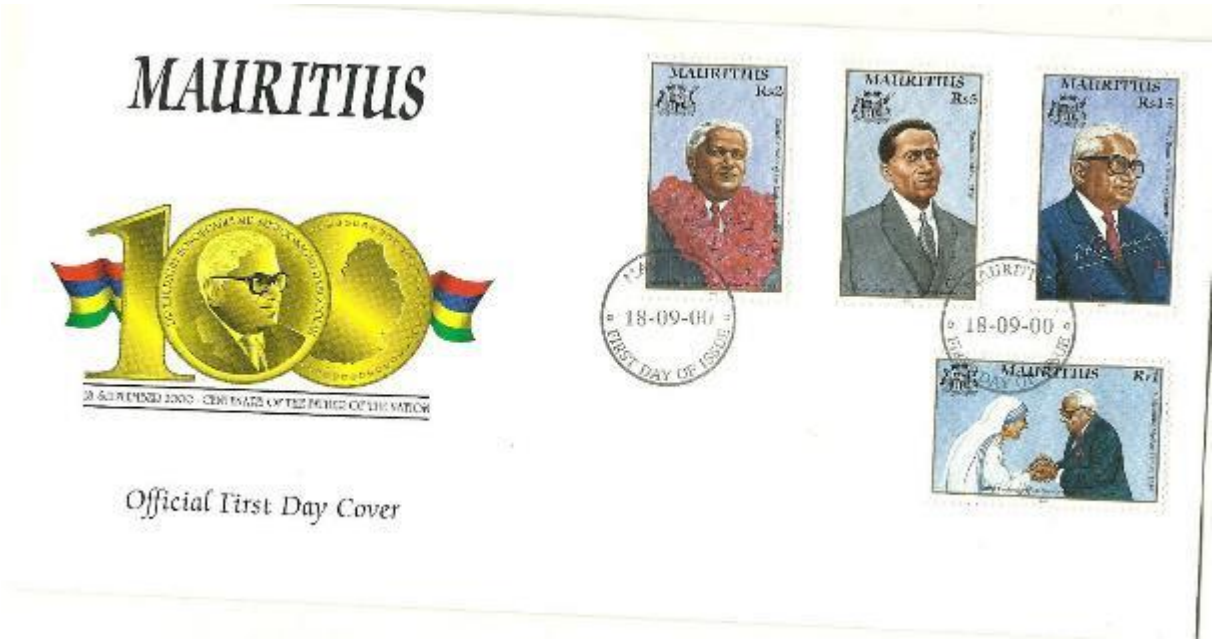

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "A set of four stamps was issued to commemorate the Birth Centenary of Sir Sewoosagur Ramgoolam, one of the most illustrious sons of the country. Known as the 'Father of the Nation', SSR has, throughout his political career been closely associated with the emancipation of the people of Mauritius and has led the struggle to Independence. He became the first Premier when Mauritius obtained self-government in 1965 and was the first Prime Minister of Mauritius at Independence on 12 March 1968. He became Governor General in 1983 until his demise in 1985. He also inspired free health, free education, liberal labour laws, national pension and many other social, cultural and economic activities. The stamps show various aspects of his career. (i) Re. 1 – The stamp portrays SSR welcoming Mother Theresa during her visit to Mauritius in 1984; (ii) Rs. 2 – At the general elections of 1948, SSR was elected for the first time as a member of the Labour Party. The stamp shows SSR with a red garland thanking the voters for their confidence; (iii) Rs. 5 – the stamps depicts SSR as a young student in London; and (iv) Rs. 15 – the stamp features SSR when he became Prime Minister in 1968 after independence. His signature is also shown on the stamp".

2000 Fishes (9 October 2000) (M907-918)

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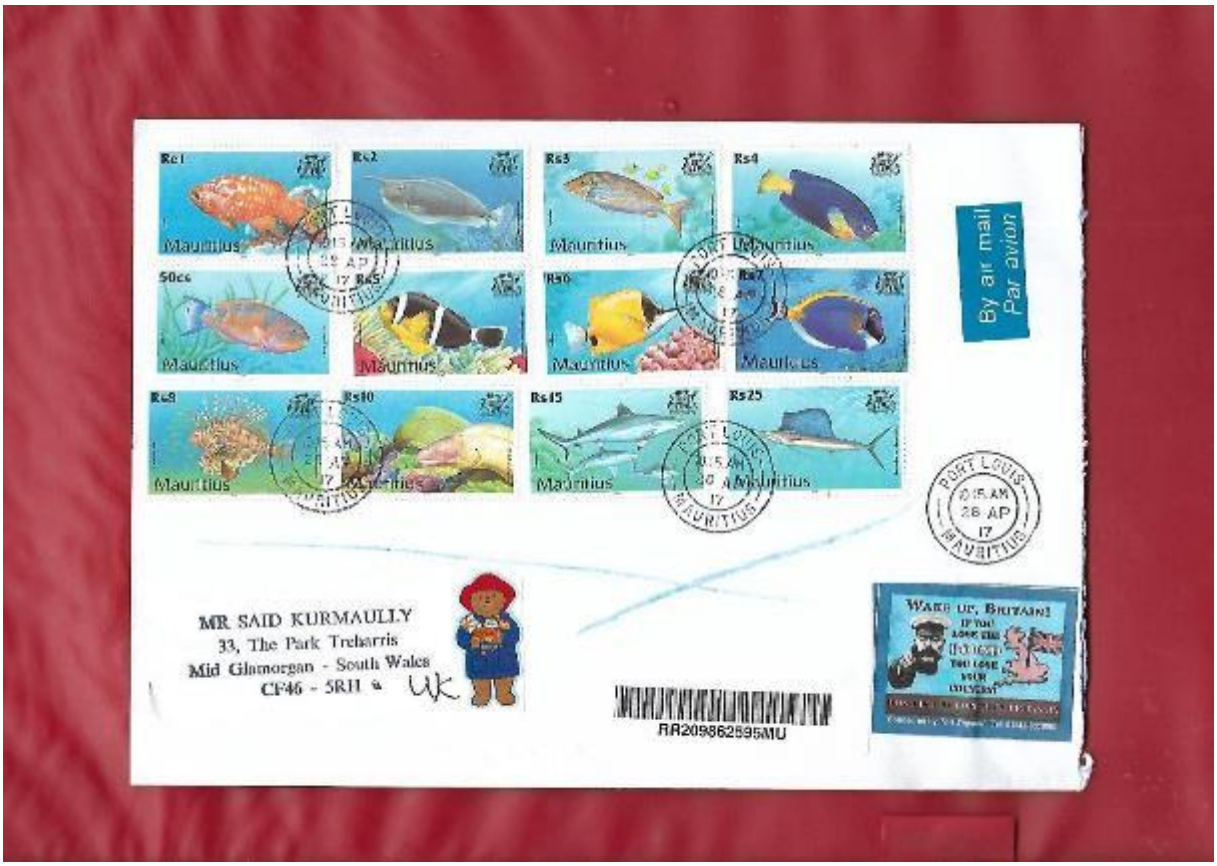

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/wtMAAOSwUn9Z8cY-/s-l1600.jpg With Postmark PORT LOUIS and "Wake up Britain" adhesive stamp, sent/used in 2017 for the anti-Europe campaign.

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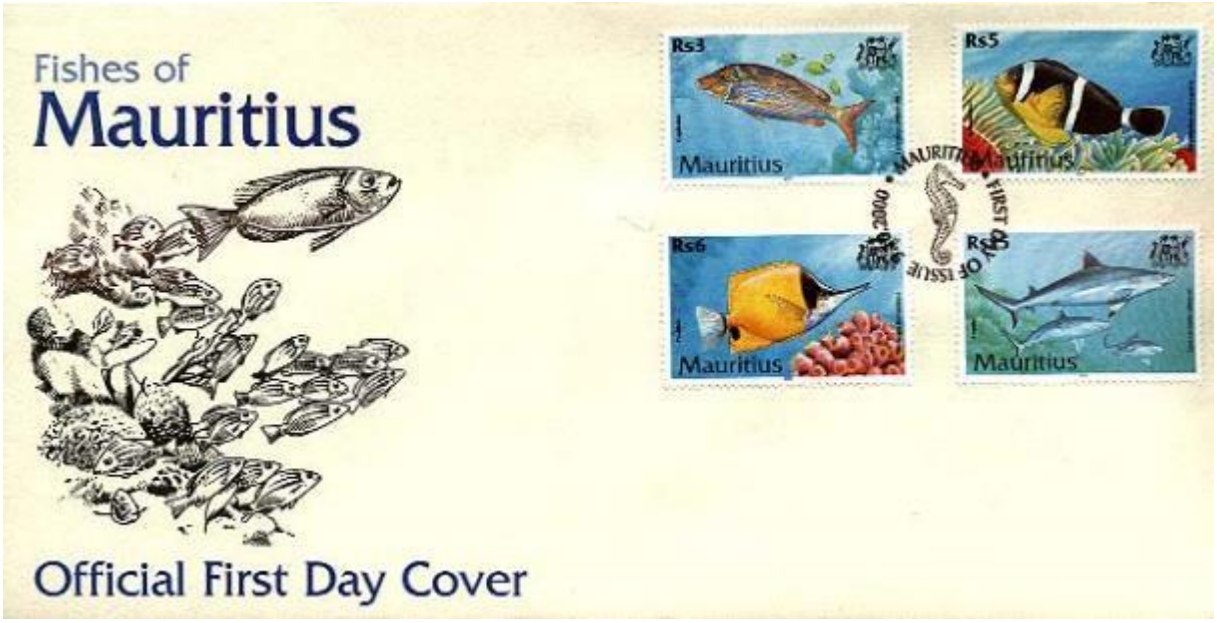

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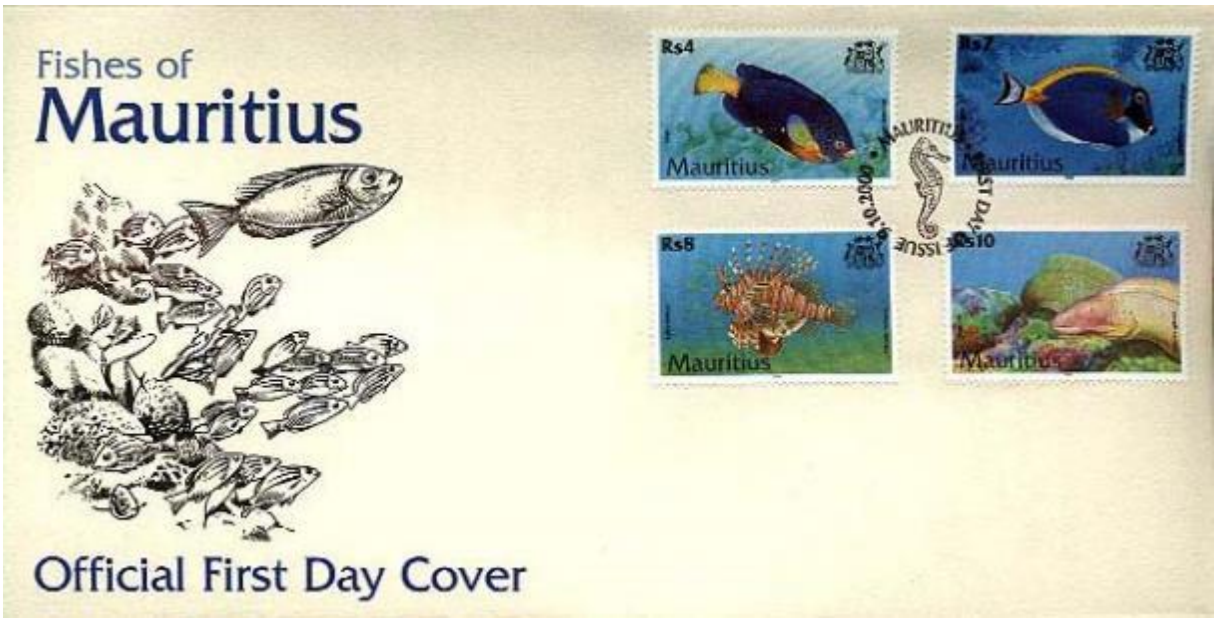

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Fishes1stdc3.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: “A set of 12 definitive postage stamps on fishes of Mauritius were issued to replace the definitive set on the Protection of the Environment. Three sets of first day covers, with 4 stamps each, 3 souvenir sheets with 4 stamps each and Souvenir Sheets on 3 FDCs were issued. The above envelope consists of 4 stamps: (i) Rs. 4 – Ange/ Centropyge debelius – commonly known as angelfish; (ii) Rs. 7 Chirurgien/ Acanthurus leucosternon – a brightly coloured surgeonfish ; III) Rs. 8 – Laffe volant/ Pterois volitans – a distinctive scorpionfish, with venomous pelvic fins; and Rs. 10 – Anguille/ Siderea grisea – often seen in shallow waters this moray eel has short rounded teeth adapted for preys like crabs and shrimps”.

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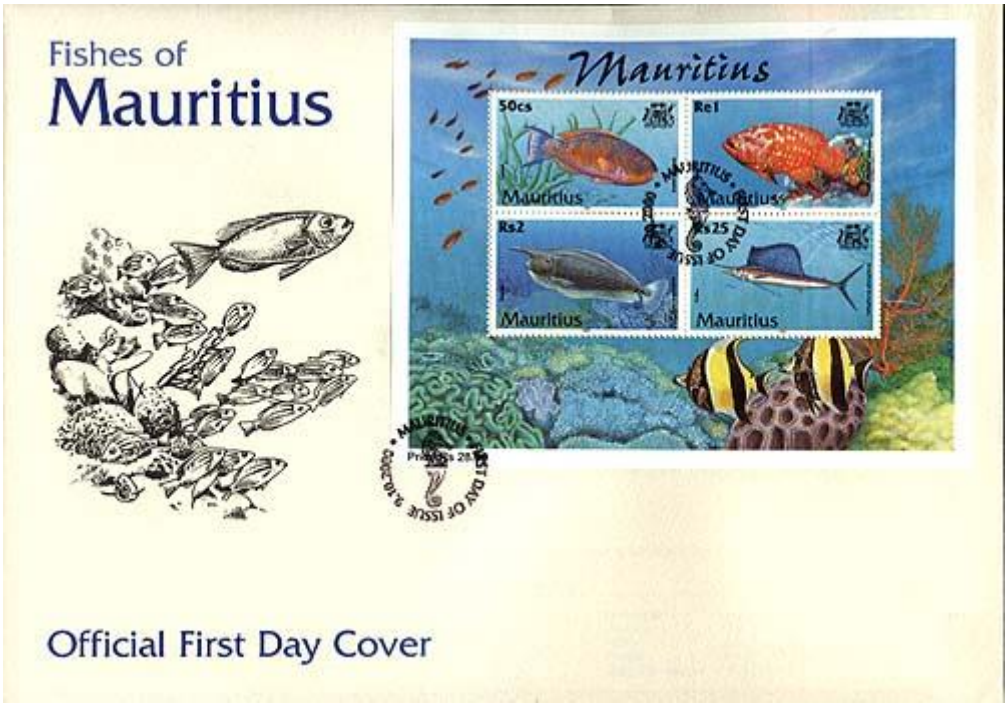

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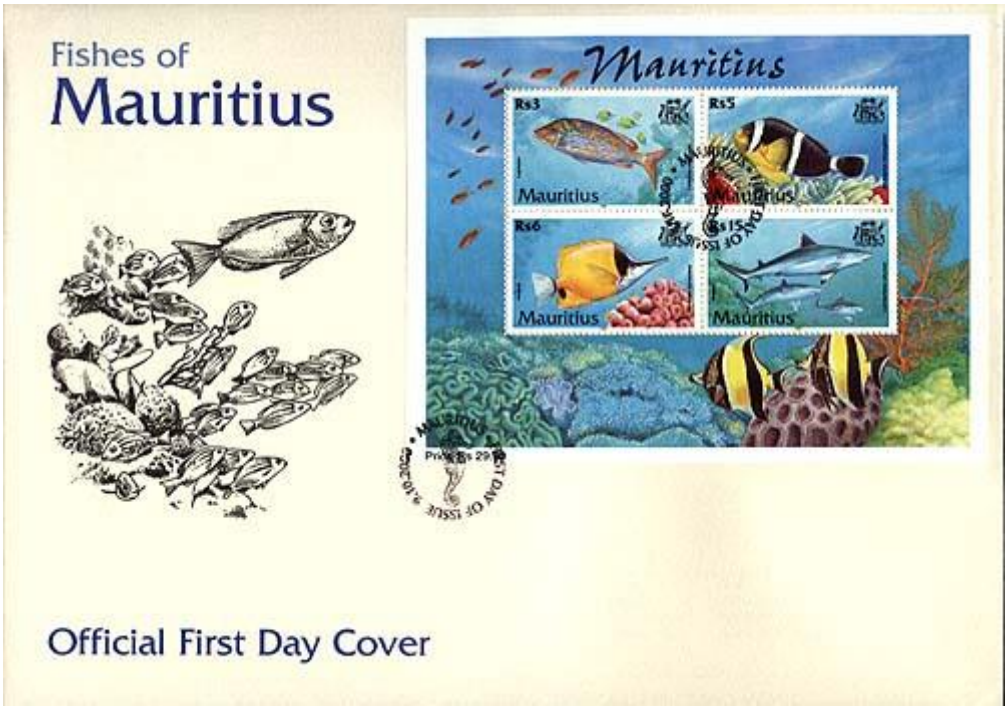

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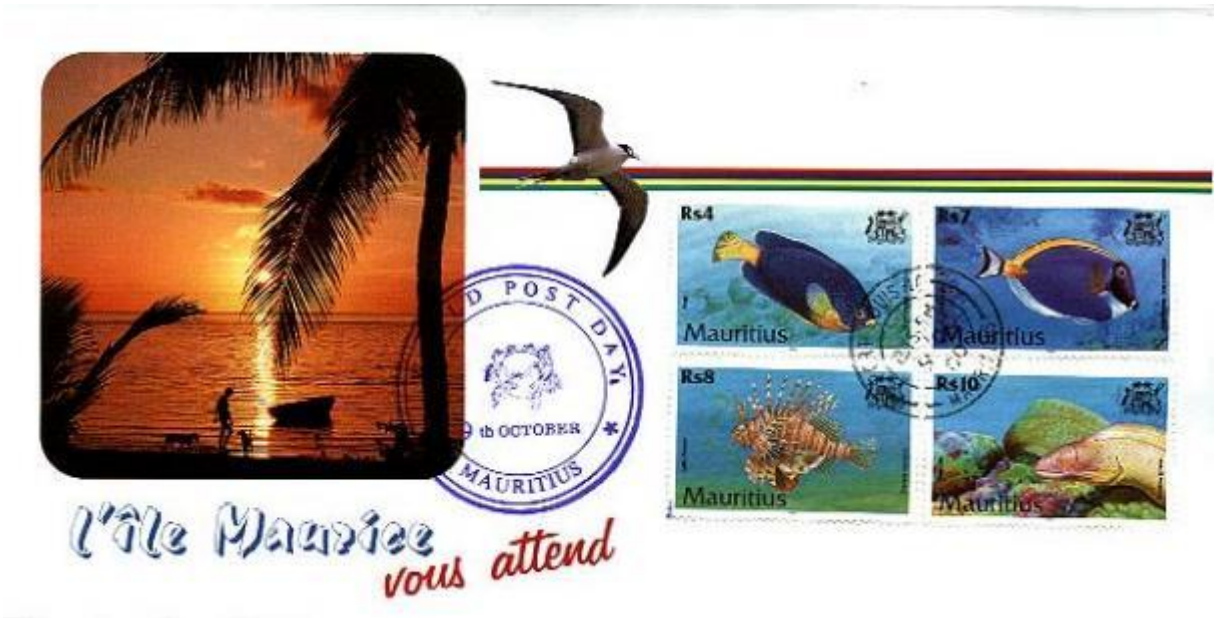

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/Fishesp1stdc3.jpg: "Self-made 1st day cover with World Post Day cancel 9 Oct".

2000 Postmark Vacoas

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2000 Mauritius Personalities (13 December 2000) (M 919-922)

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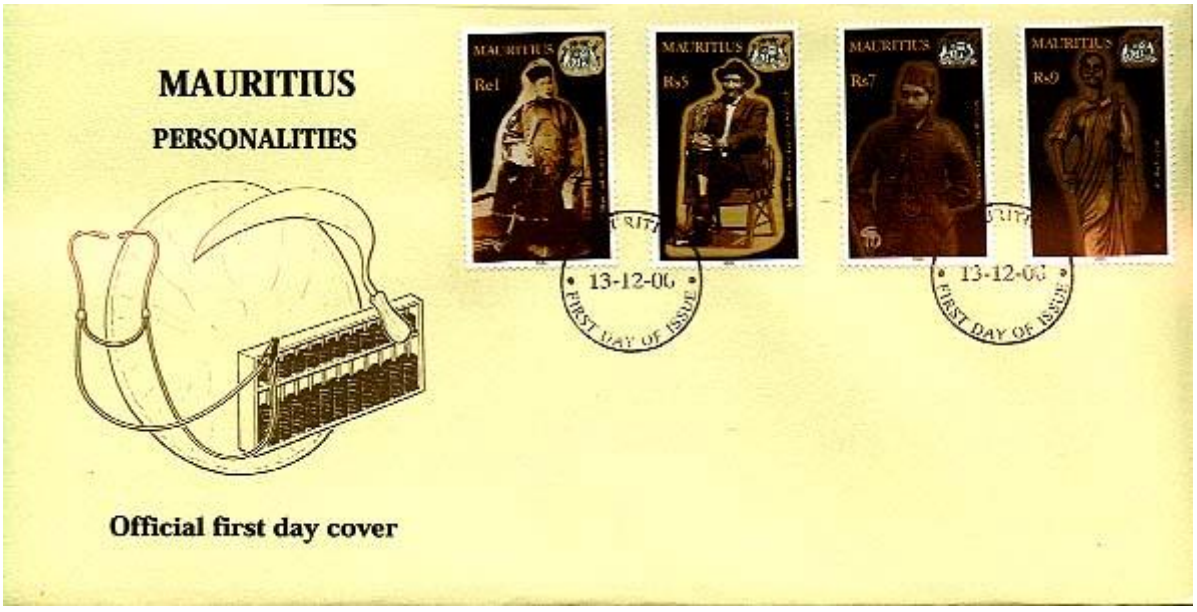

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "A set of four commemorative postage stamps was issued to highlight the contribution of four Mauritian personalities in the field of commerce, culture, health and labour rights. The set consists of (i) Re. 1 – Affan Tank Wen (1842 – 1900), a Chinese immigrant, who arrived in Mauritius on 31 October 1861. He worked as a shop assistant but is mostly remembered for his philanthropic activities. He was elected a member of the Electoral Reform Commission, spearheaded the construction of the Chinese Pagoda, contributed financially to the creation of a plague hospital in Port-Louis; (ii) Rs. 5 – Alfonse Ravaton, also known as Ti Frère (1900 – 1992), one of the most popular musician and singer of the traditional folk song, the sega tipik. Ti Frère's popularity grew as the Sega began to make inroads into the different social classes in Mauritius; (iii) Rs. 7 – Dr. Idrice Goumany (1859 – 1889). He was one of the few students of Indian origin to be admitted to the Royal College to pursue his secondary education, after which he went to Scotland to study medicine. Dr Goumany established his surgery at his home, and particularly to relieve his fellow countrymen struck by smallpox epidemic. In 1889, he took a challenge refused by all other fellow doctors, to take charge of the lazaret at Pointe aux Cannoniers, despite the risks. Two and half months later, the himself contracted the disease and passed away; (iv) Rs. 9 – Anjay Coopen – a labour martyr who died of rifle shots at Belle Vue Harel during an industrial action in 1943, while pregnant. She fought with many other labourers to improve the working conditions on sugar estates. She symbolises the countless, anonymous sugar cane labourers who helped to build the country".

2001 Textile industry (10 January 2001) (M923-926)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "A set of 4 postage stamps were issued to highlight the contribution of the textile industry and its thousands of workers in the economic development of Mauritius. The set comprises stamps of (i) Re. 1, showing a finished pullover, which is machine-knitted and has been designed by local qualified designers and stylists. Mauritius is one of the leading world exporters of pullovers, mainly to Europe and US; (ii) Rs. r shows a computed aided machinery, used to design, cut and produce patters for high value products; (iii) Rs. 6 depicts a t-shirt folding machine, with a capacity of 400 t-shirts per hour; (iv) Rs. 10 shows an embroidery machine, with a capacity of 800 stitches per minute. The number of points required for a t-shirt ranges from 20,000 to 30,000 stitches".

http://boutiquedecollectionsmauricienne.chez.com/TextInd1stdc.jpg

2001 End of Slavery and Indentured Labour (1 February 2001) (M927)

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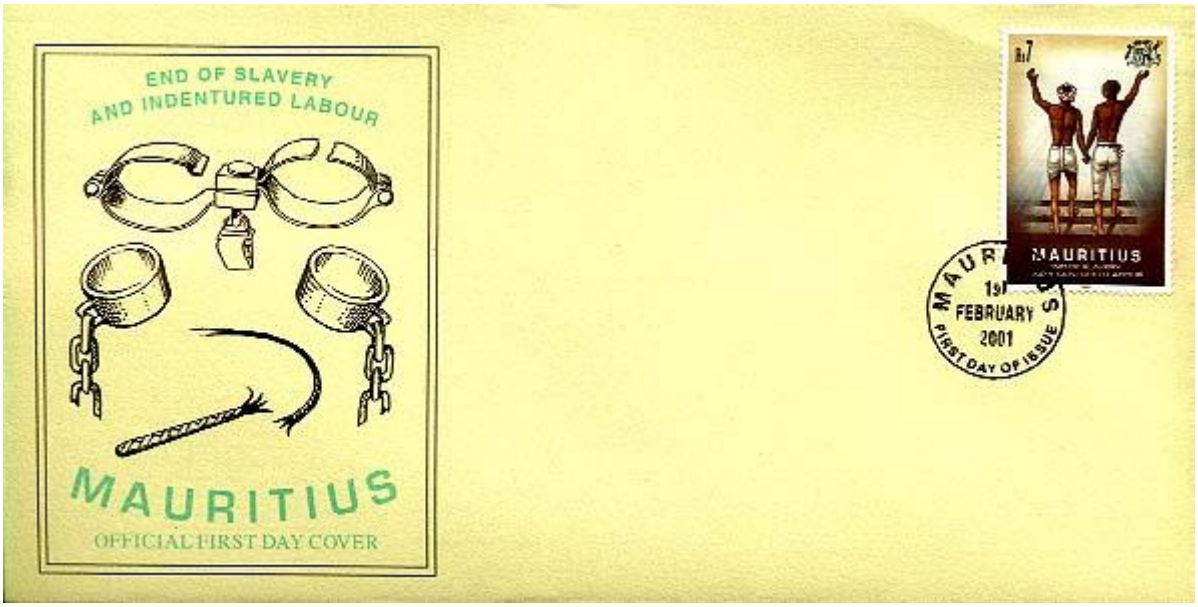

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "A commemorative postage stamp was issued to mark the abolition of slavery and the termination of indentured labour. The stamp value is of Rs. 7. Slave trade was brought to Mauritius by Dutch settlers (1598) from East Indies and Madagascar for the development of the Colony. The French settlers (arrived in 1710) brought more slaves from the West and East Coasts of Africa. Slave trade continued to flourish but in the face of mounting opposition against slavery and the condition of slaves on plantation, in 1792 a motion was tabled in British Parliament to gradually abolish slavery. In 1808, slave trade was prohibited. In 1810, when the British took possession of the island, slave trade became illegal. Slaves were however not liberated until 1835. Indentured labourers were brought in from India to replace slaves on cane plantation. The first main inflow arrived in 1834 and was discontinued in 1909. The stamp symbolises the hope engendered in Mauritians of African and Indian origin through the abolition of slavery and termination of indentured labour. The two figures emerge from darkness of servitude to the light of freedom and the steps they are climbing symbolise the difficulties endured".

2001 Trees (21 March 2001) (M928-931)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "Four postage stamps in the Natural History series were issued to depict the trees of Mauritius. They consist of (i) Re. 1 – Bois puant/ foetidia mauritiana. The tree is endemic to Mauritius and derives its name from 'bois puant' because of the strong fetid smell of its oil; (ii) Rs. 3 – Bois d'Ebene/ Diospyros tessellaria is one of the twelve endemic species of ebony found in Mauritius. The bark is black and the wood is used to manufacture musical instruments and furniture; (iii) Rs. 5 – Mangliers de Hauts/ Sideroxylon puberulum is an endemic tree common in the forest of the Mauritius plateau. The wood is strong and rot proof; (iv) Rs. 15 – Bois d'éponge/ Gastonia mauritiana is a rare endemic tree which grows along the coastal regions. The FDC illustrates Mathurina penduliflora a threatened endemic tree from Rodrigues".

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2001 200th anniversary of Baudin's expedition (13 June 2001) (M932-935)

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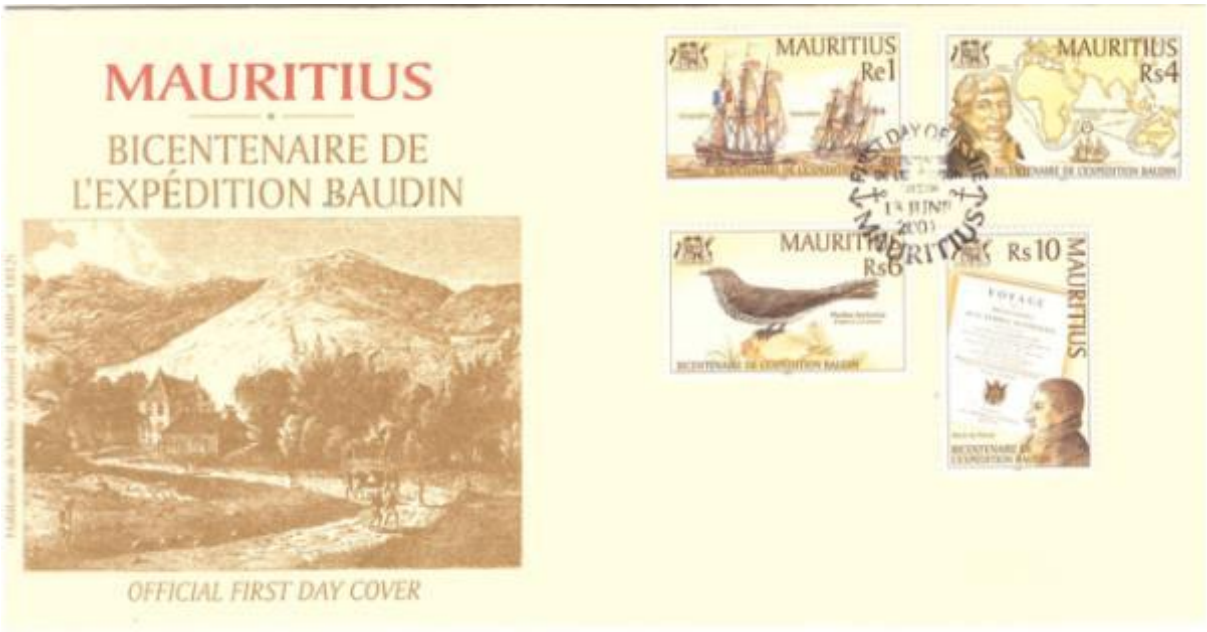

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2001-13-june-bicentenaire-expedition-baudin.jpg?w=641&h=332: "In 1800, Napoleon Bonaparte, then First Consul, commissioned Post-Captain Nicolas Baudin, to explore the South West, West and Northern coastline of New Holland (today Australia). As the observations were to be conducted in the fields of geography and natural history, the leading ship was names Géographe, and its consort vessel, Naturaliste. A third vessel was called Casuarina. The expedition sailed on 19 October 1800 from the French port of LE Havre and reached Isle de France on 16th March 1801. When the expedition sailed again on 25th April, a number of scientists stayed on the island. On its way back to France in 1803, the expedition called again at Isle de France. The FDC is composed of 4 denominations: (i) the Re. 1 portrays the two ships Géographe and Naturaliste; (ii) Rs. 4 depicts the route taken by the ships on their inward and outward journeys, and portrays Baudin (who died in Port-Louis in Sep 1803); Rs. 6 features an indigenous bird of Mauritius, brought back by the expedition; (iv) Rs. 10 depicts the title page of a book written by François Péron (a zoologist and historian) and a portrait of Péron. The first volume of the book, titled "Historique du voyage de découvertes aux Terres Australes" appeared in 1807. The FDC features an engraving by J. Milbert showing the estate of Madame Querivel, where Baudin died".

2001 Mauritius economic achievements (12 September 2001) (M 936-939)

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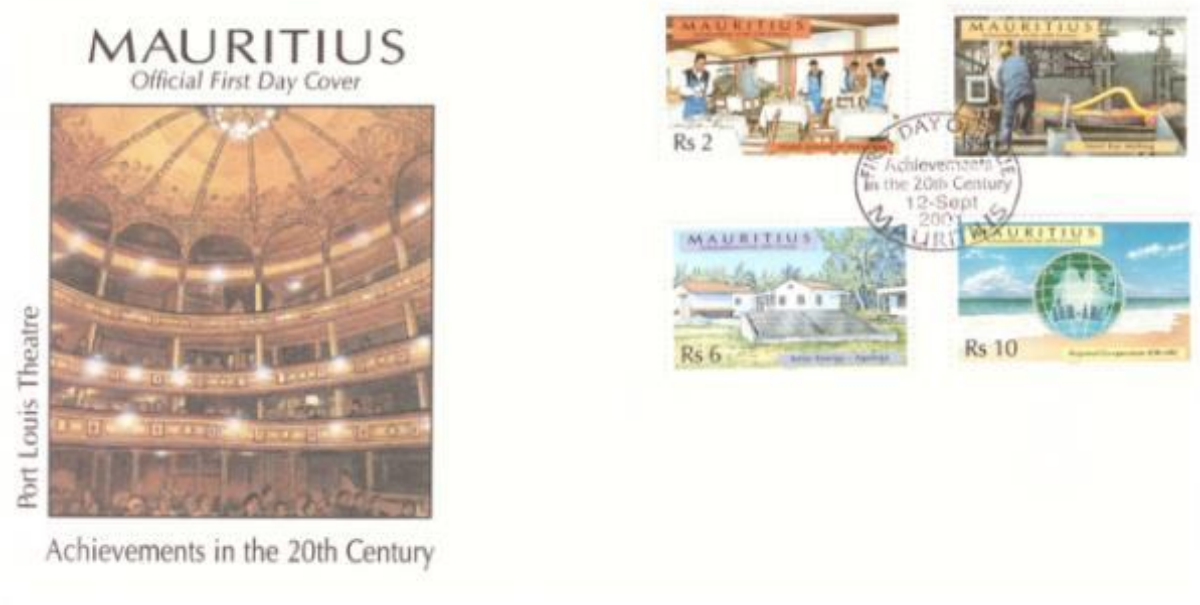
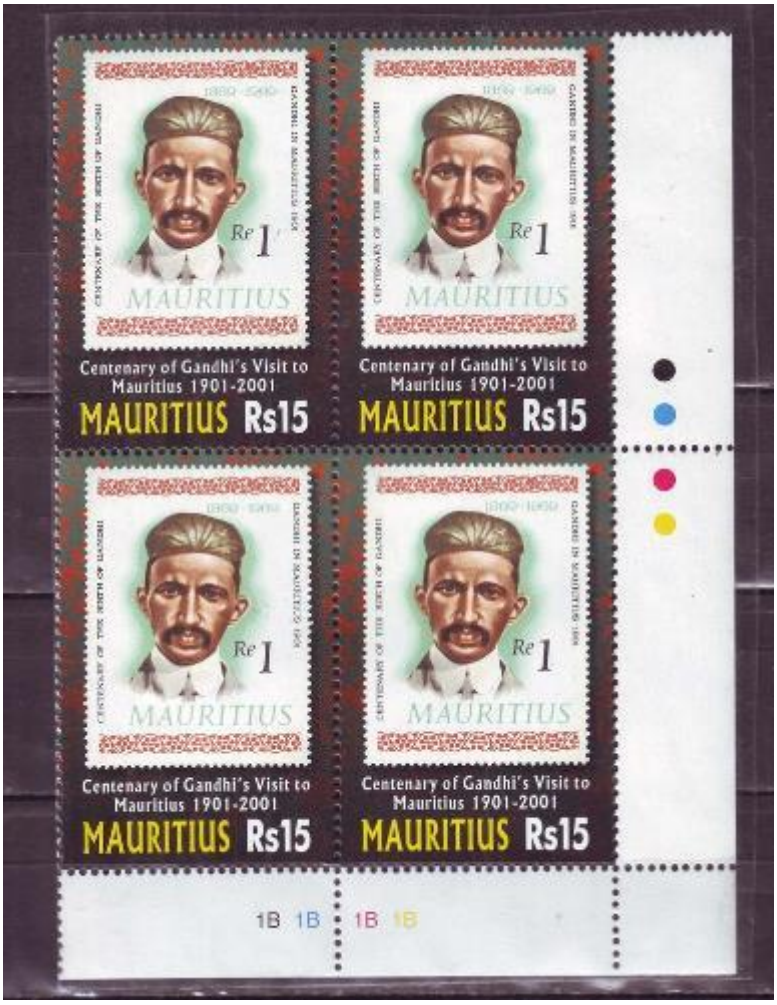


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2001-12-sep-achievements-in-the-20th-century.jpg?w=640&h=336: "A second set of postage stamps on the theme "Achievements of the 20th Century" was issued on 12 Sep. 2001. The set comprises stamps of (i) Rs. 2, which portrays students during a training session at the Hotel School of Mauritius, set up in 1971 to provide the tourism industry with highly trained personnel; (ii) Rs. 3, showing a red hot steel bar coming out of a furnace. The steel bar industry played an important role in the building of infrastructure, following independence; (iii) The Rs. 6 stamp portrays a solar energy plant at North Island in Agalega. It was set up in April 1998 to provide energy to 10 houses; (iv) Rs. 10 stamp portrays the logo of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation. The Association comprises 19 member states, and aims to promote the interests of Indian Ocean states and to cooperate in various fields. The Secretariat is based in Mauritius. The FDC illustration is an interior view of the Port-Louis Theater".

2001 Centenary of Gandhi's visit to Mauritius (2 October 2001) (M 940)



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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2001-2-oct-centenary-of-gandhi-visit-to-mauritius.jpg?w=641&h=356: "One postage stamp was issued on 2 October 2001 to mark the centenary of the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Mauritius in 1901. Travelling from Durban, South Africa to Bombay, Gandhi arrived in Mauritius on 29 October 1901 on board S. S Nowshera, a steamer of the British India Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. He stayed in Port-Louis until 15 November 1901 and was the guest of an indian trader, Mr. Ahmed Goolam Mohamed. The visit of Gandhi had beneficial effects on the Indian community. Back to India, he sent Manilall Doctor to Mauritius, a barrister, to look after the welfare of the Indian community. The Rs. 15 stamp is a 'stamp on stamp' issue. It portrays the Re. 1 issued in 1969 to mark the centenary of the Birth of Gandhi".

2001 Traditional work: coconut production (5 December 2001) (M 941-944)

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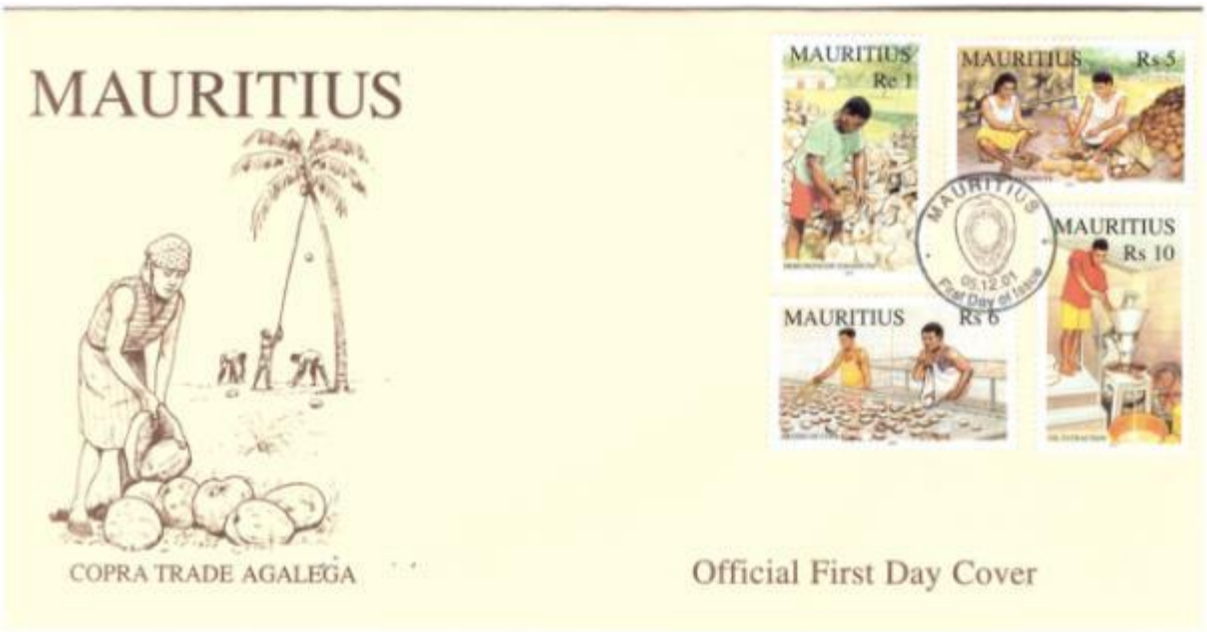

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2001-5-dec-copra-trade-agalega.jpg?w=644&h=339: "A set of four postage stamps were issued on the theme "Métiers traditionnels". The set depicts the different stages of production of coconut oil in Agalega, an island situated 1000 km to the north of Mauritius. The set comprises of (i) Re. 1 stamp picturing the dehusking of coconuts by a worker, which consists of removing the nut from the fibrous enveloppe. This is done by means of a special heavy spear; (ii) Rs. 5 shows the process of deshelling of coconuts; (iii) Rs. 6 stamp showing employees looking after the drying of copra in the kiln. The coconut flesh is brought for dying. The latter contains 30 – 40% oil, while the dried one contains 60 – 70% oil; (iv) Rs. 10 stamps, showing the machine used for oil extraction. The copra is crushed in a bronze pestle and the oil is pressed out through a filtering sieve. The solid residue (pounac) is used as livestock feeds. The FDC illustrates the picking of coconuts".

2002 10th anniversary of the Republic (12 March 2001) (M 945-948)

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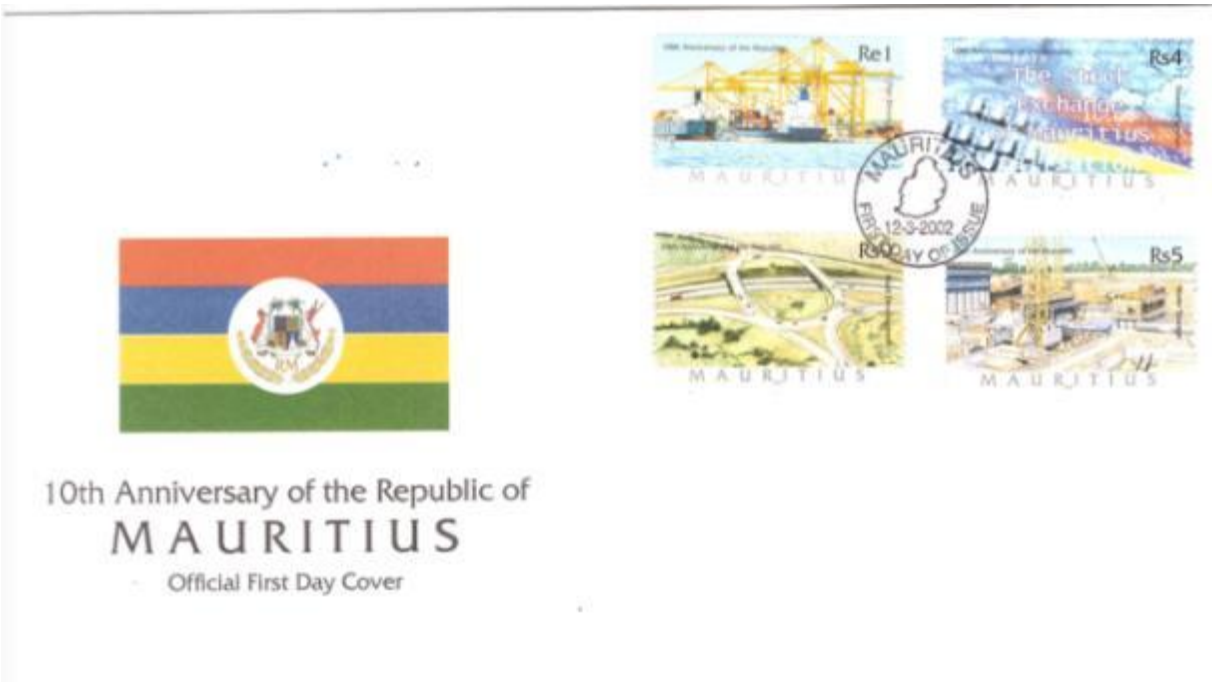

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2002-12-march-10th-anniversary-of-republic.jpg?w=644&h=360: "The Postal Services issued a set of four commemorative stamps to mark the 10th Anniversary of the accession of Mauritius to the status of Republic. The theme chosen for the commemorative issue portrays 4 stamps (i) The Re. 1 relates to the development of Port-Louis as a regional hub of the Indian Ocean for trade, warehousing and distribution. The stamp shows the three quay cranes installed in Port-Louis; (ii) Rs. 4 is a composition showing the use of informational technology in the stock market; (iii) Rs. 5 stamp features the construction of the Midlands Dam, which is mainly used for the irrigation of the northern planes; (iv) Rs. 9 stamp portrays the roundabout at Réduit, a major point of exchange for traffic from the centre of the island. The FDC illustrates the President's flag".

2002 Cicadas (12 June 2002) (M 949-952)

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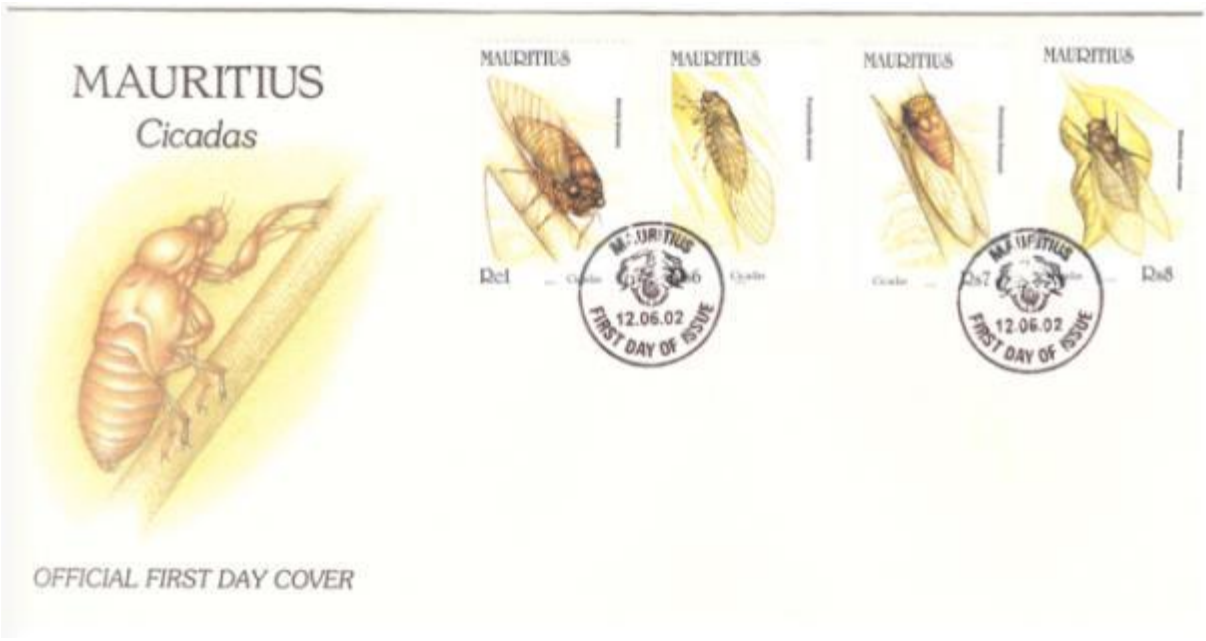
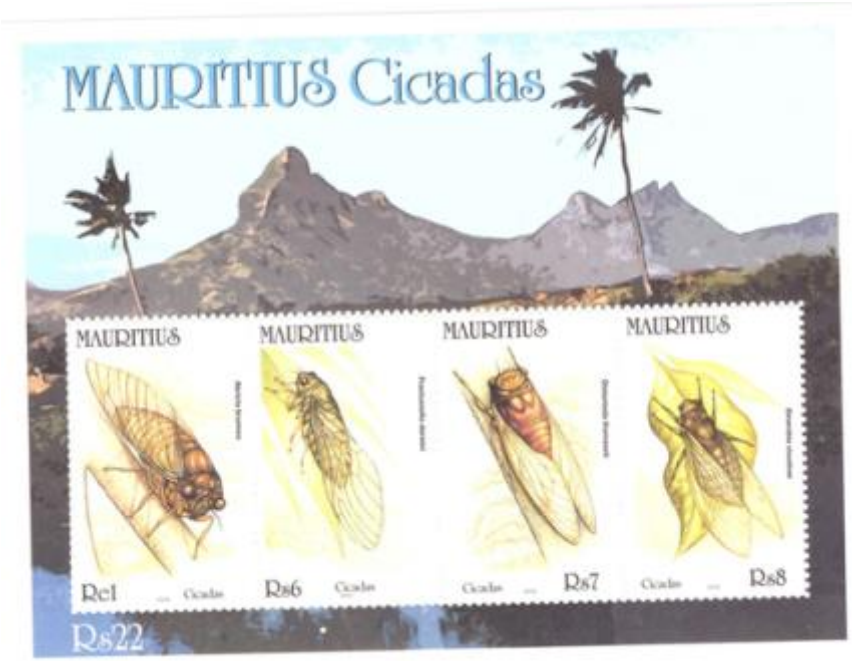


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2002-12-june-cicadas-fdc.jpg?w=644&h=337: "A set of four postage stamps on the theme of 'cicadas' was issued on 12 June 2002 and a souvenir sheet, with the same set of stamps. Cicadas are medium-sized insects common to tropical and sub-tropical regions. They have a 3-stage life cycle_ eggs, nymphs and adults. The set depicts (i) Re. 1 stamp, a 'abricta brunnea' a specie occurring in Mauritius and Reunion, common found on filao trees. The adult is rich brown in colour with burgundy markings; (ii) Rs. 6 stamps is a 'fractuosella darwini' a medium-sized green cicada endemic only to Mauritius. Its natural habitat is mainly upland forested zones; (iii) Rs. 7 shows a distantade thomaseti, the largest of all Mascarenes cicadas, endemic to Rodrigues only where it is found over the whole island; (iv) Rs. 8, a dinarobia claudeae, a specie natural to Mauritius only. Its habitat is restricted to moist upland forest such as the Macchabée forest. The FDC illustrates a nymph".



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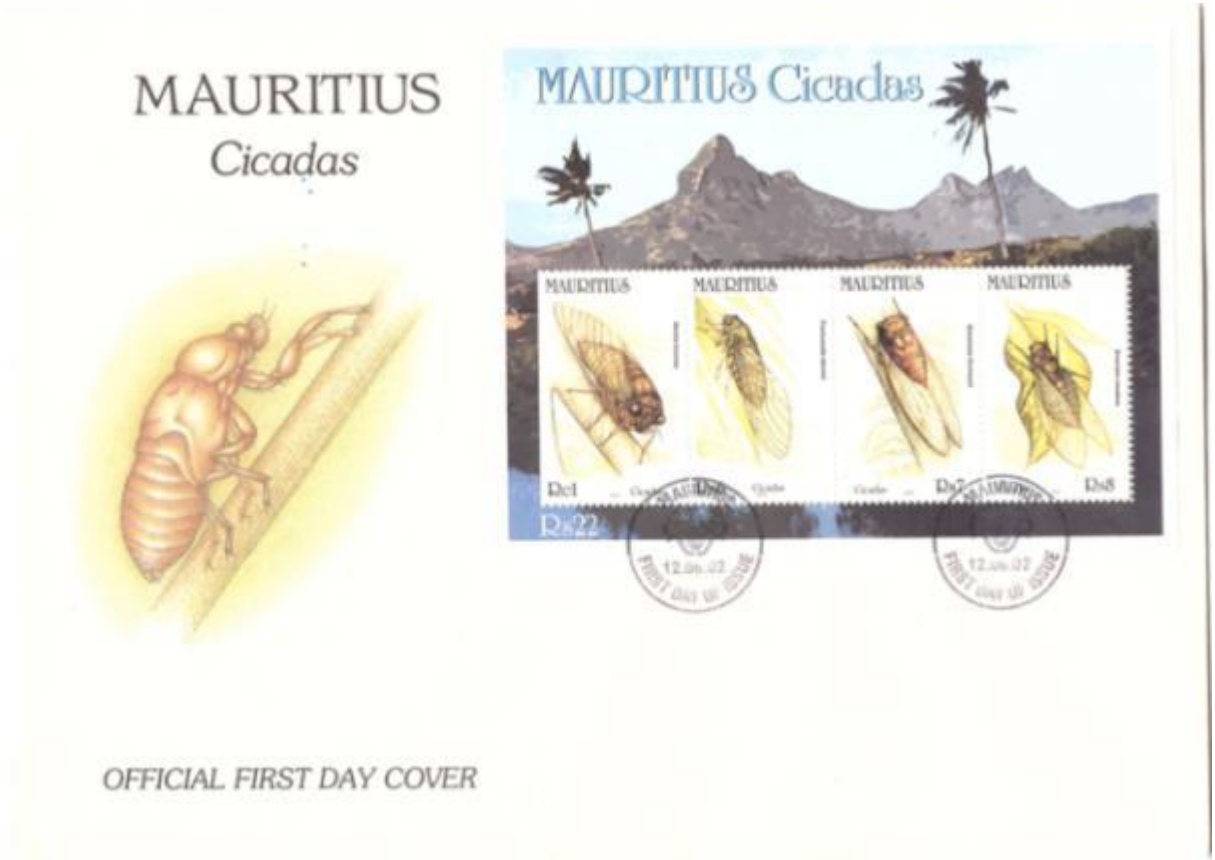

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2002 Postmark Agalega

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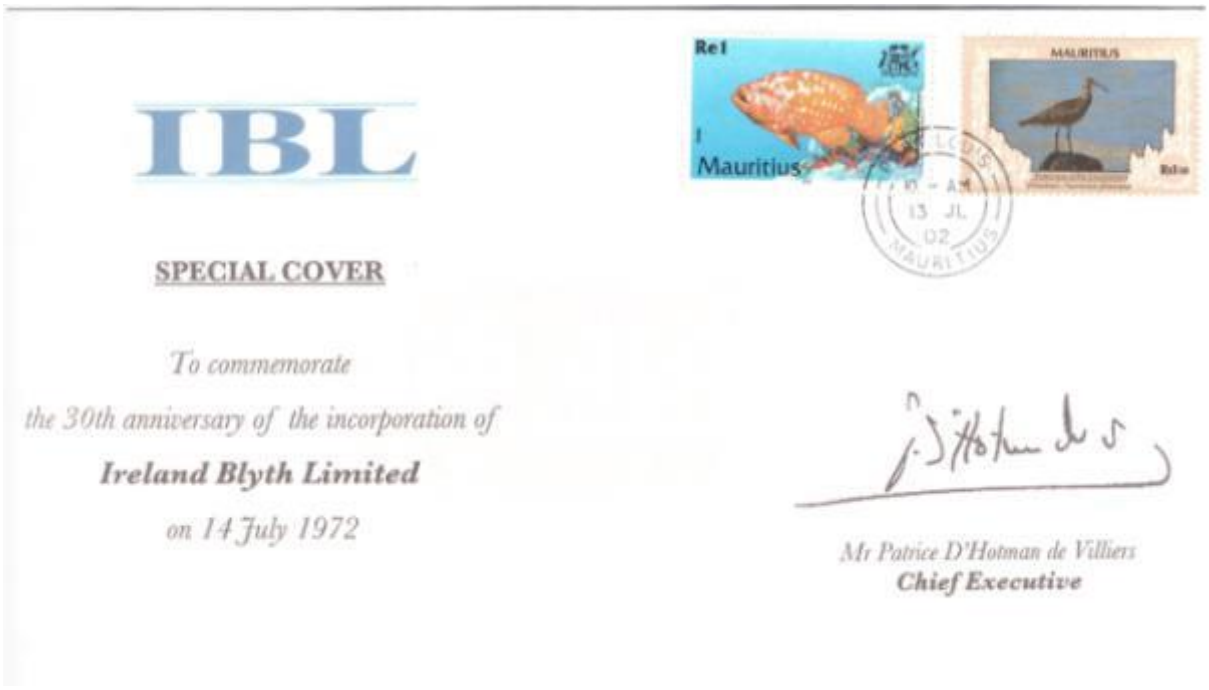
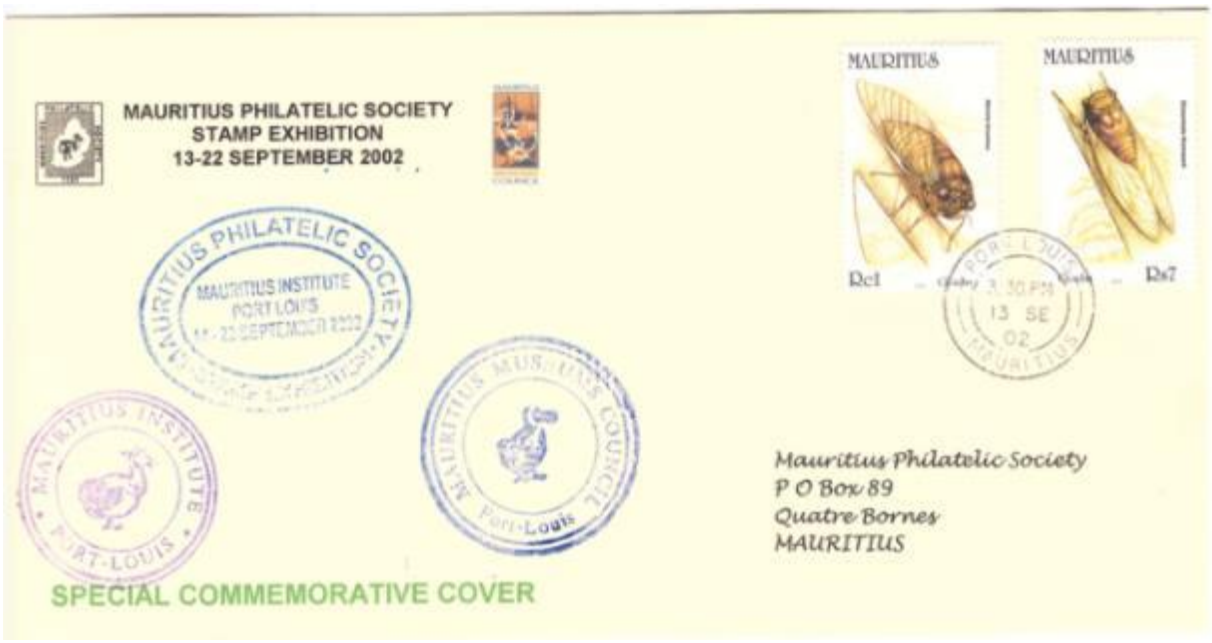
2002: Special Cover to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Ireland Blyth Limited on 14 July 1972 (13 July 2002)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2002-2-july-30th-anniversary-of-incorporation-of-ibl-sc.jpg?w=642&h=362: "To commemorate the 30th anniversary of Ireland Blyth Ltd, created in 1972 from the fusion of two companies, Blyth Brothers & Co. and Ireland Fraser & Co. Ltd, a special cover was issued. Today IBL is one of the most important companies in the Mauritian economic landscape and is engaged in a number of activities". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2002: Mauritius Philatelic Society Stamp Exhibition 13 – 22 September 2002, Special Commemorative Cover (13 September 2002)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2002-sep-mps-exhibition-sc.jpg?w=644&h=338: "A special commemorative cover was published by the Mauritius Philatelic Society on the occasion of a stamp exhibition from 13 – 22 September 2002 at the Mauritius Institute in Port-Louis".

2002 16th Century maps of the SW Indian Ocean (18 September 2002) (M 953-956)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2002-12-sep-maps-of-south-west-indian-ocean.jpg?w=642&h=339: "The use of maps spans the centuries, from the early symbols sketched on clay tablets in Mesopotamia to the computer maps of today, made from data supplied from satellites. This set of postage stamps released on 18 September 2002, depicts 4 maps of the South West Indian Ocean are those of (i) Re. 1 – Alberto Cantino, from 1502, a Portuguese cartographer. On this map, Mauritius is identified as Dina Arobi; (ii) Rs. 3 – map by Jorge Reinel from 1520, another Portuguese cartographer. It is considered as the earliest and most accurate map of Mauritius of that period; (iii) Rs. 4, a map by Diogo Ribiero, a Portuguese cartographer and royal cosmographer. This map provided the most accurate delineation of the explored world; (iv) Rs. 10 – a map by Gerard Mercator, a flemish geographer best known for the map projection that bears his name, and still used today by navigators. His most influential works, the 1569 map of the world (pictured on the stamp) and the Atlas, a collection of maps he designed and engraved".

2002 Constellations (18 December 2002) (M 957-960)

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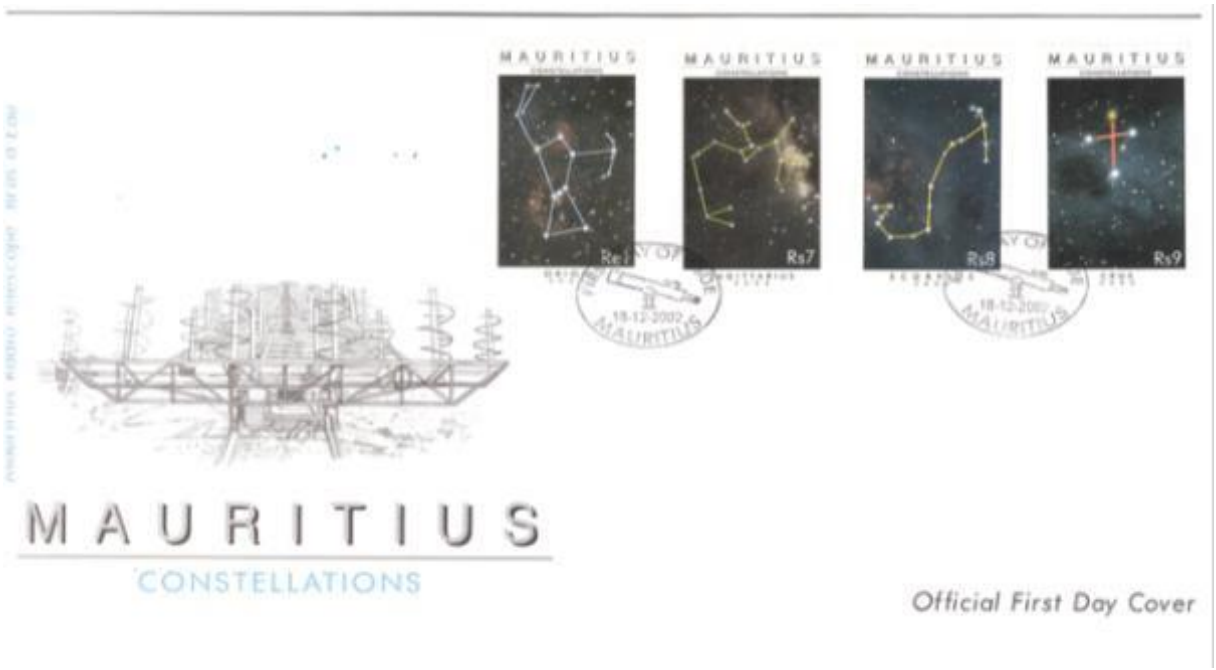

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2002-18-dec-constellations.jpg?w=641&h=352 : "On 18 December 2002, a set of stamps was issued on the theme 'Constellations', groups of fixed stars whose outlines are traditionally regarding as forming particular figures. In 1929, the International Astronomical Union adopted official constellation boundaries that defined 88 official constellations that exist today. The set depicts (i) Re. 1 – Orion, the hunter is considered as the most spectacular constellation in the sky. It is the most easily recognised of all constellations and lies near the milky way; (ii) Rs. 7 – Sagittarius, together with Scorpius lie in the heart of the Milky Way itself providing vistas which are unparalleled in grandeur and diversity. Sagittarius can be found by following the Milky Way in summer down the southern horizon; (iii) Rs. 8 – Scorpius a very old constellation, noticed by the earliest Mesopotamian civilization 5000 years ago. Known as the big S, it is one of the rare constellations representing the name in design; (iv) Rs. 9 – Crux – the Southern Cross, is the most familiar constellation in the southern hemisphere and is the smallest. It was rediscovered in the 16th century and was an important clock from which they could calculate their present time".

2003 AGOA 2nd US-SSA Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum, Mauritius, Official First Day Cover (15 January 2003) (M 961-962)

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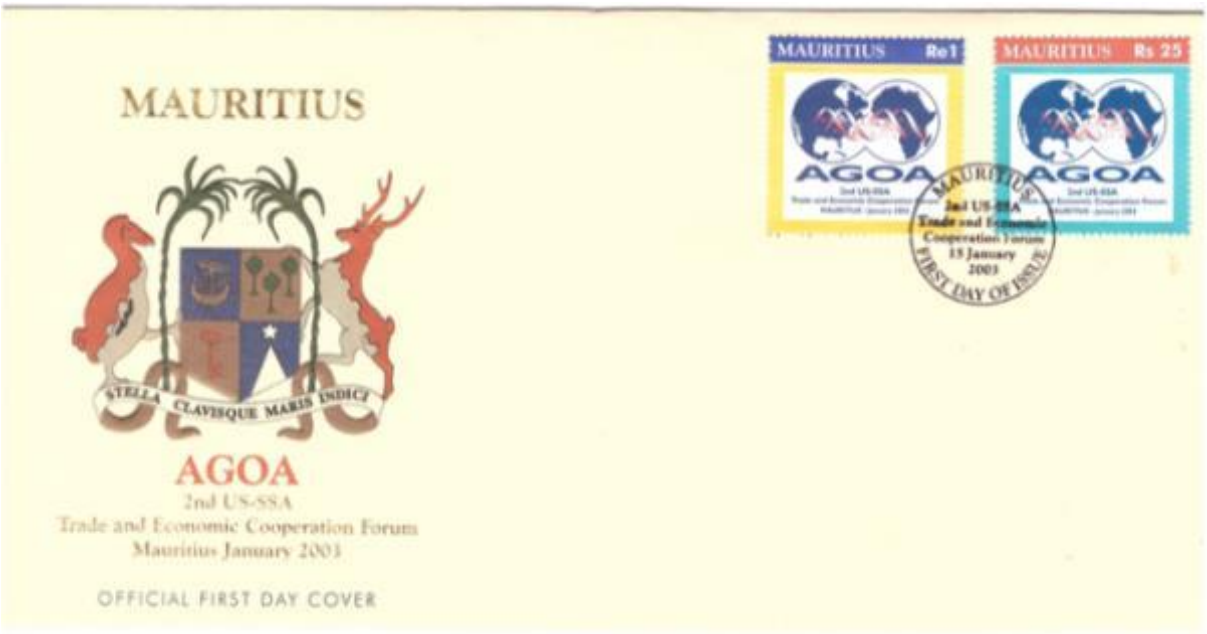

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2003-15-jan-agoa.jpg?w=634&h=334: "A set of two stamps was issued to mark the hosting of the 2nd US – Sub-Saharan Africa Africa Growth and Opportunity Act Conference in Mauritius in January 2003. AGOA is a US initiative, to give preferential access to products from eligible African countries to the US market. Countries are offered duty free quota free access to the US for a number of products".

http://mauritiusstampsandcoins.com/index.php/2017/03/06/2003-mauritius-stamps-first-day-covers-fdc/ : "The First Day Cover illustration shows the Mauritius Coat of Arms Flag. 2 x Stamps (36mm x 36mm each) designed by CASB Studio and printed by House of Questa. Re1: AGOA Forum Logo; Rs25: AGOA Forum Logo".

2003 Endangered species: Echo Parakeet (19 March 2003) (M963-966)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2003-19-march-echo-parakeet-fdc.jpg?w=637&h=330: "On 18 March 2003, a set of 4 postage stamps showing echo parakeets was issued. The echo parakeet endemic only to Mauritius was very common in the 18th and 19th century, but gradually disappeared, as was close to extinction. The stamps depicts on the Re. 1 denomination a chick, on the Rs. 2 denomination a fledging; on the Rs. 5 denomination a female and on the Rs. 15 denomination a male".

2003 Trochetias flowers (18 June 2003) (M 967-970)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2003-18-june-trochetia-fdc.jpg?w=639&h=356: "On 18 June 2003, a set of 4 postage stamps was issued featuring the Trochetia, an endemic plant to the Mascarene consisting of 6 species, out of which 5 are found in Mauritius and 1 in Reunion. All species bear a single hermaphrodite white, pink or reddish flowers, which are either single or clustered bunch of three flowers. The four stamps feature each a variety of the Trochetia found on the island. (i) Re. 1 depicts the Trochetia boutoniana, a magnificient shrub with reddish orange flowers, found in the region of Brabant Mountain, and considered as critically endangered; (ii) Rs 4 stamp shows a trochetia uniflora, a well branched shrub which bears multiple dark pink, bell shape flowers. They can be found around Trois Mamelles mountain, Le Pouce and Letard mountain and is an endangered specie; (iii) Rs. 7 stamp features a trochetia triflora, grouped as white bell shaped flowers, in clusters of three; (iv) Rs. 9 features a trochetia parviflora an endangered endemic shrub, bearing a pale pink bell shaped flower facing upward. It is now confined exclusively to Corps de Garde Mountain Nature reserve. A set of 4 postcards was also released".

2003 Anniversaries and Events (20 August 2003) (M 971-974)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2003-20-aug-anniversaries-and-events.jpg?w=640&h=340 : "This set of four postage stamps in the Anniversaries and Events series is dedicated to a local event, an eminent person and to 2 local institutions. (i) Rs. 2 stamp depicts the official logo of the 6th Island Games of the Indian Ocean held in Mauritius and Rodrigues from 29 August and 7 September 2003. The official logo shows a wave in the form of the numeral six and a starfish. The mascot is Momo the Dolphin; (ii) Rs. 6 celebrates

the 150th anniversary of the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture, founded in 1853 to promote the strategic role of agriculture in Mauritius; (iii) Rs. 9 commemorates the visit of Abbé de la Caille in 1753 to observe an eclipse of the sun. He was an astronomer, a member of the French Academie des sciences, who calculated the precise distance between the earth and the moon. He also conducted a detailed survey of the island, which was used to draw the first precise may of Isle de France; (iv) Rs. 10 commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute, set up a 1953 to promote technical progress of the industry through research and investigation".

2003 150th Anniversary of the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture (15 November 2003)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2003-15-nov-150-anniversary-mca.jpg?w=640&h=333: "Founded on 16th November 1853, the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture has, through its 150 years of existence, played a significant role in the agricultural and socio-economic development of the country. The Chamber, conscious of its strategic importance in the national economy, has shaped a number of initiatives aimed at providing the agricultural sector with sound and permanent structures. This has enabled it to respond positively to numerous challenges. Globalisation and liberalisation of trade, emergence of new technologies, modern agricultural practices and greater concern for the environment are some of the challenges facing the sector. The mission of the MCA is to ensure that Mauritian agriculture adapts to this new order while maintaining active populations in rural areas and to ensure an adequate level of food security".

2003 Fortifications (10 December 2003) (M 975-978)

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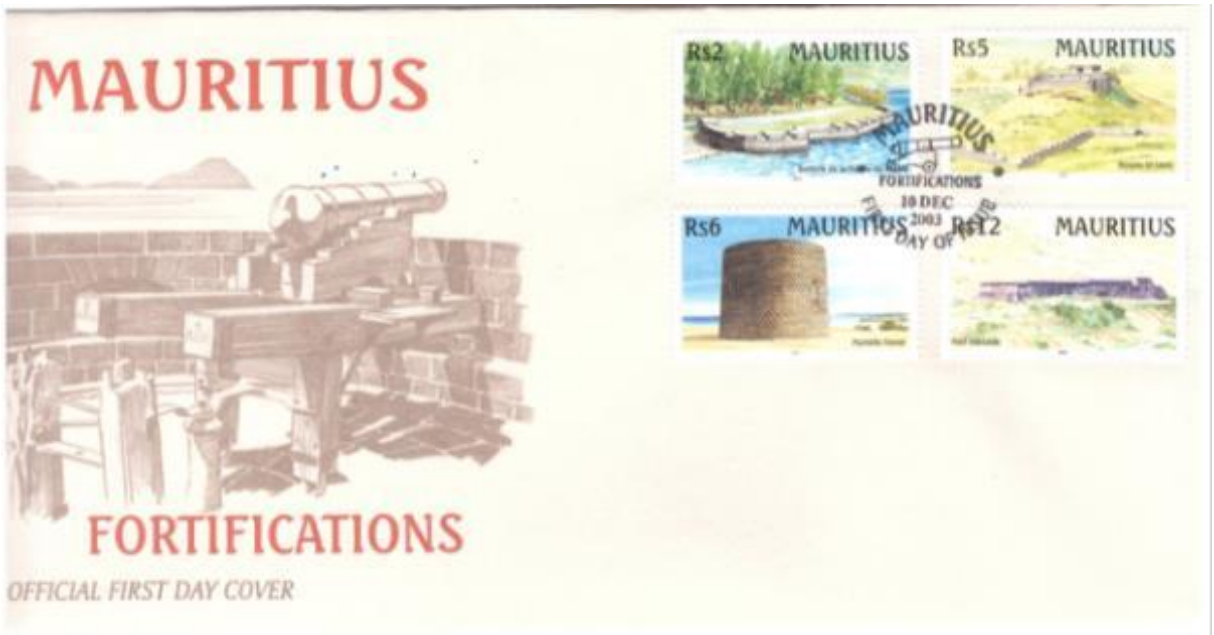

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2003-10-dec-fortifications.jpg?w=640&h=333: "Mauritius is strategically positioned on trade routes to the East. This has caused the island to be occupied successively by the Dutch, the French and the British. To protect the island from potential invaders, a number of forts were built during colonial times. The last era of fortifications in Mauritius were built during the Second World War where several important forts were upgraded in order to repel a possible German or Japanese invasion. The set of 4 stamps depict the following (i) Rs. 2 represents battery of

Point du Diable, constructed by the French in 1750 to control access to the bay of Mahebourg from the North was a very strategic defence for the east coast. (ii) Rs. 5 shows the Donjon St Louis, another French fort, built on the summit of a fortified hillock in Grand River North West (GRNW). The Donjon is composed of 3 series of parapets with a post at the highest point of the hill. From this point, three coastal batteries at Anjou, Conti and Condé could be alerted in case of attack; (iii) Rs. 6 pictures Martello Tower, which was built of cut basalt stone with unique double mountings of artillery on the gun platform. Five Martello towers were built between 1832 and 1835 at GRNW, Black River and Port-Louis. Of the 3 remaining towers, the one at La Preneuse, Black River is now ranked as one of the finest in the world; (iv) Rs. 12 shows Fort Adelaide, named in honour of the wife of William IV was built between 1834 and 1840 on the small hill, Petite Montagne, overlooking Port-Louis. Known as the Citadelle, it was designed by Colonel Cunningham, and built by convicts from India and Mauritius as well as free creoles".

2004 postmarks and post offices

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Belle Rose

Belle Vue Maurel

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Black River

Bois Cheri

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Bon Accueil

Boulevard Pitot

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Brisee Verdiere

Britannia

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Camp de Masque

Camp de Masque Pave

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Camp Diable

Cap Malheureux

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Case Noyale

Creve Coeur

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Chamarel

Chemin Grenier

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Cluny

Coromandel

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Curepipe

Dagotiere

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D'Epinay

Eau Coulee

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Flacq

Flic en Flac

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Floreal

Fond du Sac

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Forest Side

Grand Bay

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Grand Bois

Grand Gaube

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Grand River S.E.

Henrietta

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La Louise

Lalmatie

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Laventure

L'Escalier

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Mahebourg

Mapou

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Mare D'Albert

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Mobile Post Office

Moka

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Montagne Longue

New Grove

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Notre Dame

Nouvelle France

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Old Grand Port

Petit Raffray

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Petite Rivière

Phoenix

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https://archive.is/M4Ah8/8e53a6eac2edba53447fe0b7cae3977d0b27da7c.jpg POSTMARK PHOENIX

Plaine des Papayes

Plaine Magnien

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Pointe aux Sables

Port Louis Center

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Poudre D'or

Quatre Bornes

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Riviere des Anguilles

Riviere du Poste

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Roche Bois

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Rose Belle

Rose Hill

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Sebastopol

Solferino

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Souillac

SSR Internatoinal Airport

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https://archive.is/M4Ah8/436e5c7bb888b27c88b7628d0ade045836608cca.jpg POSTMARK S.S.R. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Saint Hubert

St Julien D'Hotman

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Stanley

Surinam

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Tamarin

Terre Rouge

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Tombeau Bay

Triolet

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Trois Boutiques

Trou D'eau Douce

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Union Flacq

Vallee des Pretres

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Verdun

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2004 Postmarks on Rodrigues Island

La Ferme

Mont Lubin

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https://archive.is/M4Ah8/7e896cc92a8b7d121f73306f5e26b2dc6d1cbf46.jpg POSTMARK MONT LUBIN RODRIGUES

PART 5: 2004-2011

2004 The 20th Anniversary of the Indian Ocean Commission (16 February 2004) (M 979)

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2004 Mountains of Mauritius (11 March 2003) (M 980-983)

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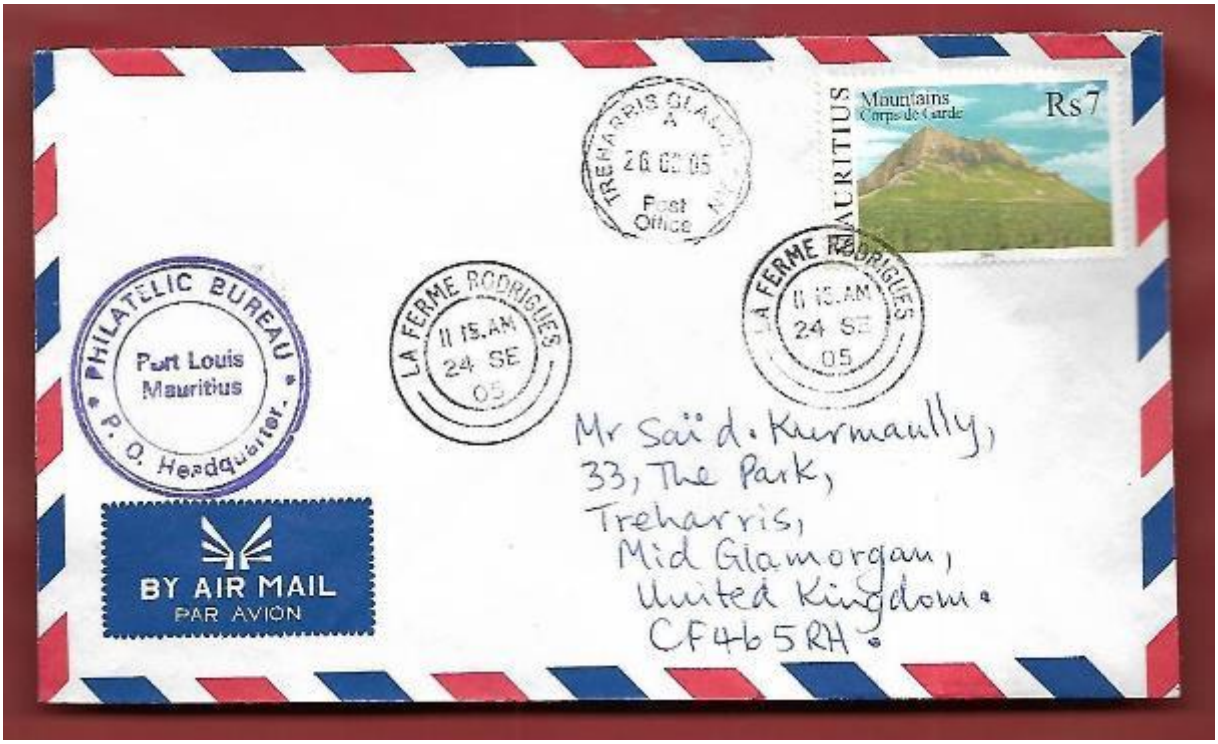
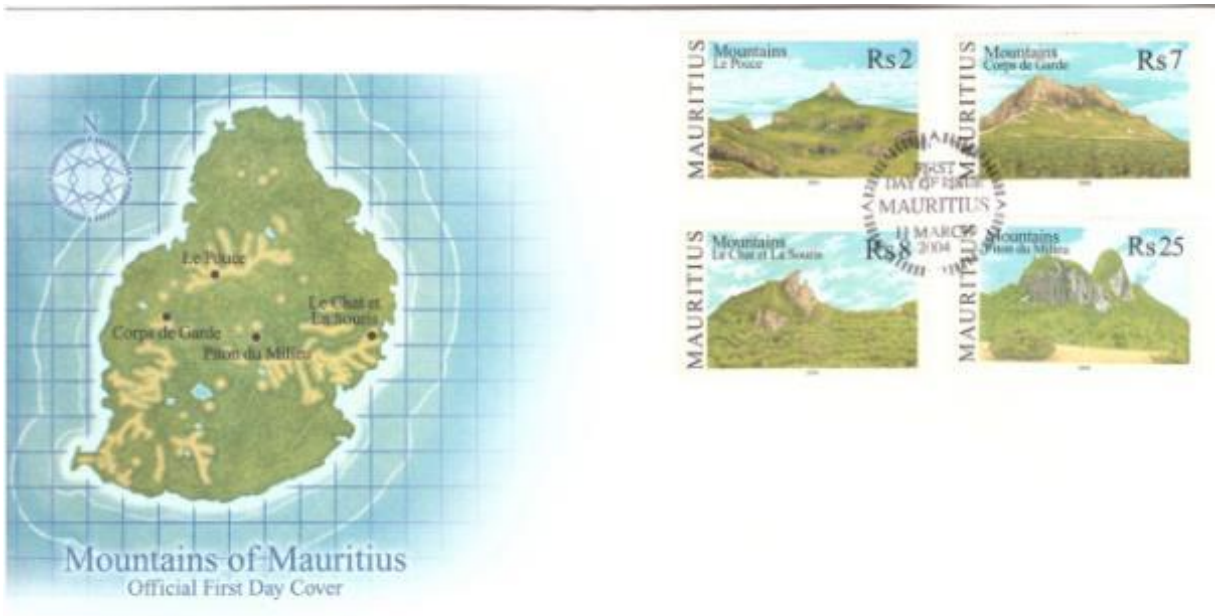


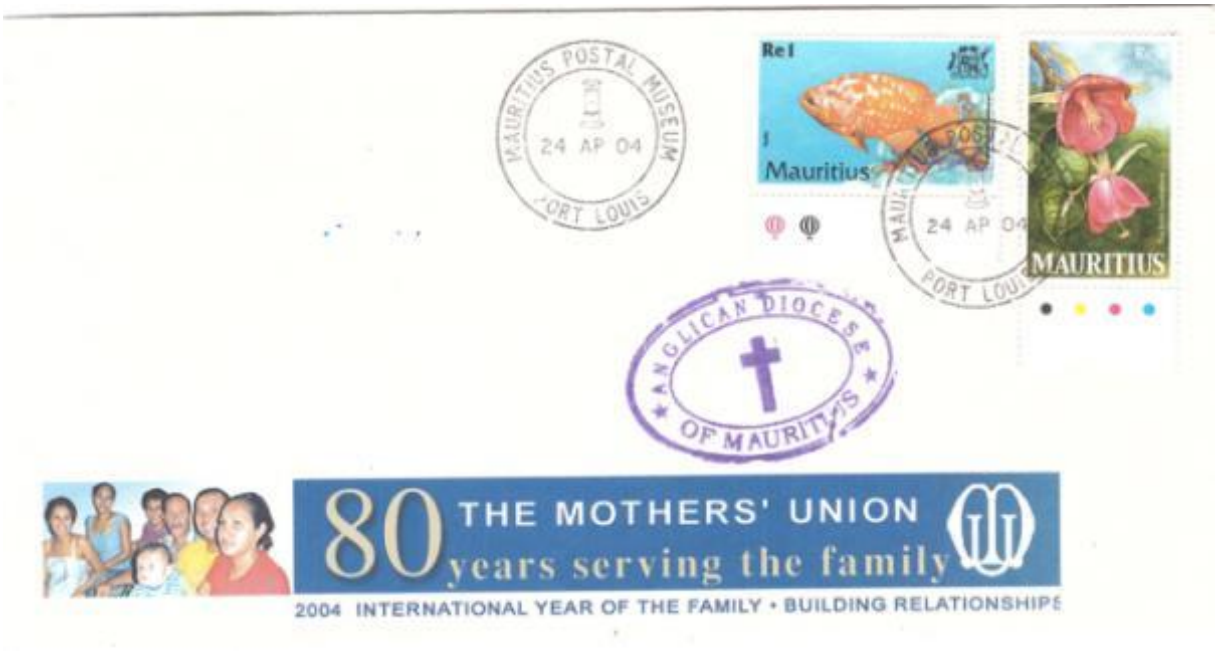
https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/uH8AAOSwcstZcSeg/s-l1600.jpg: "Rs7MOUNTAIN CORPS DE GARDE.AIRMAIL COVER TOUK.POSTMARK"LA FERME*RODRIGUES*24SE05".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2004-11-march-mountains-of-mauritius.jpg?w=640&h=346: "The mountains of Mauritius are what remains of the immense volcanoes, whose summits have exploded or have imploded millions of years ago. They are of relatively modest height. There are over 30 mountain ranges and mountains as well as hills and hillocks in Mauritius, varying in height from the 101 meters Forbach Hill to the Piton de la Petite Rivière Noire which at 828 metres, the tallest mountain. The stamps

show the following : (i) Rs. 2 represents le Pouce, named after the thumb given its shape. It is very popular among hikers and is 811 mts high. (ii) Rs. 7 is the Corps de Garde, which ressembles a figure with an impressive nose, lying down, on sentry duty. It overlooks Quatre-Bornes and Rose-Hill. Its highest point is 720 mts. (iii) Rs. 8 shows Le Chat et la Souris – the peak of Le Chat et la Souris as the name conjures, bears a strange ressemblance to a cat subjugating a rat. It is found in Grand Port Range; (iv) Rs. 25 is Piton du Milieu, as the name implies, simply squats in the centre of the island. The FDC is illustrated with a map of Mauritius showing the location of the mountains".

2004: The Mothers' Union: 80 Years Serving the Family, Special Cover (24 April 2004).



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2004 Transit of Venus, commemorative special cover (8 June 2004)

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2004 Crafts (30 June 2004) (M 984-987)

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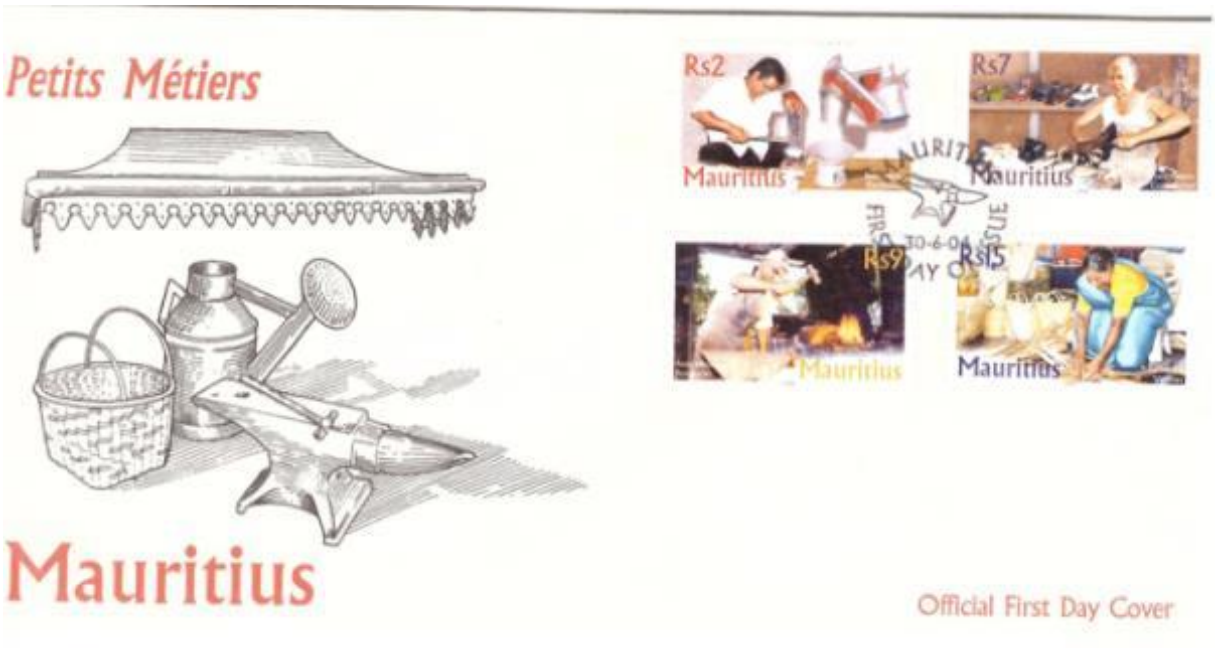

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2004-30-june-petits-metiers.jpg?w=640&h=341: "On 30 June 2004, the Postal Services issued a second set of stamps on the theme 'petits metiers', carried out by generations of Mauritians. (i) Rs. 2 stamp depicts a "ferblantier" (tinsmith), a craft that has evolved to adapt to changing times. Its continuity was guaranteed for its large clientele by craftsmen coming from the same families. They produced a wide range of metal utensils such as watering cans, braziers, buckets, paraffin boxes and letterboxes; (ii) Rs. 7 depicts a 'cordonnier' (a cobbler), who repairs and replaces worn soles and heels, very rapidly and at low cost; (iii) Rs. 9 shows a 'forgeron' (a blacksmith), now a slowly disappearing craft. They produced a range of rough, robust and cheap tools such as hoes, axe-heads, chisels, spikes etc; (iv) Rs. 15 depicts a 'vannier' (a basket maker), where baskets, table mats, straw hats, bags or cases were weaved from sun-dried leaves and fibres from local plants such as coconut, aloe or vacoas".

2004 24th SADC Summit, 16 – 17 August 2004, Mauritius (16 August 2004) (M 988-989)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2004-16-aug-24th-sadc-summit.jpg?w=768&h=415: "A set of two stamps was issued on 16 Aug 2004 to mark the 24th SADC Summit, held in Mauritius on 16 – 17 August 2004. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) is a regional organisation, of which Mauritius is a member. The aim of SADC is to promote sustainable and equitable economic development in the region. The stamps depict themes common to all SADC countries – education and the development and use of information technology. The stamps show the logo of the SADC, the Cyber Tower and IT training sessions".

2004 Rodrigues regional assembly (12 October 2004) (M 990-993)

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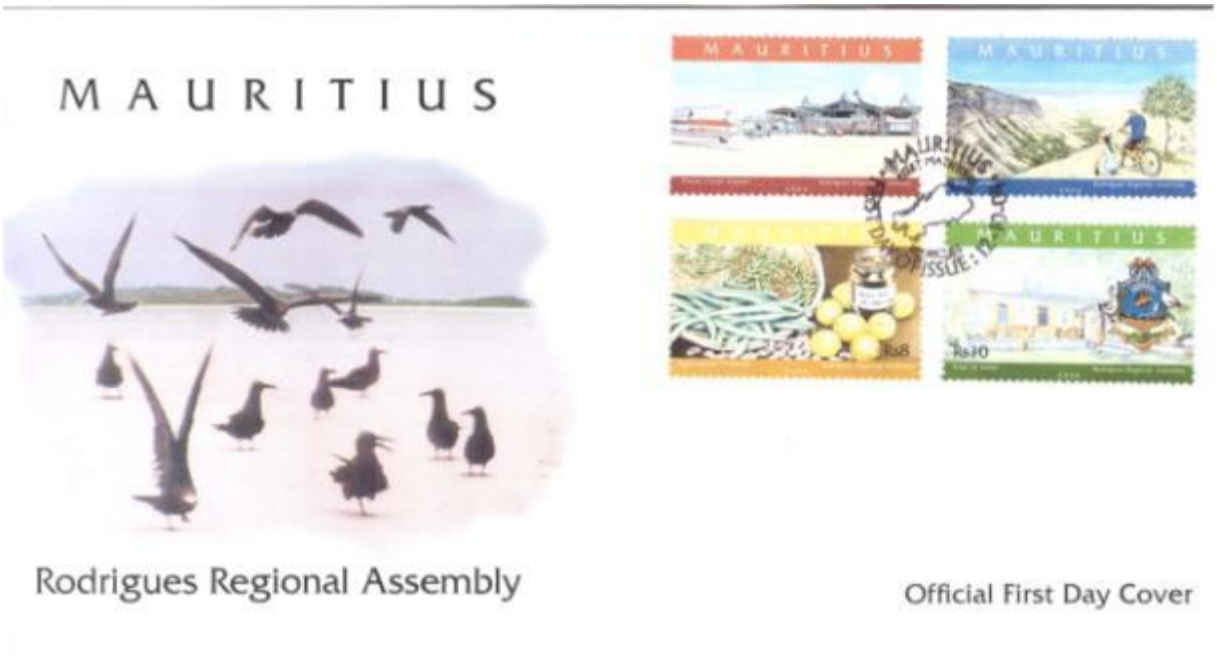

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2004-12-oct-rodrigues-regional-assembly.jpg?w=639&h=346: "Rodrigues Island is an integral part of the Mauritian territory. Recognising the specificities of Rodrigues and the need to decentralise, the National Assembly voted unanimously on 20 November 2001, the Acts which granted autonomy to the island. On 12 October 2002, the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) was established. This set of 4 stamps mark the 2nd anniversary of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly. (i) Rs. 2 shows Plain Corail Airport, which was extended in 2001 – 2002 to respond to the growing demand. The new passenger terminal was inaugurated in October 2003; (ii) Rs. 7 shows Eco Tourism – tourism is an important economic sector in Rodrigues and the RRA advocated the development of eco-tourism, to protect the environment and preserve its authenticity; (iii) Rs. 8 shows agricultural products, important for the economy in Rodrigues. Key products include honey, chillies, beans and lemons; (iv) Rs .10 shows the Coats of Ams of Rodrigues, with the moto "travail, solidarité, fierté", testimony of the pride of the Rodriguan people to live in an autonomous island. On the Coat of Arms, the following can be observed: "Le Solitaire" and "La Fauvette" birds, products of Rodrigues, namely maize, fish and basketry with the sea and sun in the background. La Résidence, a colonial house, was constructed in 1893 as the official residence of the Island Commissioners. The FDC illustrates the birds on Ile aux Coco, a bird sanctuary".

2004 Species of Anthurium flowers (1 December 2004) (M 994-997)

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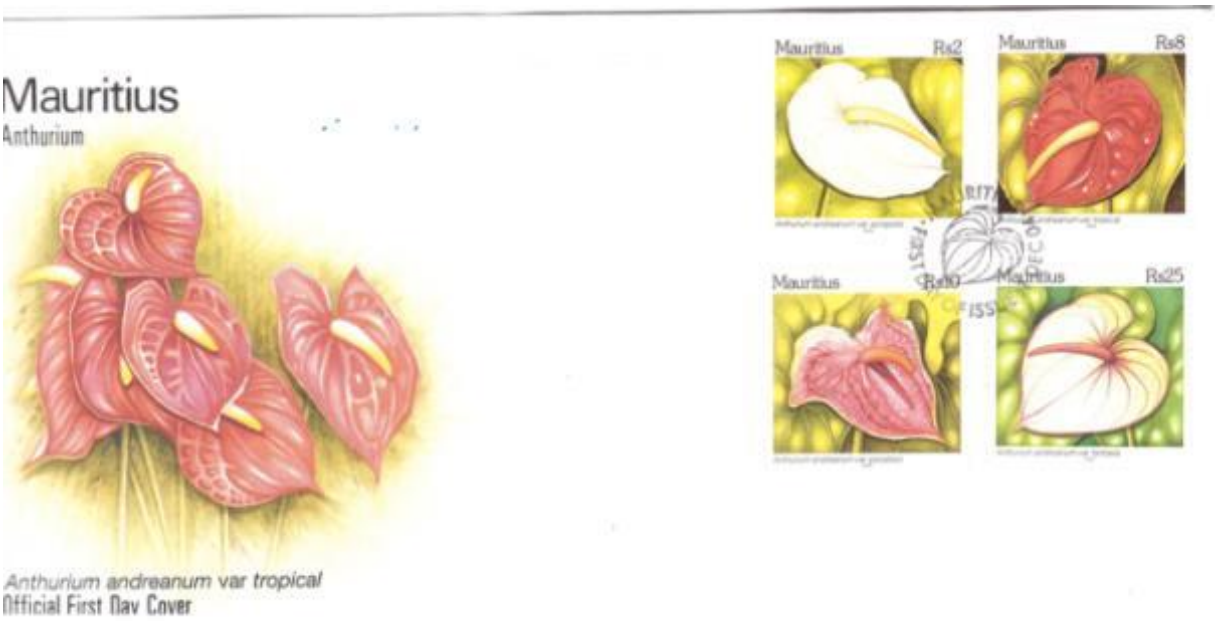
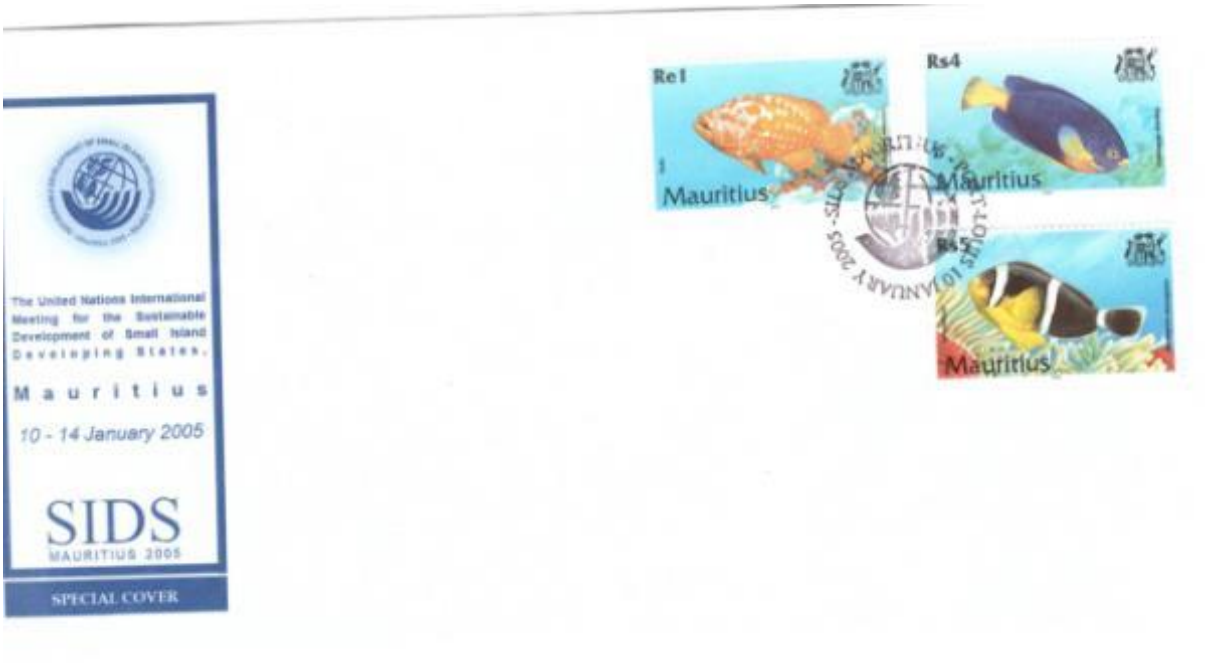


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2004-1-dec-anthuriums.jpg?w=641&h=349: "On 1 December 2004, a set of 4 stamps were issued on the theme "Anthuriums", a perennial herbaceous plant, originating from South America. It was introduced in Mauritius in the 19th Century from Europe. The plant is cultivated for it lasting flowers. The first exports of anthuriums began in 1968. The four varieties pictured on the cover are of Dutch origin, mainly cultivated for the export market".

2005: SIDS Mauritius Special Cover (10 January 2005)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2005-10-jan-sids.jpg?w=641&h=348: "From 10 – 14 January 2005, Mauritius hosted the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) conference, a United Nations Conference to support small island states. On that occasion, a Special Cover was released on 10 January 2005. The three stamps present on this special cover from part of the 12 stamps from the Definitive series of Fishes in Mauritius".

2005 Round Island (18 March 2005) (# 997-1000)

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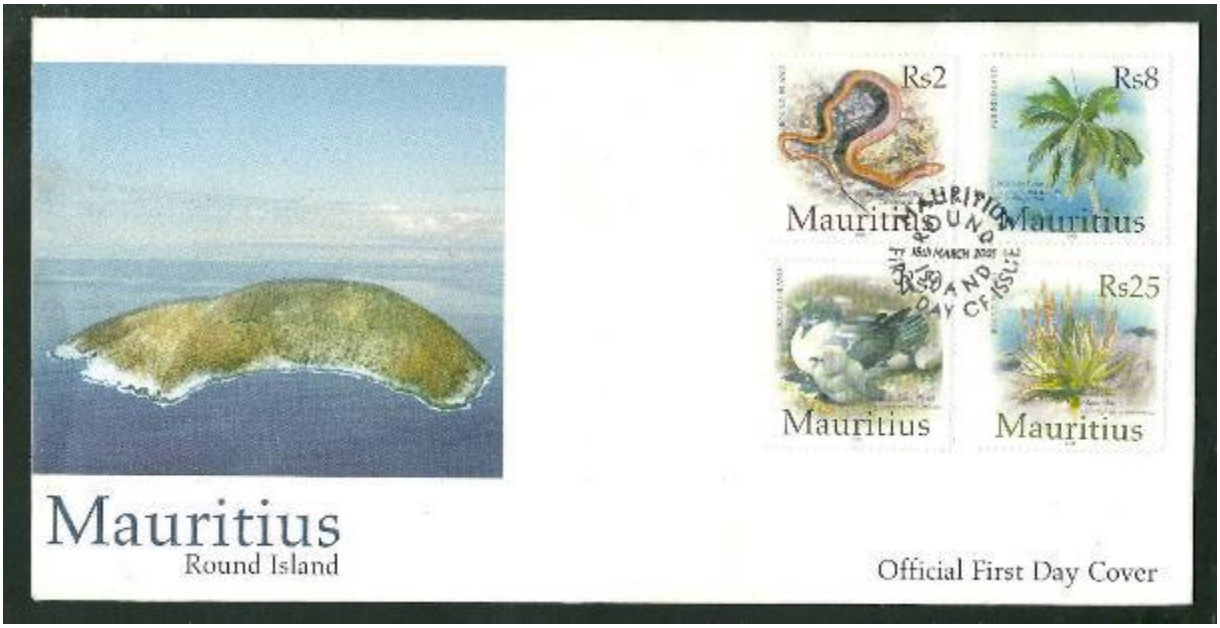

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/X14AAOSwvgdW2ytE/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "The Mauritius Post issued a set of four postage stamps in the "Nature" series o depict endemic fauna and flora of Round Island, a volcanic cone, and the second largest offshore islet of Mauritius. Round Island was classified as a nature reserve in 1957 and is administered by the National Parks and Conservation Services. (i) Rs. 2 stamp shows a juvenile keel scale boa. There are 8 endemic reptile species on the island; (ii) Rs. 8 shows a hurricane Palm, a critically endangered plant, with only one surviving individual on the island. The island has 10 endemic palm species; (iii) Rs. 9 shows the Round island Petrel, an endemic specie; Rs. 25 show a mazambron plant, an endemic plant classified as rare. It is traditionally used as a medicinal plant. The FDC depicts an aerial view of the island".

2005 Postal services (14 July 2005) (#1001-1004)

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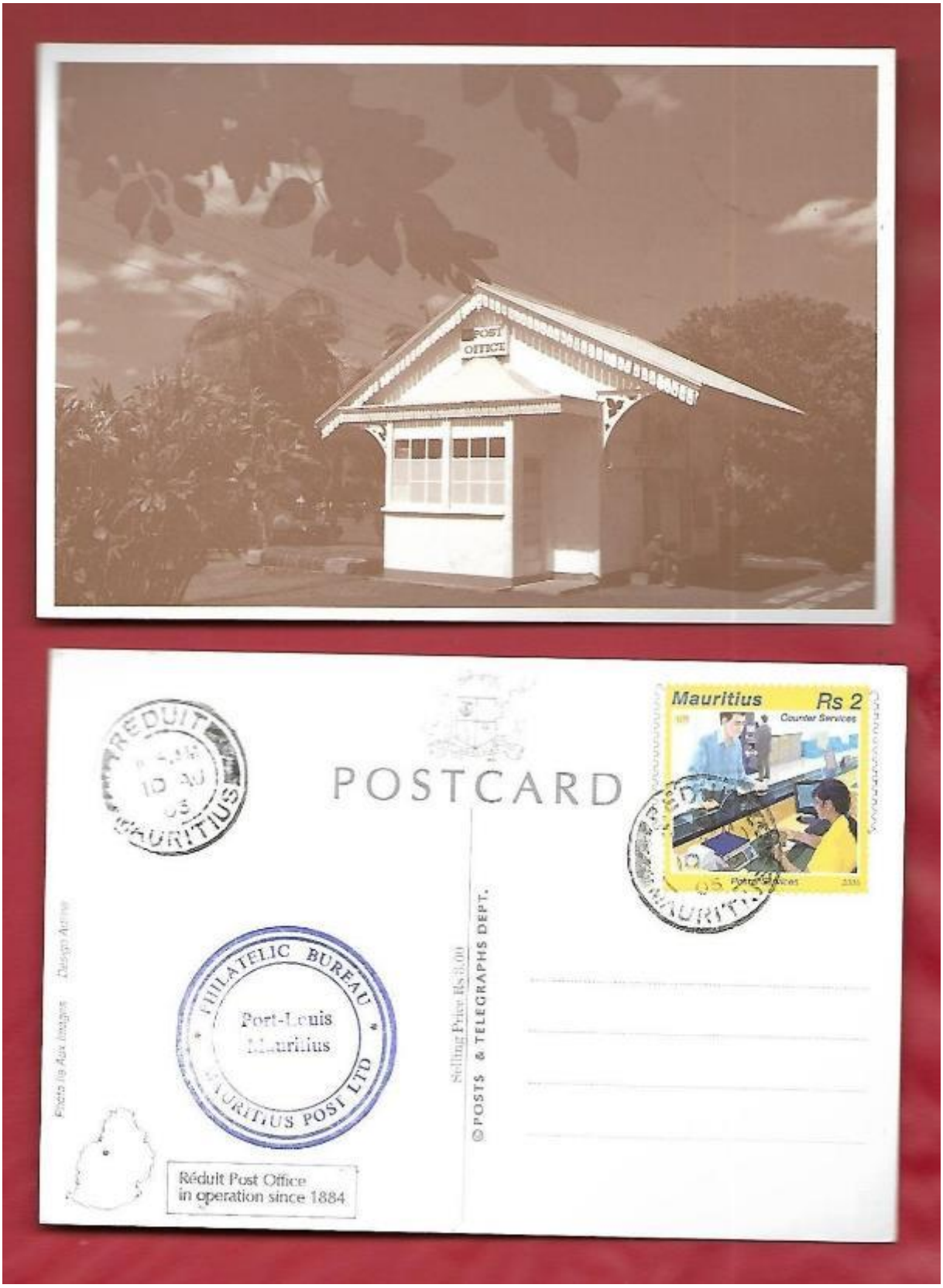
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2005-14-july-postal-services.jpg?w=640&h=355

http://mauritiusstampsandcoins.com/index.php/2017/03/13/2005-mauritius-stamps-first-day-covers-fdc/ : "4 x Stamps (36mm x 36mm each) designed by Ross Watton and printed by BDT International Security. Rs2: Counter Services; Rs7: Mail Sorting; Rs8: Mail Distribution; Rs10: Mail Transfer".

2005 Reduit Post Office (10 August 2005)



https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/45AAAOSwOu5ZmZex/s-l1600.jpg: "RÉDUIT POST OFFICE BUILT 1884-POST CARD,MINT CANCELLED"REDUIT*MAURITIUS30 AU 05"

2005: Stamps The Colonial Period 1847 – 1968, Special Commemorative Cover (17 October 2005)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2005-15-oct-mps-stamp-exhibition.jpg?w=639&h=340: "This special commemorative cover was issued by the Mauritius Philatelic Society on the occasion of a stamp exhibition on the theme 'the colonial period' in October 2005". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2005 Stone buildings (9 October 2005) (#1005-1007)

https://i.colnect.net/f/3227/122/Postal-Museum-Port-Louis.jpg

http://www.libraryhistorybuff.com/images/s-mauritas-1011-72.jpg

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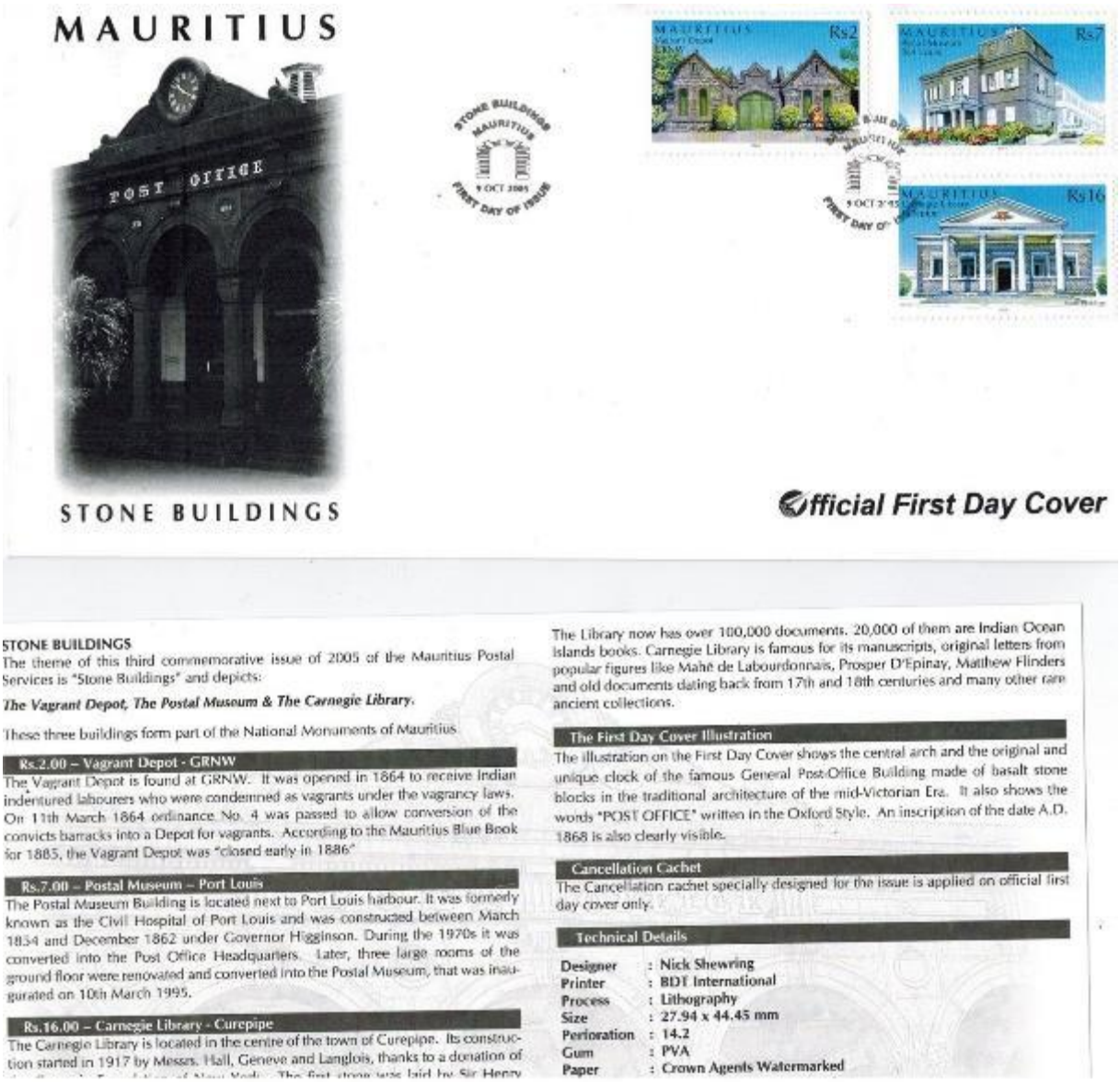

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "The theme of this 3rd commemorative issue of 2005 is "stone buildings". It depicts 3 buildings, which are part of the national monuments of Mauritius. Rs. 2 stamp pictures the vagrant depot, found in Grand River North West. It was opened in 1864 to receive Indian indentured labourers who were condemned as vagrants under the vagrancy laws. Rs. 7 stamp sows the Postal Museum in Port-Louis, located next to the harbour. It was formerly known as the Civil Hospital of Port-Louis and was constructed between March 1854 and December 1862 under Governor Higgindon. It was converted into the Post Office Headquarters in the 1970s. Rs. 16 stamp shows the Carnegie Library, located in Curepipe. Its construction started in 1917, thanks to a donation of the Carnegie Foundation of New York. It was opened in January 1920. The library is famous for its manuscripts, original letters from popular figures such as Mahé de Labourdonnais, Prosper D'Epinay; Matthew Flinders. The FDC shows the central arch and the original and unique

clock of the famous General Post-Office made of basalt stone blocks in the traditional architecture of the mid-Victorian Era".

http://mauritiusstampsandcoins.com/index.php/2017/03/13/2005-mauritius-stamps-first-day-covers-fdc/: "The First Day Cover illustrates the central arch and the original and unique clock of the famous Central Post-Office Building made of basalt stone blocks in the traditional architecture of the mid Victorian Era. It also shows the words "Post Office" written in Oxford Style. An inscription of the date A.D. 1868 is also clearly visible. 3 x Stamps (27.94mm x 44.45mm each) designed by Nick Shewring and printed by BDT International. Rs2: Vagrant Depot – GRNW; Rs7: Postal Museum – Port Louis; Rs16: Carnegie Library – Curepipe".

2005 Ship Models (24 December 2005) (# 1009-1011)

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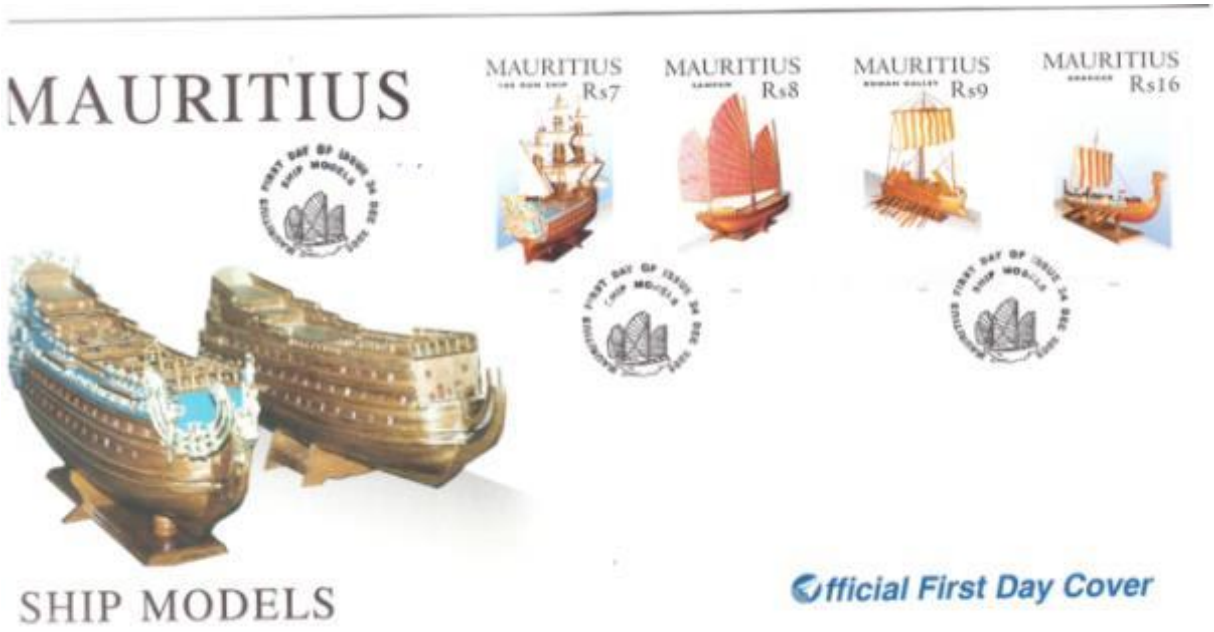
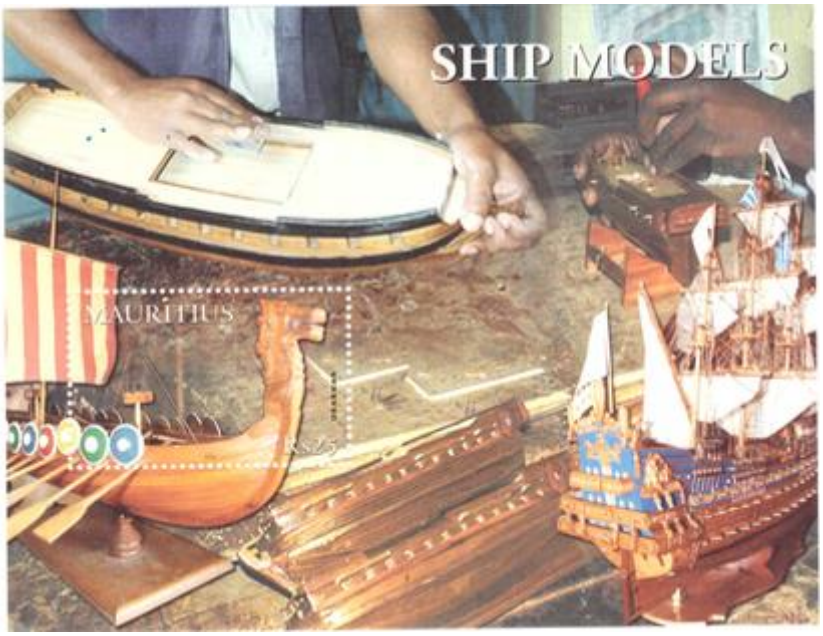


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2005-24-dec-ship-models.jpg?w=640&h=353: "This fourth and last issue of postage stamps for 2005 highlight a very important aspect of the tourism industry in Mauritius: the production and sales of reduced ship models. Mauritian artisans have a high quality workmanship and have gained a wide reputation in this sphere. The set comprises of 4 stamps; one souvenir sheet; and a set of 5 postcards (representing each of the ships pictured on the stamps. (i) Rs. 7 stamp shows a 100 gun warship, built at the end of the 17th century, one of the most decorated in the world, a tribute to Louis IV, the "Roi Soleil"; (ii) Rs. 8 stamps represents a sampan. The Chinese had reached such a state of perfection in their shipbuilding technique already 2000 years ago. It was revolutionary in two aspects: the stern hung rudder, which was used centuries before the Europeans; and the sail made of small sections of cloth stiffened by light bamboo battens; (iii) Rs. 9 shows a Roman Galley, used by the roman empire to ensure the domination of the whole mediterranean sea; (iv) Rs. 16 stamp shows a drakkar, a viking long ship decorated with fearsome dragon's, snake's or lion's head, which was detachable. The vikings believed that they should not enter their home shores with these heads so as not to offend the spirits protecting their tribes".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/mc-ship-model-2005.jpg: "The souvenir sheet illustrates craftsmen at work in their workshops". (# Block 27 and # 1012)

https://i2.wp.com/mauritiusstampsandcoins.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/26-Dec-Ship-Models-Souvenir-Sheet.jpg?w=595

2005 Postmark for Parcels Post Office and others

Parcel Post Office

Quartier Militaire

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/efcffcf8d9deee9922e2393103ef5e4c7866f058.jpg POSTMARK PARCEL POST OFFICE

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/b4db4bd75d3efa696af48ea147ab7c27dca036dc.jpg POSTMARK QUARTIER MILITAIRE

Reduit

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/aa979fbdd362a99310d143f753aaf44d1f2c5aa8.jpg POSTMARK REDUIT

2006 Opening of Waterfront Post Office (25 January 2006)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-25-jan-opening-of-waterfront-post-office-sc.jpg?w=641&h=341: “To mark the re-opening of counter services at

the ex-General Post Office (GPO) on 25 January 2006, a special cover was issued with 2 postage stamps of Rs. 2 and Rs. 7, depicting an automated counter services and sorting of mails respectively. The cover portrays the General Post Office building, located next to Port-Louis harbour. The GPO building was vacated in 2004 to allow preliminary works for the conversion of the building into the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture. The building was however restituted to GPO in 2005. A philatelic counter was opened at the left wing of the GPO building".

2005 Postmarks

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/43d5ea11fc7fe51d70e1d8d52aa97fed2840c6b6.jpg G.P.O. BUILDING PORT LOUIS

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/d6a4e2a53eac69adf4b0a990e51f8519a66b45bd.jpg POSTMARK PHILATELIC BUREAU/POSTAL MUSEUM

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/608f85bb7713dbe085ddb35a262f32fb138d7c2e.jpg POSTMARK SAINT PIERRE

2006 Bicentenary of Mahebourg (4 February 2006) (#1013-1016)

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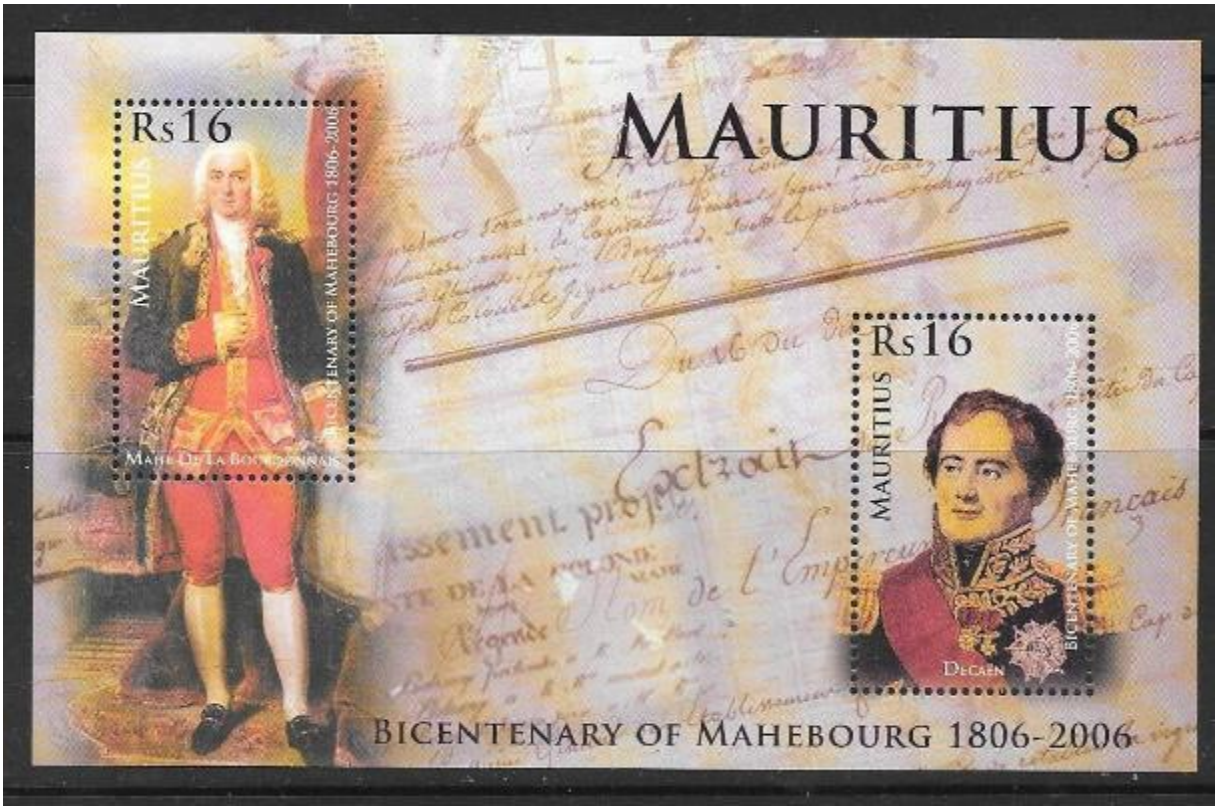
https://i1.wp.com/mauritiusstampsandcoins.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2006-2-Feb-Bicentenary-of-Mahebourg-1806-2006-Commemorative-Stamp.jpg?resize=768%2C384: "The First Day Cover illustration depicts the Extracts from the order of transfer of the settlement of Port Sud-Est to La Pointe de la Colonie and from the legend of the plan of Richemont, appear in the background. This Plan, dated 1805, establishing 'Bourg – Mahé" with all its concessions drawn up. 4 x Stamps (44.45mm x 27.94mm each) designed by Nurveen Ratty, Photos supplied by Iswarnath Govind, and printed by BDT International. Rs2: The Market; Rs7: Regattas; Rs8: Le Lavoir; Rs16: Point des Régate".



https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/Hs0AAOSwTM5YtVCA/s-l1600.jpg (#Block 28 and # 1017-1018)

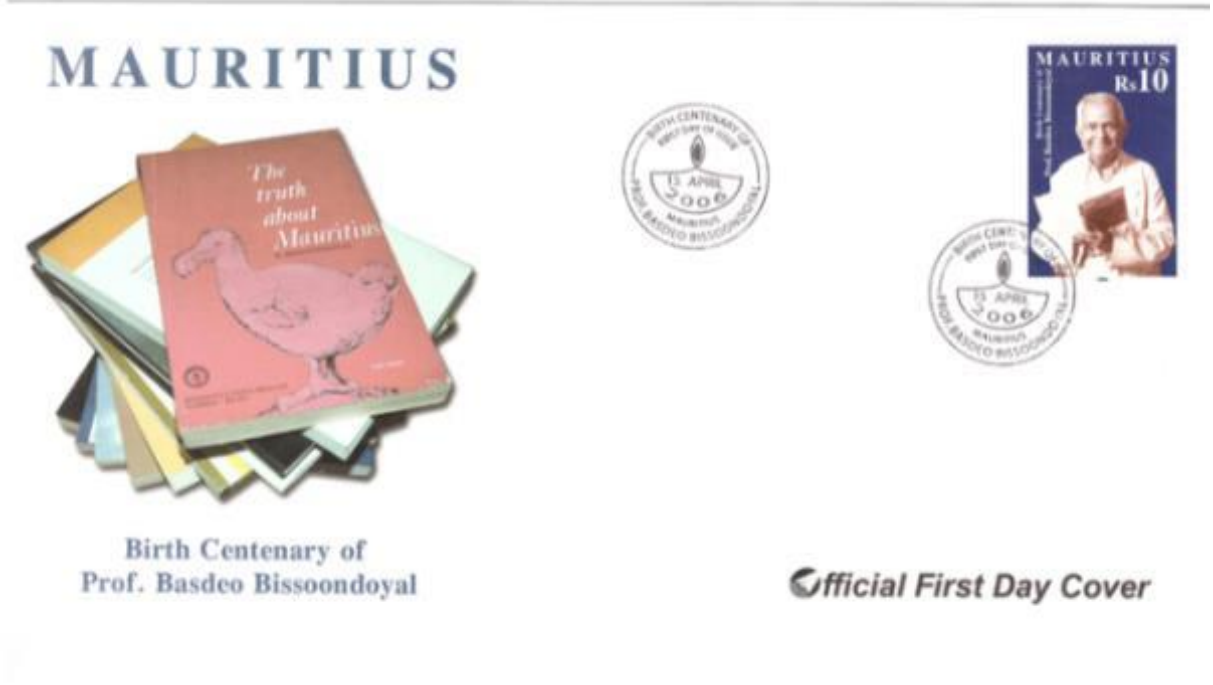
https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/ : "In the 18th Century the military establishment of Isle de France was located at Port Sud-Est. However, the region faced several challenges, such as lack of running water, difficult access from the sea, and heaving flooding, coming from the mountain slope, during the rainy season that affected the plantation. There were several request to transfer the military establishment to La Pointe de la Colonie, but which met with successive refusals, due to the high costs that would incur. The arrival of Governor Decaen in 1803 finally helped the transfer. In 1806, an order was signed for the creation of "Mahé-Bourg" for the establishment of the new military post, but also official buildings, a church and houses. This set of four postage stamps commemorates the bicentenary of the creation of Mahebourg. For postcards were also issued. They feature 4 particular places and events. (i) Rs. 2 stamp illustrates the old African-style market, now demolished, and the new one with elegant pastel shades and slender pillars. (ii) Rs. 7 depicts regattas, old and new, a very particular feature of the seaside village. This activity was created to draw popular attention to Mahebourg in the 19th century, at the time where it was losing some of its attraction in favour of inland towns. Rs. 8 stamp shows the picturesque lavoir or washing place, one of the rare specimen of the kind to be still in use. Dating from the french period, it is situated close to Riviere La Chaux. The iron rings fixed in the cut stones remind us that horses were tied, while washing was being done. (iv) Rs. 16 features the Pointe des Régates. This is the place where boat racing started. The two pictures also shows "Montagne Lion" in the background and the "monument aux morts" on the left, inaugurated in 1899 in memory

of the sailors that died during the Grand Port battle in 1810. The FDC shows extracts from the Order of the transfer of settlement of Port Sud-Est to La Pointe de la Colonie and also shows the legend of the plan of Richemond, which dated 1805".

And: "The souvenir sheet shows the portraits of François Mahé de Labourdonnais (left) and of Isidore Decaen respectively, to recall the greatness of the French Governor whose name was given to the newly build village and the gratitude to the one who gave this consent to create Mahebourg".

2006 Birth Centenary of Prof. Basdeo Bissoondoyal (1 April 2006) (#1019)

http://www.stamps-for-sale.com/ekmps/shops/stewcoin/images/mauritius-2006-professor-basdeo-bissoondoyal-sg-1145-fine-mint-38279-p.jpg



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-1-april-birth-centenary-of-b-bisoondoyal.jpg?w=641&h=377: "The Postal Services issued a stamp of Rs. 10 on 15 April 2006 to commemorate the birth centenary of Professor Basdeo Bissoondoyal, an eminent personality in the field of education and in particular for the hindu community in Mauritius. He was a scholar, a leader, a preacher and a reformer of the Hindu society. The FDC shows a pile of books written by Prof. Bissoondoyal".

2006 Ecology of Mauritius (9 June 2006) (#1020-1023)

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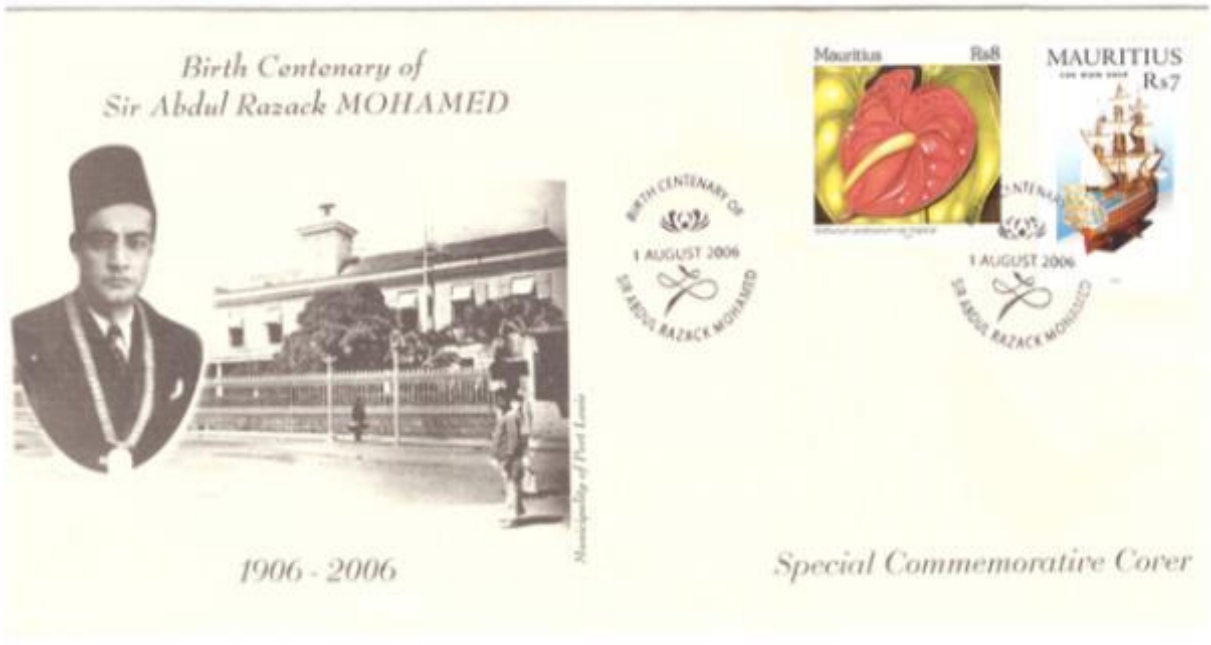
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-5-june-ecology.jpg?w=639&h=346: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 9 June 2006 on Ecology to mark the Environment Day. The set comprises of (i) Rs. 2 biological control of locust predation in 1763 to protect food crops from red locusts. In 1761, a flock of mynahs (commonly known as "martin", after the Captain of the vessel who brought in the bird) was introduced from Pondichery, India. After a quarantine of 2 years, the birds were released. They were so successful in controlling locusts that the French intendant of the island, Pierre Poivre, enacted laws in 1768 and 1770 to protect them. (ii) Rs. 8 : fish repopulation – artificial reefs in 1980. Artificial reefs have always been used for fishermen to increase their catch. Since 1980, the Mauritius Marin Conservation Society, the Mauritius Scuba Diving Association, the National Coast Guard and the Mauritius Marine Authority have created such artificial reefs by sinking 14 vessels around Mauritius, in depth of 12 to 73 meters of water. Over the years, the wrecks have also been used for diving. (iii) Rs 10 – erosion control: terraces in Rodrigues were developed since 1958 by the Agricultural Department. Terraces are used to fight erosion and to make arable land available to a maximum number of families. This method helped to increase the food crops as well as livestocks. (iv) Rs. 25 shows the first captive breeding of giant tortoises in 1881, following worrying decline of the species around the world. Tortoises from Aldabra were successfully transferred to Mauritius in 1881 to Pamplemousses Garden and the Seychelles. Today, Aldabra tortoise is no longer in danger. The FDC illustrated the Environment Protection Act 2002 and the envelope is made of recycled paper".

2006: Birth Centenary of Sir Abdul Razack Mohamed, Special Commemorative Cover (1 August 2006).



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-1-aug-birth-centenary-of-r-mohamed.jpg?w=641&h=348: "This Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 1 August 2006 to commemorate the birth centenary of Sir Abdul Razak Mohamed. Born in India on 1 Aug. 1906, Sir A. R. Mohamed came to Mauritius at the age of 22 years to settle as a businessman. Once settled, he was very much engaged with the business community and in political affairs, especially prior to independence. His activities also extended to social services: generously, he provided financial support to needy students, widows and orphans and contributed to set up a number of charitable institutions. He played a significant role in 1945 and 1947 Consultative Committees, set up to advise on the constitution of Mauritius. His main contributions to the Constitution include a Bill of Rights; political safeguards; a 60-member elected assembly; a quota of seat for each main section of the population; and the setting up of an Ombudsman. During his political career, he served as a Municipal Counsellor, Mayor and Senior Minister. He passed away on 8 May 1978. The two stamps are respectively Rs. 7 and Rs. 8 stamps of the ship models and anthurium, symbolising the mode of travelling and the generous nature of this great patriot".

2006: 106th Birth Anniversary of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Special Commemorative Cover (18 September 2006)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-19-sep-106th-birth-anniv-of-ssr.jpg?w=640&h=338: "This Special Commemorative Cover, cancelled with a special cachet was issued to commemorate the 106th birth anniversary of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the first Prime Minister of Mauritius. His political career between 1942 and 1982 was closely associated with the emancipation of the Mauritian people and the struggle for independence. As a Prime Minister, he inspired free health care, free education, national pensions, amongst others. The FDC illustrates a portrait of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and the steps of the Apravasi Ghat, which is now part of the UNESCO world heritage".

2006 Marine non-marine crabs (#1024-1027)

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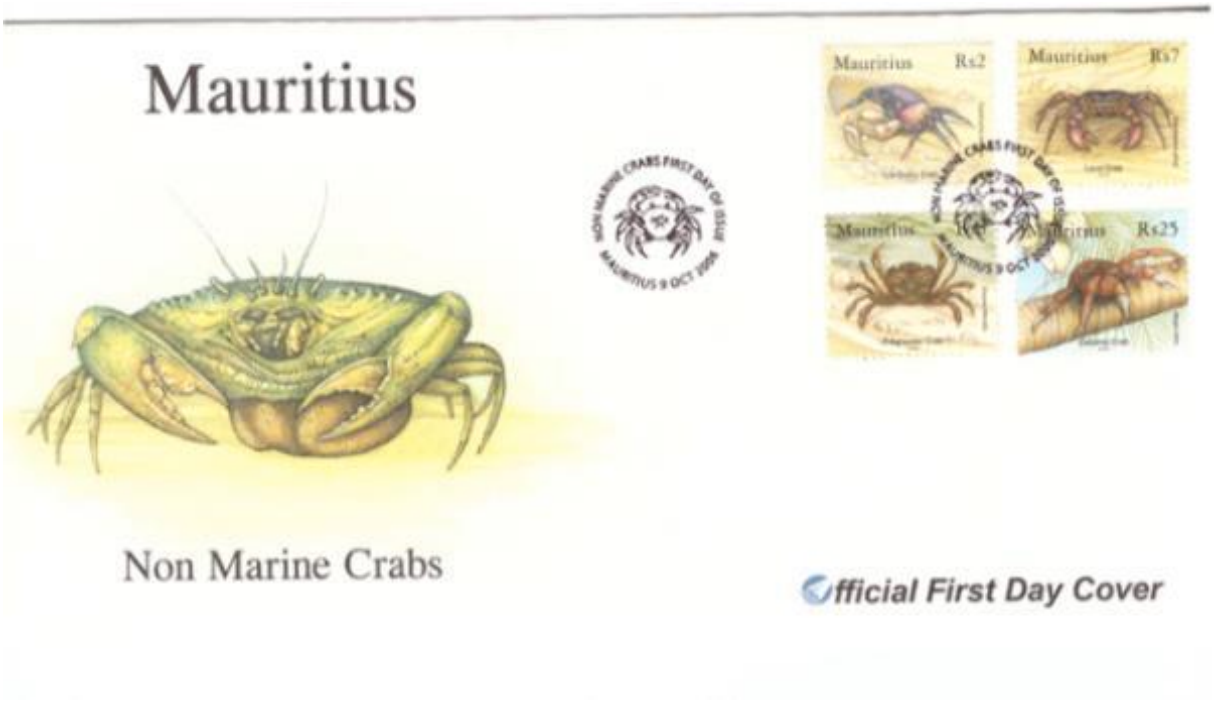

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-9-oct-non-marine-crabs.jpg?w=640&h=369: "The coastal waters around Mauritius abound with hundreds of species of crabs. However, on the mainland there are only four species of non-marine crabs, that is those that spend most of their lives either on land or in freshwater. While all the four species spend most of their lives on land or in freshwater, the berried females head towards the sea to release their eggs. In the nature series, a set of 4 stamps issued to feature these non-marine species. (i) Rs. 2 represents a Tourloulou or trouloulou crab (cardisoma carnifex). It is a large land crab with a body size up to 100mm, which lives in deep burrows on the landward edge of mangroves, salt marshes and beaches, and further inland. It is a nocturnal scavenger and can often be seen crossing roads in coastal regions at night; (ii) Rs. 7 land crab (geograpsus grayi). This crab is found from the Western Indian Ocean to the Central Pacific region and is common in Mauritius. This is a medium size crab with a body of up to 36 mm. During the day, it can be found under longs and rocks in vegetated areas around the coast and up to about 500 metres inland. It frequently invades people's houses in coastal areas. It is a scavenger and forages mostly at night; (iii) Rs. 8 – freshwater crabs (varuna litterata). Its rare in Mauritius where it occurs in freshwater rivers and streams such as Rivière des Anguilles. It can live both in the sea and in freshwater. It has a medium size body of up to 56 mm. (iv) Rs. 25 – coconut crab: Birgus latro. This species locally known as crab cipaye is extinct in Mauritius, rate and endangered in Agalega and common in the Chagos. This is the largest of all terrestrial crabs can can reach 60 cm in length and weighs up to 4 kg. It forages mostly at night, feeding on plants, including coconuts and scavenges on dead animals. Its common name stems from the fact that it can climb coconut palms and cut down the coconuts. The FDC portrays a berried female crab".

2006: Return of the Giant Tortoises to Rodrigues – François Leguat, Special Cover (30 October 2006)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-30-oct-retour-des-geantes-rodrigues.jpg?w=640&h=353 : "On 30 October 2006, giant tortoises were re-introduced on Rodrigues Island". POSTMARK RIVIERE COCOS RODRIGUES.

2006: Mauritius Traditional Games (7 December 2006) (M 1028-1031)

http://img.bidorbuy.co.za/image/upload/user_images/117/400117/400117_120918232550_Scan_14658468.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-7-dec-traditional-games.jpg?w=641&h=358: "Mauritius has a multi-cultural population and its traditional games are derived from everyday life and reflect the cultures from which they originated. Technological innovations have greatly influenced the history of children's game and as a

result, some games are becoming less popular and are losing their entertainment values. Sapsiwaye, marbles, hopscotch and kite flying were particularly popular age-old games. To preserve their entertainment values, and help adults recall their childhood memories, a set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 7 dec. 2006. (i) Rs 5 illustrates a traditional game originating from China called sapsiwye. It is not well known to the present generation, but was very popular among boys. The game consists of juggling a 'sapsiwye' with one foot only and as many times as possible, without letting it fall down. Early versions were made of cock feathers tied with a rubber band. Later on, cock feathers were replaced by wild grass; (ii) Rs. 10 represents marble games, which dates back to the Romans (as far back as 3000 b.c). The ones played in Mauritius, commonly known as "canettes", are mostly made of glass. The object of the marble is to roll, throw, drop or knuckle marbles against an opponent's marbles, often to knock them out of a prescribed area. (iii) Rs. 15 shows the hopscotch, commonly known as "la marelle", is a hopping game that can be played on a bare patch of a ground or on a floor. It is based on an idea of not treading on lines. The game was introduced by the French. Chalks were used to draw the hopscotch pattern and each player has a stone, a bean, a shell or a bottlecap; (iv) Rs. 25 shows kite playing, a game which can be traced thousands of years and originate from China. Its initial usage was purely military as a communication tool. Gradually kites became very popular. They are usually made of paper, affixed on spars of wood and are steered using a length of twine attached. Popular kites were called 'patangue'; 'carambole" 'etoile' or 'carambole'. The FDC depicts a hopscotch diagram and marbles".

2006: 100th birthday anniversary of Léopold Sedar Senghor, Special cover (29 December 2006).

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2006-29-dec-100e-anniv-de-la-naissance-de-senghor.jpg?w=640&h=354: "To mark the birth centenary of Leopold Sedar Senghor, one of the founding fathers of the francophonie, a special commemorative cover on 29 December 2006. L. S. Senghor is a Senegalese national, who studied in France and became successively a French parliamentarian, French minister and finally, President of his country, Senegal. He remained at the head of his country for 20 years. He paid an official visit to Mauritius from 30 April to 2 May 1973".

2006 Postmark Riviere Cocos Rodrigues

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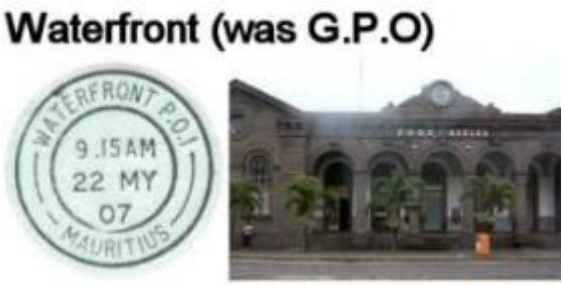
2007 Postmark Waterfront



https://archive.is/M4Ah8/3ada730378fea7d0db672d0635b015d723e64ed0.jpg POSTMARK WATERFRONT

2007 Postmark Grande Montagne Rodrigues

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/3962a9e2e547246d4be0d50465dc73560a33671f.jpg POSTMARK GRANDE MONTAGNE RODRIGUES

2007 Corals (30 April 2007) (#1032-1037)

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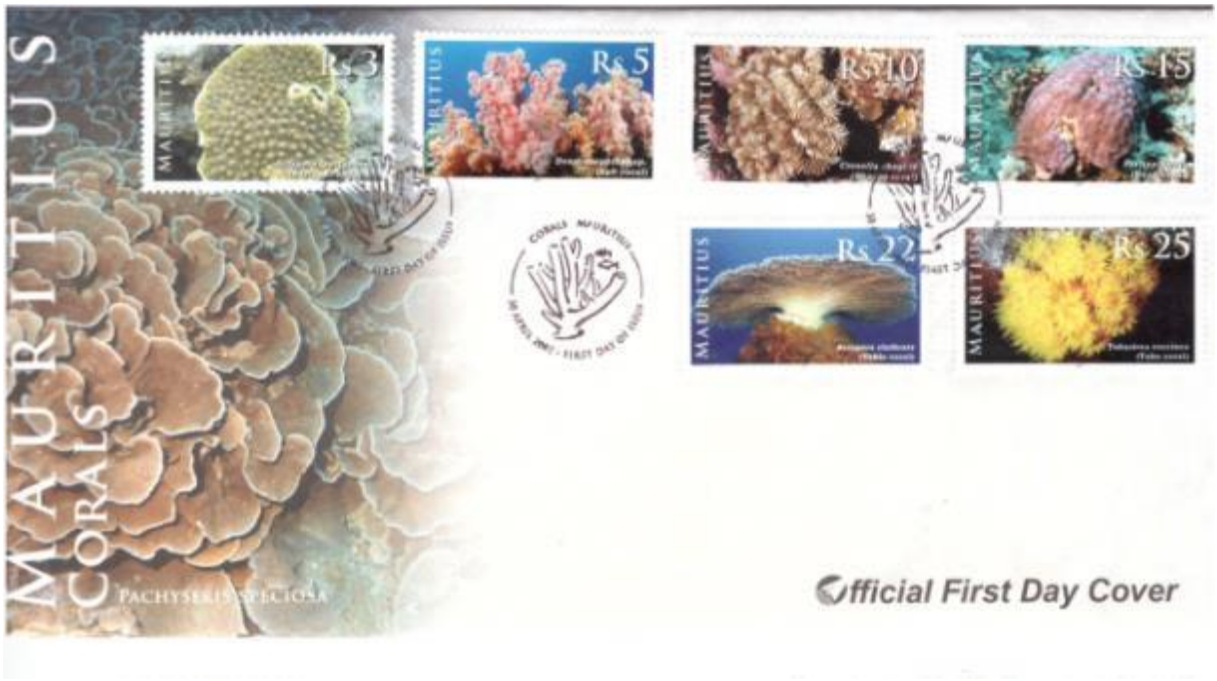

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2007-30-april-corals.jpg?w=639&h=356: “Corals form part of the marine animal kingdom. There are 2 main types of corals: hard corals, essentially made of calciform skeleton and soft corals, which lack the rigid skeleton. Corals come in a wide variety of form and colour. They bring shelter, food, and breeding grounds to marine organisms. They also help to recycle waters and nutrients, create sand, and protect lagoons and nice beaches. Coral life develop in depths varying from

0 to 50 metres and in a sea temperature from 22 to 28 degres. In the nature series, a set of six stamps was issued. (i) Rs. 3 shows a rare species of acropora coral endemic to the Island of Rodrigues (Acropora rodriguensis). It is an encrusting coral that develops on solid substratum like other dead coral; (ii) Rs. 5 stamp shows a soft coral (dendronephthy sp) with an hydrosquelenton, found in depths from 10 to 40 metres. Its feeding habit is different from other corals and feeds from plankton. (iii) Rs. 10 stamp is a bubble coral (ctenella chapius), not very common in Mauritius. It can be found in the lagoons of Trou aux Biches and Mahebourg/ Vieux Grand Port. The bubbles are in fact defensive vesicles and are found at depth from 4 – 25 mts. (iv) Rs. 15 stamp, called porites lobata, is a massive colony, helmet-shaped, is common in Mauritius and can be found either in the lagoons or directly on reefs where the waves crush; (v) Rs. 22 stamps, acropora clathrara, is a table coral, most common in Mauritius where the current is low, at depth of 4 – 15 mts. (vi) Rs. 25 stampm, tubastrea coccinea, is a tube coral mostly found beneath overhangs and shady surfaces on reef slopes, down to 30 mts. The yellowish tentacles can only be seen at night when they are active and capturing planktons".

2007 Dodo (25 June 2007) (#1038-1041)

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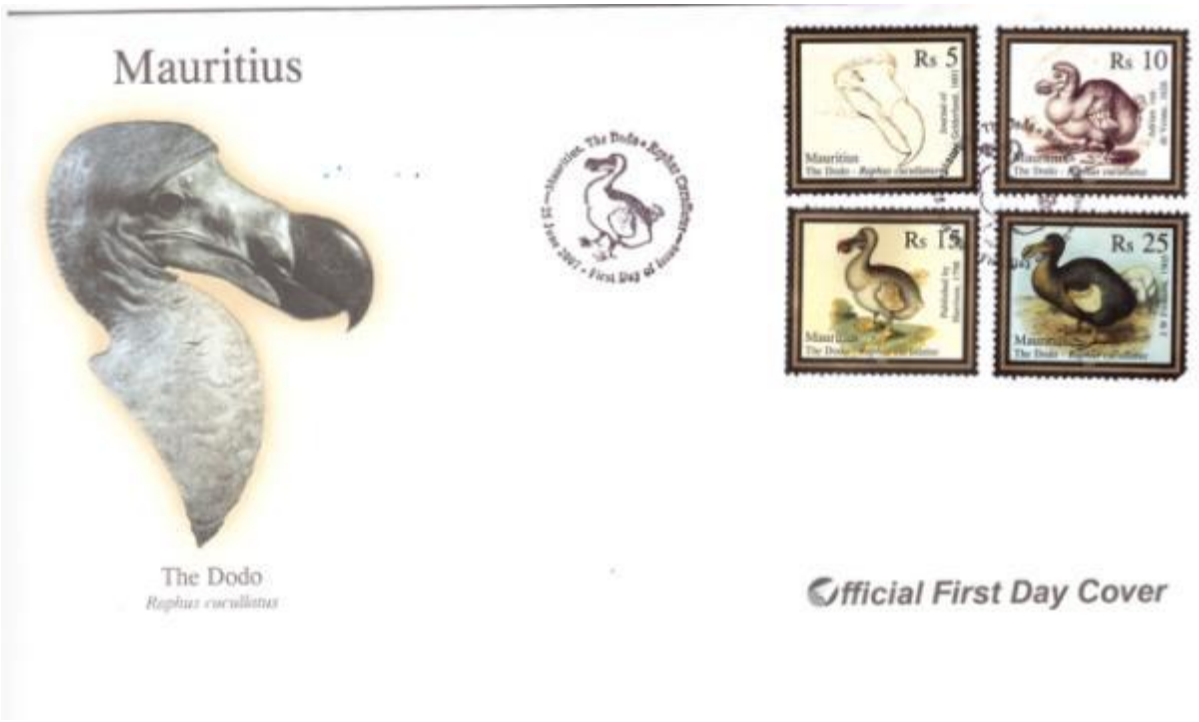
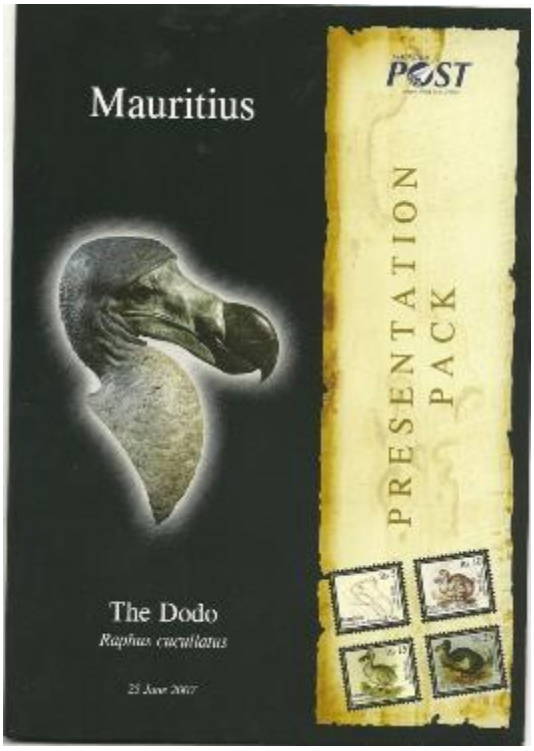


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2007-25-june-the-dodo-fdc.jpg?w=639&h=377: "Scientists confirm that the dodo lived for thousands of years on the island of Mauritius. The bird was made extinct before the end of the 1600s by the introduction of men and various animals such as pigs, deers, rats, monkeys, cats and dogs. However, it was difficult to imagine what it looked like. We had to rely on drawings and paintings, in particular the one printed in an edited version of Admiral Cornelius van Neck's journal published in 1601, after visiting Mauritius in 1598. The set of postage stamps/ souvenir sheet issued by the Mauritius Post portrays different representations of the Dodo through drawings and paintings of various artists at different times. (i) Rs. 5 – shows a drawing found in the Journal of Admiral W. Harmenszoon, who visited Mauritius in1601 and published in the Gerlderland. The journal has 4 drawings of the living Dodo and one of a dead one; (ii) Rs. 10 stamp is a drawing by Adrian Van de Venne, picturing a rather fat dodo, drawn around 1626. It can be found in the library of the University of Utrecht; (iii) Rs. 15 stamp is a painting which appeared in a publication by Harrison, Cluse and co, in 1798; (iv) Rs 25 is a chromolithograph by J. W. Frohawk, taken from Lord W. Rothschild's Extinct Birds, published in 1907. The FDC is a reproduction of the Dodo's head from a bronze statue situated at Ile aux Aigrettes".



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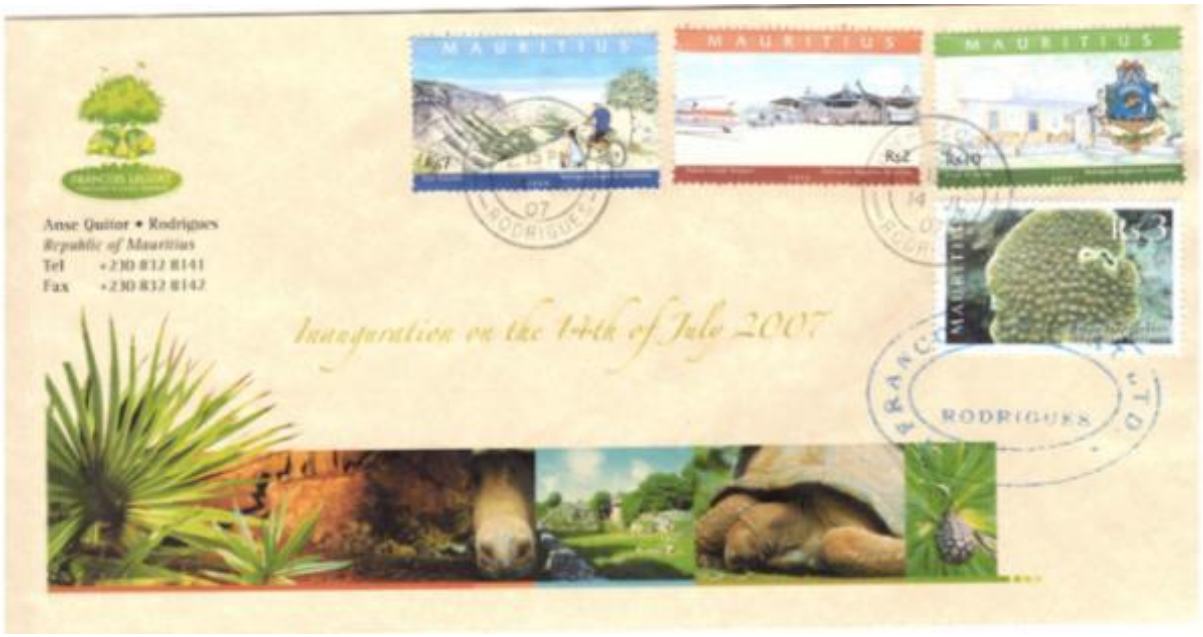
https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/dQwAAOSwEeFVBXUe/s-l1600.jpg POSTMARK PORT LOUIS. (#1042 and Block 29)

https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: “The souvenir sheet is a painting by Julian Pender Hume, a paleontologist and painter. It shows a reconstruction of endemic fauna of Mauritius”.

2007 Inauguration of François Leguat Park, Caverne Patate, Rodrigues, Special Cover (14 July 2007)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2007-14-july-inauguration-francois-leguat-rodrigues.jpg?w=640&h=332: “On 14 July 2007, the Francois Leguat National Park was inaugurated at Caverne Patate in Rodrigues. It has an exceptional breed of giant tortoises. A special commemorative cover was issued to commemorative the event. Stamps are from former issues, namely from the Rodrigues Regional Assembly issue and the corals issue”.

2007 UPU Congress Nairobi in 2008 (9 October 2007) (#1043)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2007-9-oct-24th-upu-congress.jpg?w=640&h=350: "For the 3rd issue of postage stamps for the year 2007, the Mauritius Post issued one stamps of Rs. 50 to mark the holding of the 24th Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in Nairobi, Kenya in 2008. It is the second time that the UPU Conference is held in Africa. The first one was in Egypt in 1934. The stamp features (i) a computer screen to show the role of IT in postal services; (ii) a globe, which symbolises the universal dimension of the Post Office; (iii) A map of Africa, with Kenya's national flag; and

(iv) a map of Mauritius showing a postman performing physical delivery. UPU is a specialised agency of the United Nations and plays an important role in promoting postal services".

2007 Anniversaries and events (4 December 2007) (#1044-1047)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2007-4-dec-anniversaries-and-events.jpg?w=640&h=356: "This set of "Anniversaries and Events" postage stamps commemorates four subjects, namely the Ministerial system of 1957; the arrival of Manilall Doctor; the centenary of scouting; and the first meteorological observatory of 1832. (i) The Rs. 5 stamp illustrates the 9 personalities who sworn in as Ministers in 1957, following the Agreement reached at the London Conference in February 1957. This system was meant to be a major step towards parliamentary government later This stamp issue bears three errors on the Rs. 5 stamp: (a) the person featured on the bottom right is not the right Osman who

sword in as Minister in 1957 (but rather his brother); (b) Dr. G. Millien should read Sr. E (Edgar) Millien; and (c) R. Vaghjee should read H. (for Harilall) Vaghjee. A new, partially corrected Rs. 5 stamp was re-issued on 27th December 2007, with the right Osman picture but the errors regarding Dr. Millien and Mr. Vaghjee were not corrected. The 2 sets are shown below] [; (ii) Rs. 10 stamp illustrates Manilall Doctor, who arrived in Mauritius from India in October 1907 at the request of Mahatma Gandhi. During his stay he struggled for justice and freedom of the working classes, in particular to improve the working conditions on indentured labourers. (iii) Rs. 15 stamp commemorates the centenary of scouting, a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people, founded by Lord Baden Powell in 1907. It arrived in Mauritius in 1912". (Iv): observatory.

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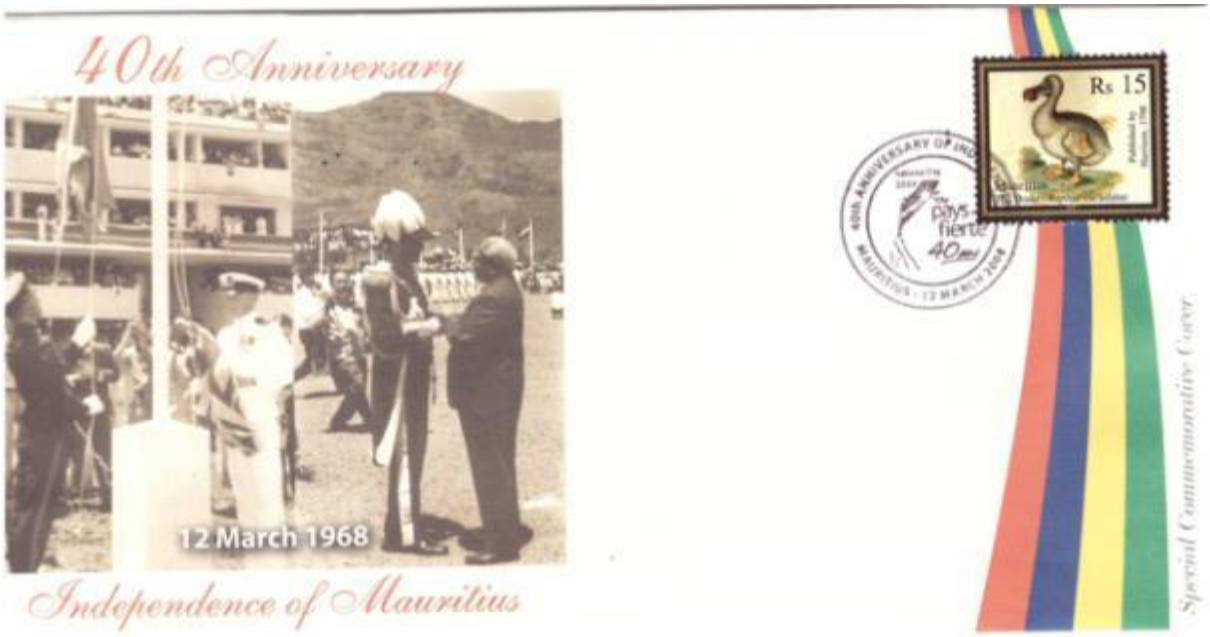
2008 40th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius, special cover (12 March 2008)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2008-12-march-40th-anniversary-independence.jpg?w=639&h=360: "To mark the 40th anniversary of Independence and the 16th anniversary of the Republic, a special commemorative cover was issued, with the Rs. 15 dodo stamp. The cover portrays two photos, namely the hoisting of the National Flag and the lowering of the Union Jack, and a photo of S.S. Ramgoolam with Sir John Shaw Rennie, on 12th March 1968 at Champ de Mars.

2008 Inauguration of the New Postal Museum, Celebrating 140 years, Special Commemorative Cover (23 July 2008)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2008-23-july-inauguration-of-new-postal-museum.jpg?w=639&h=360: "This special commemorative cover was issued to mark the opening of the New Postal Museum and the 140 years of existence of the Post Office Building (ex General Post Office). The 2 stamps on the postal cover are the 60cs stamp which features the 150th anniversary of the "Post Office" stamps; and the Rs. 25 stamp featuring the Dodo. The illustration on the cover shows the historical Post Office building and the logo of the Mauritius Postal Museum".

2008 Postmark Port Mathurin Rodrigues

Port Mathurin

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/40545cfd6d7e259d40f8ce6407c8a7658ef90320.jpg POSTMARK PORT MATHURIN RODRIGUES

2008 Mauritius in World Literature (8 December 2008) (#1048-1052)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2008-8-dec-mauritius-in-world-literature.jpg?w=641&h=332: "A set of 5 commemorative stamps was issued on 8th December 2007 to highlight the presence of Mauritius in the World Literature. Five of the world's renown novelists, who wrote on, orvisited the island between the 18th and 19th centuries, are portrayed. They are (i) Rs. 5 – Bernardin de St. Pierre, who wrote the novel Paul & Virginie in 1789, having been inspired by the enchanting environment of Isle de France during his stay in 1768. Two other works, namely Voyage à l'Isle de France and La Chaumière Indienne won him so much fame that he was elected a member of the Académie Française and awarded the distinction of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. (ii) Alexandre Dumas père is one of the most versatile French writers and novelists. His novel Georges (le

mulatre) published in 1843 has for background Mauritius. Among his other famous works there are Les Trois Mousquetaires, la Reine Margot and le Compte de Montecristo; (iii) 15 stamp features Charles Baudelaire, a famous french writer and poet of the 19th century. On his way to India, his sailing vessel stopped over in Port-Louis in September 1841. He was inspired to write a sonnet for a charming lady, entitled A Une Dame Créole. In 1857, he published 2 of his famous books, Les fleurs du Mal and Petits Poemes en Prose, where one can find the influence of his stay in the tropical islands of Mauritius and Reunion; (iv) Rs. 22 shows Mark Twain, an American writer and a famous humorist. The author of Tom Sawyer came to Mauritius in 1896. In his book More tramps abroad or Following the Equator, published in 1897, impressed by the beauty of the island, he wrote ".. you gather the idea that Mauritius was made first and then heaven and that heaven was copied after Mauritius..". (v) Rs. 25 shows Joseph Conrad, a famous British novelist. He made a stop over in Mauritius for 2 months in 1888 and fell in love with a Mauritian girl, who refused to marry him. His tale A Smile of Fortune was inspired by his visit to Mauritius, which he described as "a pearl distilling sweetness upon the world". The illustration on the FDC shows a manuscript with a feather".

2008 Birth Centenary of Sookdeo Bissoondoyal, Special Commemorative Cover (17 December 2008)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2008-17-dec-birth-centenary-of-s-bisoondoyal.jpg?w=641&h=341: "This special commemorative cover issued on 17 December 2008 marks the birth centenary of Sookdeo Bissoondoyal, a primary school teacher, journalist, writer, parliamentarian, Minister and leader of the opposition. His social and political engagements helped shape the modern history of Mauritius. During his long and distinguished career, he struggled for social justice, the right to vote for his fellow citizens, the protection of their civil rights and for poverty alleviation. He founded a political party,

the Independence Forward Bloc, which played a key role in the struggle for independence. The two stamps on the cover are respectively the 40c from the inland transport series, representing the Rivière des Anguilles Bridge and Rs. 16 from the Stone Building series, showing Carnegie library. The FDC shows a portrait in medallion of S. Bissoondoyal with a background picture of the S. Bissoondoyal Memorial Museum at Tyack, the village where he was born".

2009 Flowers (9 April 2009) (#1053-1064)

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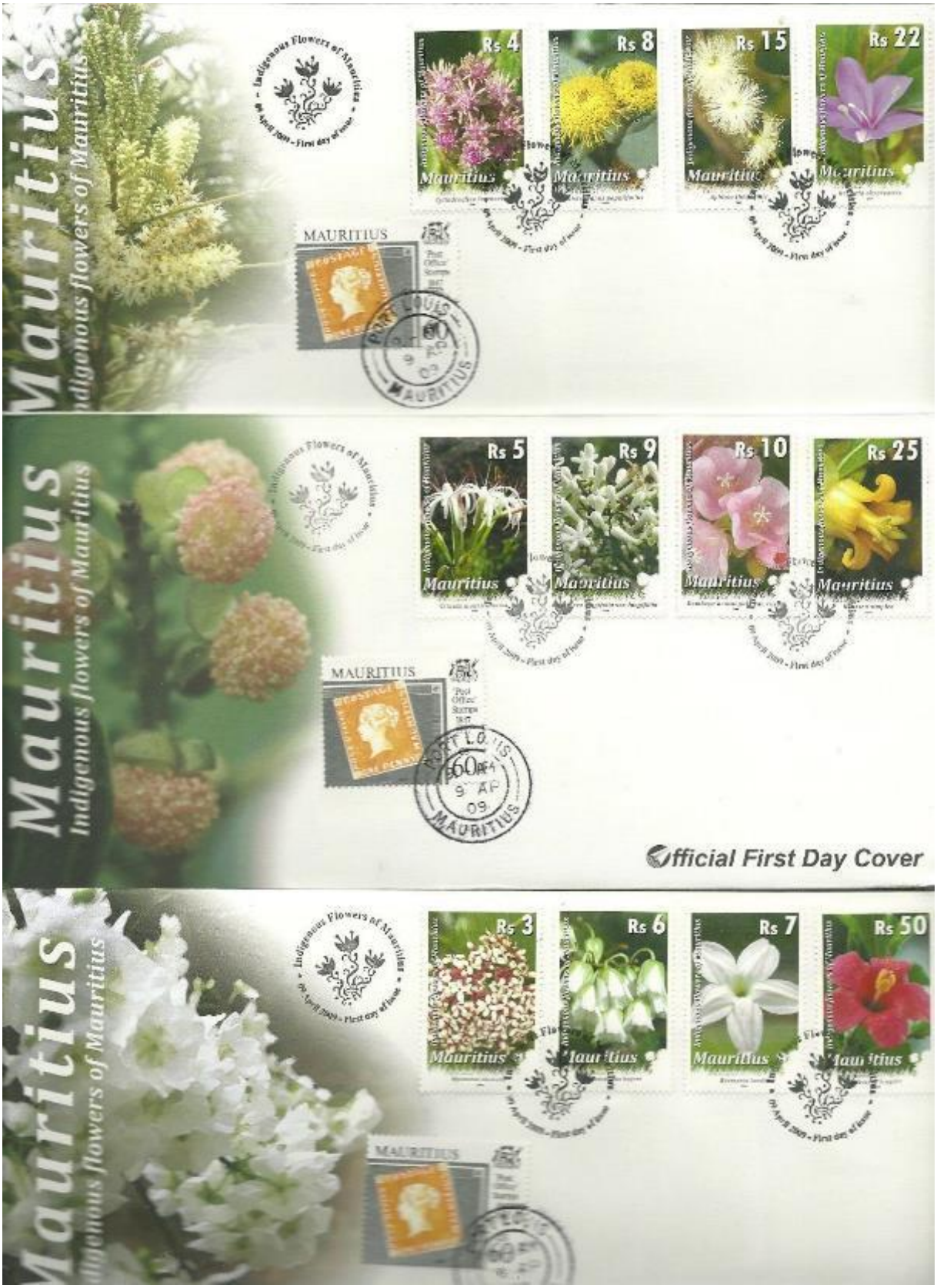

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/RbIAAOSwqu9VBYii/s-l1600.jpg POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

https://stampsofmauritius.org/2000-2009/: "The Mauritius Post Ltd. issued a set of 12 Definitive Stamps on 9th April 2009 depicting beautiful indigenous flowers of Mauritius. They were issued a set of three FDCs, each with 4 stamps.

[3Rs, 6Rs, 7 Rs, 50Rs] Mauritius has a rich biodiversity, but has one of the most threatened island flora of the world. About 45% of the 685 native flowering plants are endemic and are classified as critically endangered. This cover includes (i) Rs. 3 stamp featuring the Myonima obovata, a small indigenous shrub of mid altitude dry forests, which bears nice clusters of small pinkish flowers. The beauty of this plant lies in its juvenile leaves, where a mosaic of red, purple, green venation under a thin waxy layer catches one's attention; (ii) Rs. 6 stamp is an Elaeocarpus bojeri, a small endemic tree now confined to only three individuals at Grand Bassin Peak, which bears long drooping inflorescence will bell-shaped whitish flowers. (iii) Rs. 7 stamp is Bremeria landia, a small indigenous tree of upland humid forest bearing bright white flowers at its branch tips. This plant is used by local people for medicinal purposes against fever and as a tonic drink; (iv) Rs. 50 is a Hibiscus fragilis, a rare endemic shrub with rambling branches striving only on 2 mountains – Corps de Garde and Le Morne Brabant. It bears deep carmine striking flowers".

[5 Rs, 9 Rs, 10 Rs, 25 Rs] "This second FDC shows the four following indigenous flowers: (i) R. 5 stamps is a Crinum mauritanium, an endemic lily plant discovered in the 1970s in the region of Midlands, and is now extremely rate. It bears beautiful while flowers all year round; (ii) Rs. 9 stamp is the Gaertnera longifolia, an endemic short tree thriving in upland humid forests. It can easily be recognised by its long leaves and its terminal white inflorescence. It remains one of the rarest Gaertnera species on the island; (iii) Rs. 10 stamp features the Dombeya acutangula, a rare indigenous flower plant found in the wild on a few mountain flanks. It is also one of the native flowering plants commonly planted in gardens and used in landscaping projects. It bears pink inflorescence; (iv) Rs. 25 stamp shows a Roussea simplex, a rare endemic shrub now found in few places like Le Pouce, Grand Bassin, Bassin Blanc, Trou aux Cerf and Combo. Its orange yellow bell-shaped flowers are conspicuous and attractive".

[4 Rs, 8 Rs, 15 Rs, 22 Rs] "This third FDC features 4 plants, namely: (i) Rs. 4. stamp shows the Cylindrocline lorencei, a short endemic shrub with pinkish composite flowers confined to one region in the wild, Plaine Champagne; (ii) Rs. 8 stamp is a Distephanus populifolius, a rare endemic plant found only on dry exposed mountain tops where it grows on rocky medium. It bears composite while and yellow flowers and its silvery leaves offer a perfect camouflage with its rocky surroundings. (iii) Rs. 15 stamp is the Aphloia theiformis an indigenous plant with various medicinal virtues, among which diuretic. It was also used extensively against malaria. It is quite common in upland humid forests and bears tiny white flowers at the base of the leaves; (iv) Rs. 22 is the Barleria observatrix, an endemic shrub now confined to only Corps de Garde mountain. It bears nice small purple flowers, which are one of the most beautiful flowers of the island".

2009 Postmark Agalega (Island)

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2009 Extinct Mauritian Giant Tortoises (16 July 2009) (#1065-1068)

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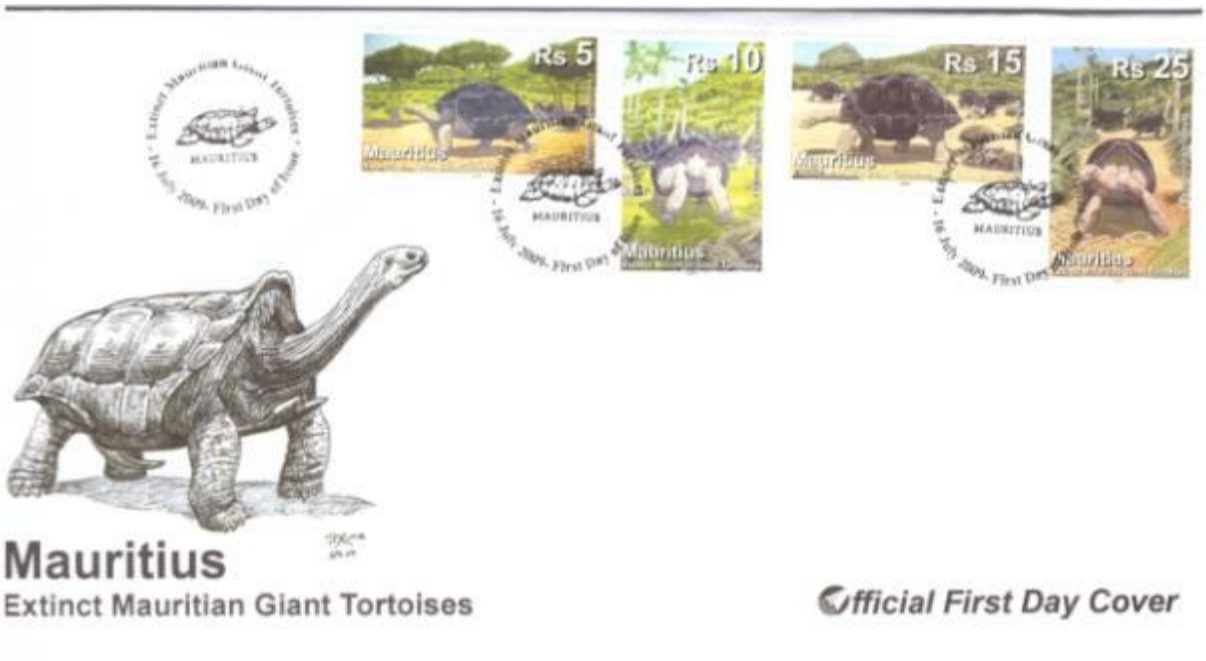
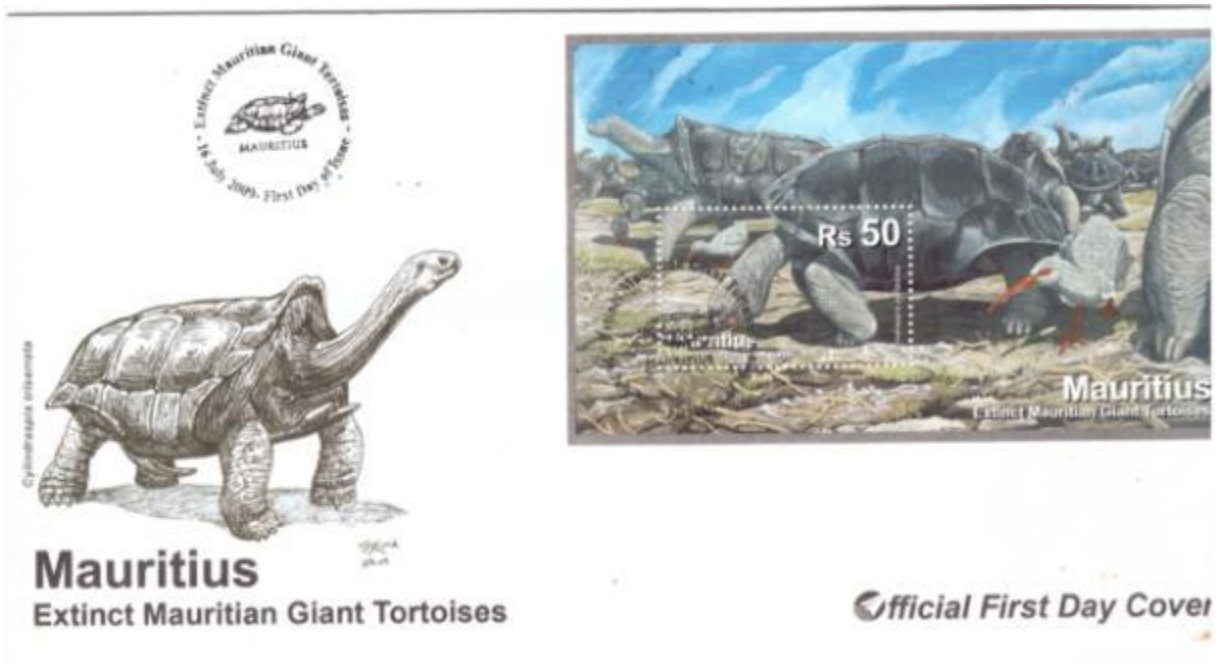


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2009-16-july-extinct-giant-tortoise.jpg?w=639&h=345: "A set of 4 postage stamps and 1 miniature sheet was issued on 19 July 2009 depicting the extinct giant tortoises of Mauritius and Rodrigues. The tortoises were unique to the islands. Five species were known to exist in the Mascarenes, with 2 species in Mauritius and 2 in Rodrigues. with the arrival of humans and introduction of animals, the last tortoises survived in Mauritius until 1730s, while in Rodrigues ther last 2 were seen around 1795. (i) Rs. 5 is the Rodrigues Domed Tortoise (Cylindraspis peltastes), a small domed tortoise, feeding on low vegetation; (ii) Rs. 10 stamp features the Rodrigues Saddleback (Cylindraspis vosmaeri) – a specie with a long flexible neck; (iii) Rs. 15 stamp is the Mauritian Dome Tortoise (Cylindraspis inepta), a large specie than the one found in Rodrigues. It had an unusual extension to the back of the shell. It burried its eggs in the sand or near the beach, which made them vulnerable to predators; (iv) Rs. 25 stamp is the Mauritian saddleback (cylindraspic triserrata). Their thin shell provided no protection against humans, and they were collected by sailors, for their oil and to cure ailments such as scurvy. The FDC illustrates the Mauritian saddleback tortoise".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2009-ms-tortoise.jpg?w=467&h=289: "Rs. 50 stamp on the miniature sheet is a reconstruction, showing Rodrigues Domed Tortoise and Rodrigues Saddle Toirtoise, with the Blue Rail (also extinct). The bird was know[n] to feed on tortoise eggs and on the insects and parasites that were found on tortoises' skins". (#Block 30, and # 1069)



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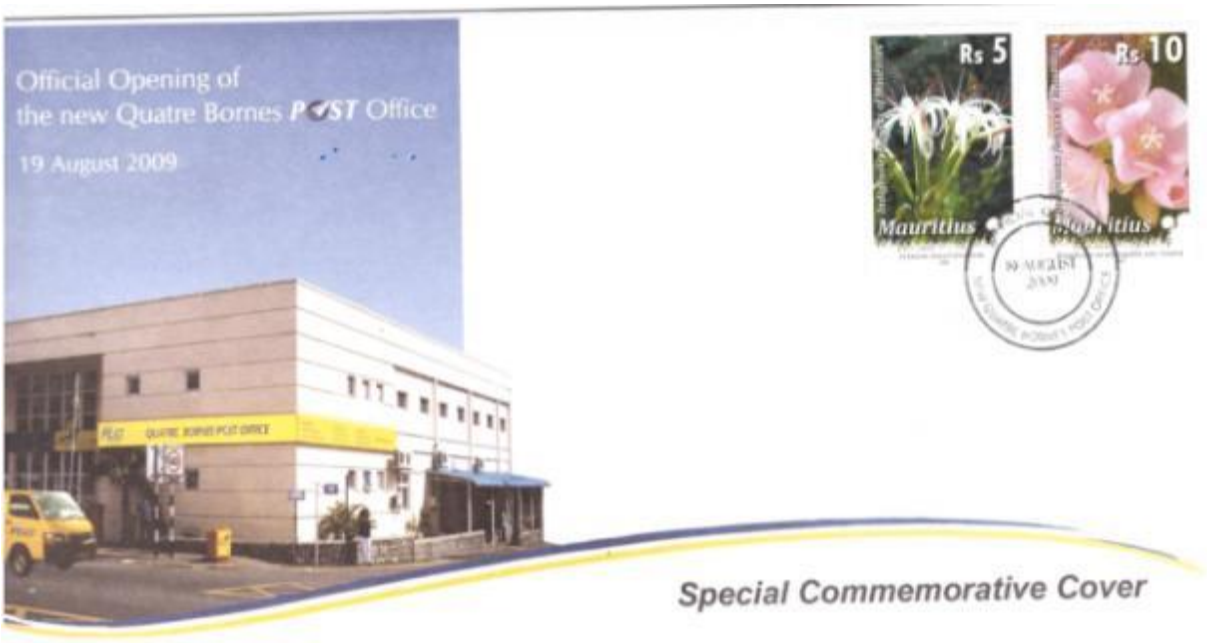
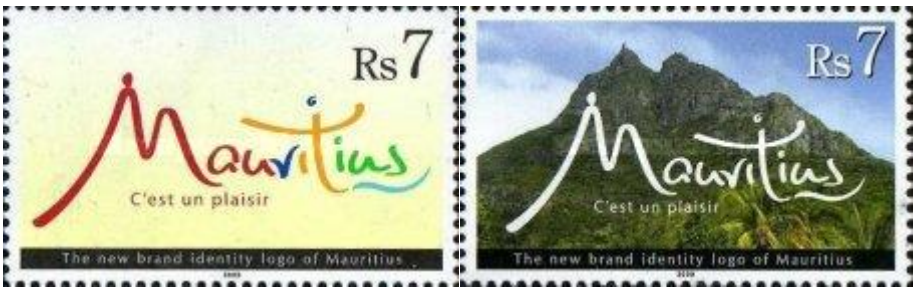
2009 Official Opening of the New Quatre Bornes Post Office, Special Commemorative Cover (19 August 2009)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2009-19-aug-opening-of-qb-post-office-sc.jpg?w=639&h=344: "This special commemorative cover was issued to mark the opening of the new Quatre-Bornes Post Office on 19 August 2009. Quatre-Bornes owes its name to four sugar factories: Trianon, Beau Séjour, Bassin and La Louise, which used to stand at the four corners of the town. Quatre-Bornes was made a town in 1895. The two stamps are the Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 of the Definitive flower series, chosen as Quatre-Bornes is also known as la ville des fleurs".

2009 Made in Mauritius – The New Brand Identity Logo of Mauritius (9 October 2009). (#1070-1071)



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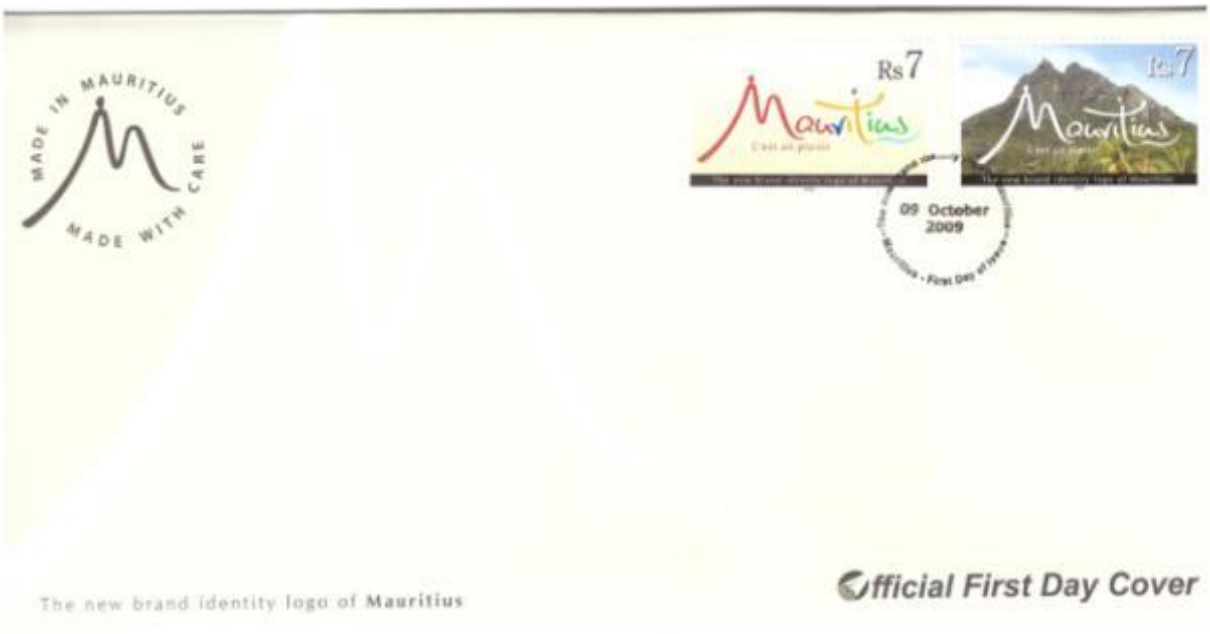
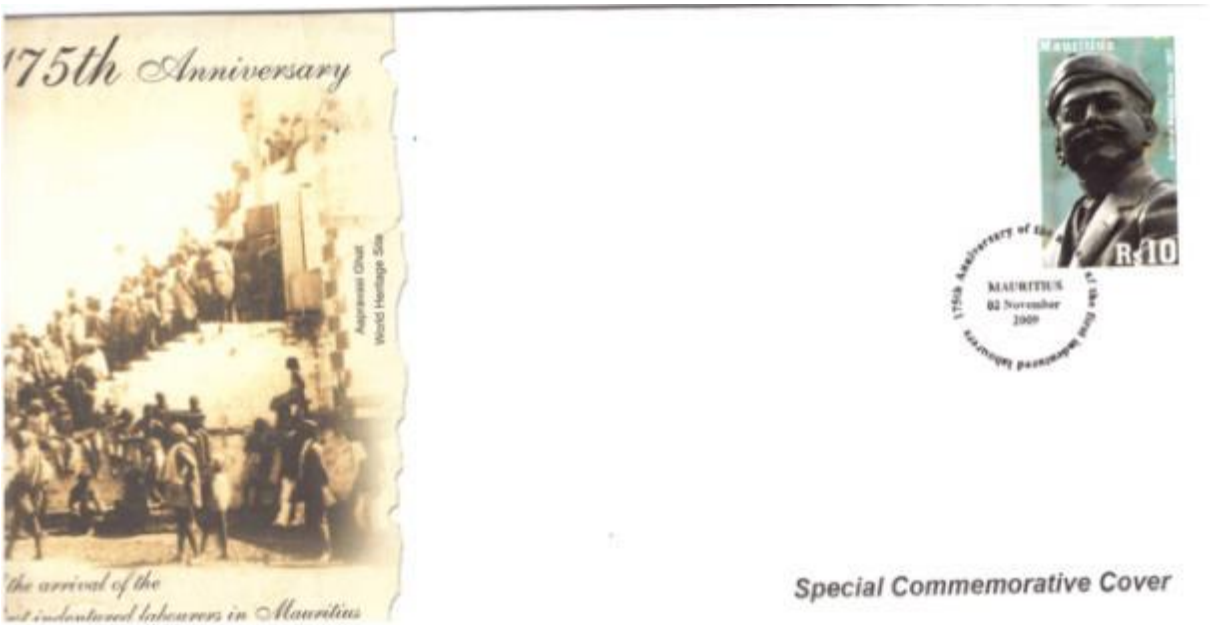


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2009-9-oct-made-in-mauritius-branding.jpg?w=640&h=333: "A set of 2 postage stamps were issued on 9th October 2009 to commemorate the launching of the new brand identity logo of Mauritius. In fact, the innovative Brand Mauritius Strategy was elaborated as a springboard for business success. The logo features the 4 colours of the Mauritian flag, the angular M traces the outline of the Pieter Both mountain with the rock settled on top. The illustration on the FDC depicts the seal of quality designed specially to be applied on packaging only, to guarantee manufacturing in Mauritius".

2009 175th Anniversary of the First Indentured Labourers in Mauritius, Special Commemorative Cover (2 November 2009)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2009-2-nov-175th-annif-of-arrival-of-first-indentured-lab.jpg?w=639&h=341: "This special commemorative cover marks the 175th anniversary of the arrival of Indian indentured labourers in Mauritius. The Rs. 10 stamp depicts Manilall Doctor, an eminent Indian personality who can to Mauritius on the recommendation of Mahatma Gandhi and who played a crucial role in the struggle for the social, political and economic rights of the indentured labourers. The FDC shows the Appravasi Ghat or the Landing Place of Immigrants, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List on 16 July 2006. It is the only remainly Immigration Depot and tangible testimony of the indentured phenomena in the 19th and 20th Century".

2009 Mauritius Anniversaries and Events (30 November 2009) (#1072-1075)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2009-30-nov-anniversaries-and-events.jpg?w=639&h=347: "This last series of 4 postage stamps issued on 30 November

2009 marks a series of anniversaries and events. (i) Rs. 7 stamp shows the Chinese Chamber of Commerce founded on 8 December 1908, today the 2nd oldest overseas Chinese Chamber of Commerce; (ii) Rs. 14 stamp marks the birth centenary of Dr. K Hazareesingh, a prominent figure of contemporary Mauritius, who illustrated himself as Social Welfare Commissioner and paved the way for the Welfare state. He was also known in the field of education and literature: (iii) Rs. 20 stamp marks the bicentenary of the capture of Rodrigues Island by the British; (iv) Rs 21 stamp marks the birth centenary of Teeluckpersand Callychurn, an eminent figure among Indo-Mauritians. He was a Post Master General. He was also an influential member of the Arya Samaj, a socio-religious movement and served as the Secretary General of the Arya Sabha, a socio-cultural organization".

2010 World Soccer Championship: 3rd Joint SAPOA Issue 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa (9 April 2010). (#1076 etc)

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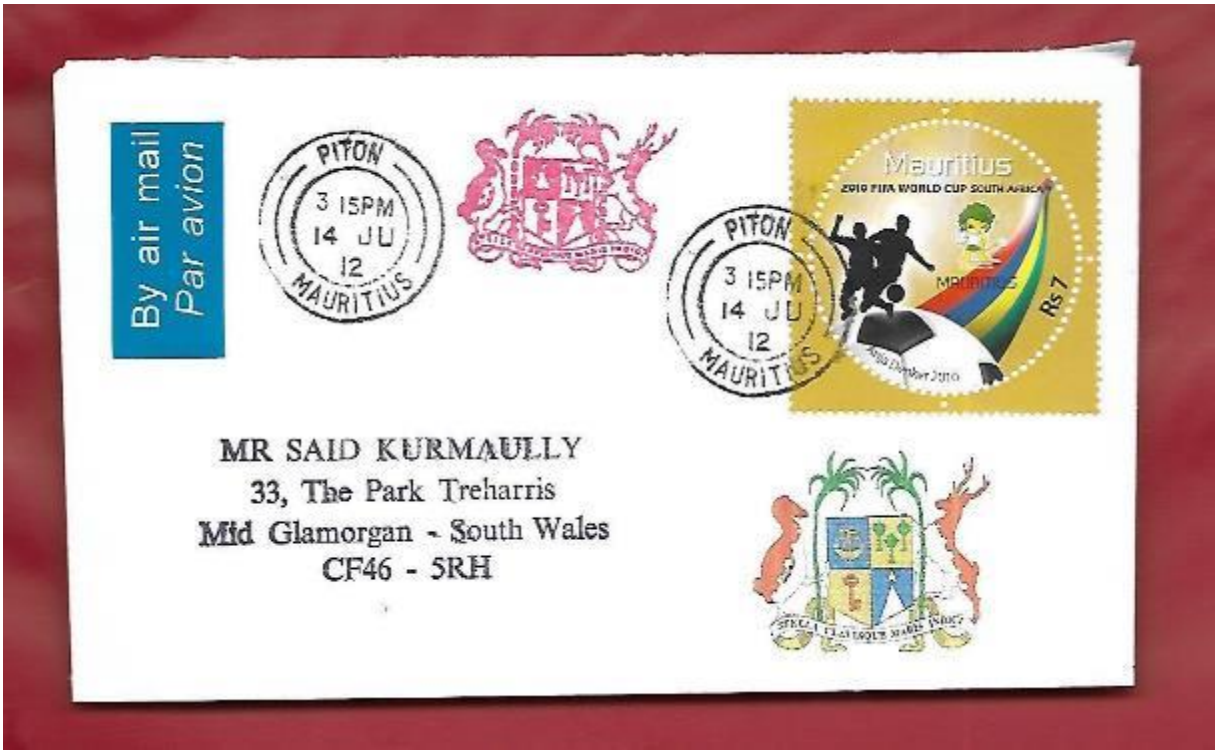

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-09-apr-sapoa_1.jpg?w=640&h=336: "A set of 9 stamps on 3 official FDCs and a souvenir sheet was issued on 9 April 2010 to mark the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa. Mauritius was among the 9 out of 14 countries of the Southern African Postal Operators Association (SAPOA) to commemorate the hosting of the 19th edition of the FIFA World Cup (2010) held in South Africa. The 8 other countries were Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Each of the 9 stamps pictured in this 3 series represent

one national flag of the SAPOA countries. The design features a graphic image of soccer players in action, a soccer ball, the national flag of each country and last but not least: Zakumi – the official mascot especially designed for the World Cup in South Africa. The name Zakumi is composed of "ZA", standing for South Africa, and "kumi", which means 10 in various languages across Africa".

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-9-apr-sapoa_2.jpg?w=640&h=334: II

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(#1076-1084, and #Block 31)

2010 Birth Centenary of Renganaden Seeneevassen, Special Commemorative Cover (11 April 2010)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-9-oct-birth-centenary-seeneevassen.jpg?w=641&h=344: "This Special Commemorative Cover marks the birth centenary of Renganaden Seeneevassen, born in Mauritian in 1910. Prompted by the blatant injustices of colonial Mauritius and imbued with a sense of fairness, R. Seeneevassen left Mauritius in 1935 to read law in England. There, he met great leaders of the Indian independence movement such as Pandit J. Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi and the interaction developed his keen interests in politics. Upon his return to Mauritius, he joined the Labour Party and became of its most influential leaders. His powerful negotiations skills and knowledge of law greatly helped to shape the Constitution os Mauritius. He was the first Mauritian Minister of Education and introduced a new Code of Education to ensure a fair and equitable education system. The two stamps are from the Definitive flowers series".

2010 Al-Idrissi Geographer and Cartographer (5 August 2010) (#1085)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-5-aug-al-idrissi.jpg?w=641&h=345: "This stamp pays tribute to the famous Arab geographer and cartographer Al-Idrissi. He contributed to the enrichment of the maritime history of the Indian Ocean and the world. The iconic figure of Al-Idrissi (about 1100 – 1165) is famous for his Book of Roger (1154 – 1157), the state-of-the-art world atlas in pre-modern times. This map shows the sphericity of the earth. As a cartographer, he believed that the world was round and was a reference in the world of cartography till the 16th Century. The FDC depicts the famous planisphere which Al-Idrissi designed for King Roger II of Sicily in 1154. It was almost 6-feet in diametre, inscribed on silver and weighing some 450 pounds. The map portrayed is upside down, as was customary with the Arabs following the Chinese traditions".

2010 Death Centenary of Florence Nightingale (1910 – 2010), Special Commemorative Cover (13 August 2010)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-13-aug-death-centenary-florence-nightingale.jpg?w=640&h=333: "This Special Commemorative Cover commemorates the death centenary of Florence Nightingale, who was born in Italy on 12 May 1829 and died on 13 Aug. 1910 at the age of 90. she was a nurse by profession and a statistician. Resisting family opposition, fighting the restrictive societal code and the over feminisation of women into near helplessness, she strived to educate herself in the art and science of nursing. Also known as the 'lady with the lamp' she was a model of compassion and commitment to care especially for the Crimean war. She initiated sanitary reforms and promoted diligent hospital administration. The background on the FDC depicts the old facet of 'Civil Hospital" which was built in the 18th century and used as a military hospital during colonial days". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2010 Shanghai Expo (20 August 2010) (#1086)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-20-aug-shanghai-expo-2010.jpg?w=639&h=339: "This official first day cover commemorates the Shanghai Expo 2010. World Expo Shanghai 2010 aims to stage and present to the world splendid and unique human achievements. "Better city – better life" was the main theme, and explored the full potential of urban life in the 21st Century. Mauritius' participation in the Expo was built around the concept "Mauritius: a City State", and aimed at showcasing the country's strategic location, its economic vibrancy, modernity, environmental consciousness,

harmonious blend of cultures, artistic and cultural heritage and natural beauty. This stamp depicts the Two Pence Post Office Mauritius, famously known as the Blue Penny Stamp, considered as a gem in the world if philately. The FDC features the logo of the World Expo Shanghai 2010, which represents a Chinese character 'shi', meaning world, modified to represent three people together with the 2010 date".

2010 The Battle of Grand Port in 1810 (28 August 2010) (#1087-1088)

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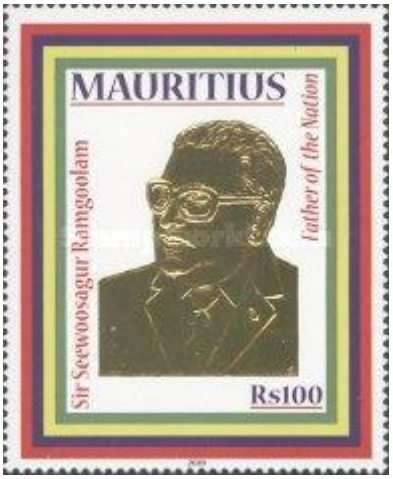
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-28-aug-bicentenary-of-battle-of-grand-port.jpg?w=640&h=335: "On 28 August 2010, two postage stamps were issued to mark the bicentenary anniversary of the Battle of Grand Port between the French and the British. Occupied by the French since 1735, the British, after conquering Seychelles (1794), Rodrigues (1809) and Reunion (1810), set sail to capture Isle de France. The French could hardly offer any resistance, as there were only 4000 soldiers, including 2000 reservists on shore. On 14 Aug 1810, the British took possession of Ile de la Passe, a fortified islet

controlling the entrance of the harbour of, with 4 warships: La Magicienne, Le Sirius, La Nereide and Iphigenie, under the orders of Commodore Samuel Pym. After a fierce battle against the 4 French warships, namely "Le Victor, Le Ceylan; La Bellone and La Minerve" under the command of Captain Duperré, and which lasted 5 days. The peak of the battle was on the night 23 – 24 Aug. 2010, with serious casualties on both sides. The British forces were defeated. The Captain of the British ship Nereide, N. Willoughby and the French Captain of La Bellone, V. G. Duperré, were seriously wounded during the battle. This battle was the only naval victory of the French troops over the British under Napoleon Bonaparte. The Battle is immortalised at l'Arc de Triomphe in Paris, with the inscription Grand Port. The two stamps are (i) Rs. 14 pictures a scene of the Battle; and (ii) Rs. 21 which shows a view of Ile de la Passe. The FDC depicts the monument of Pointe des Régates, erected in the memory of the said battle. The portraits of Duperré and Willoughby appear in the background".

2010 110th Birth Centenary of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (1900 – 1985), Father of the Nation (18 September 2010) (#1089)



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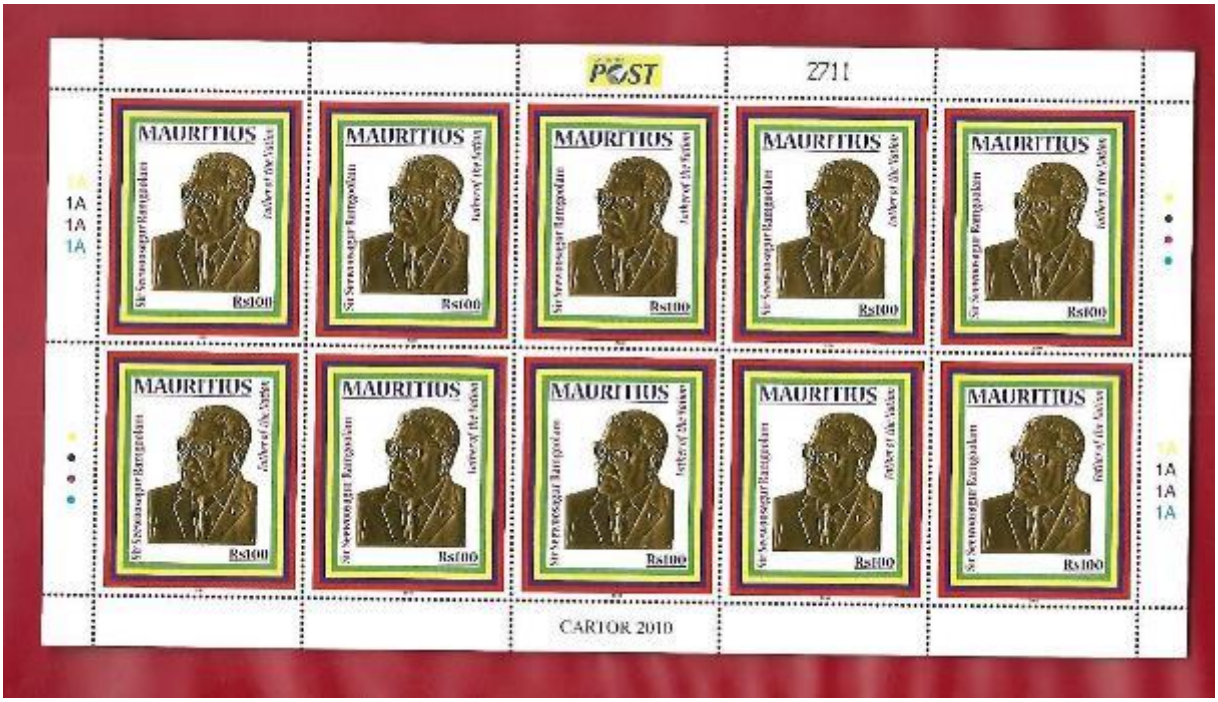

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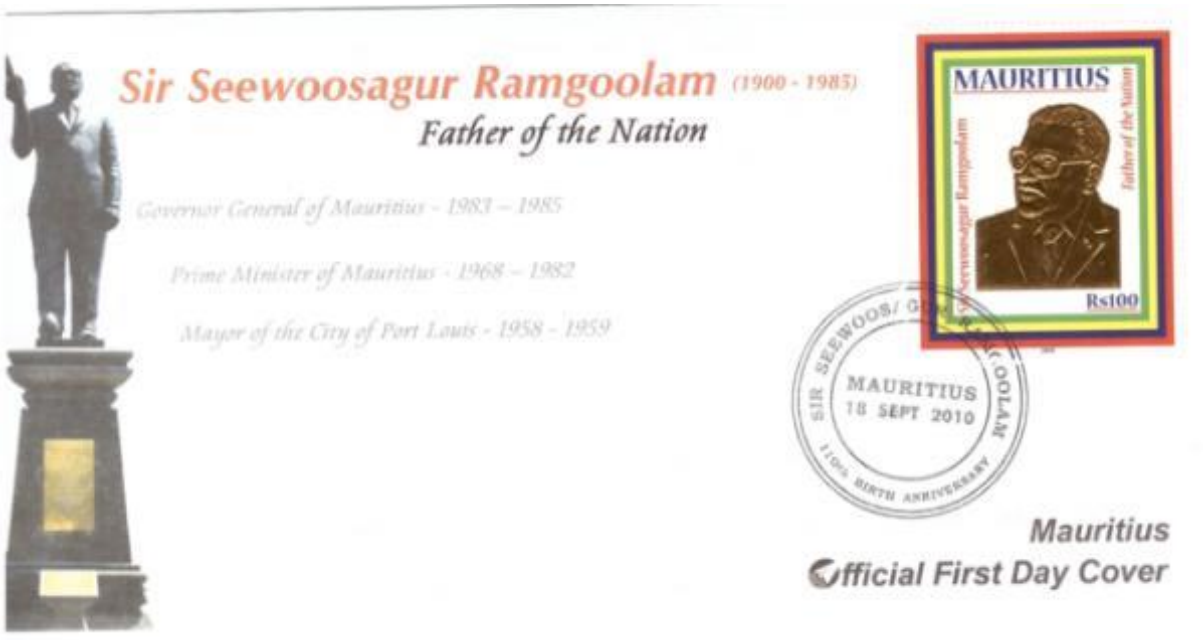
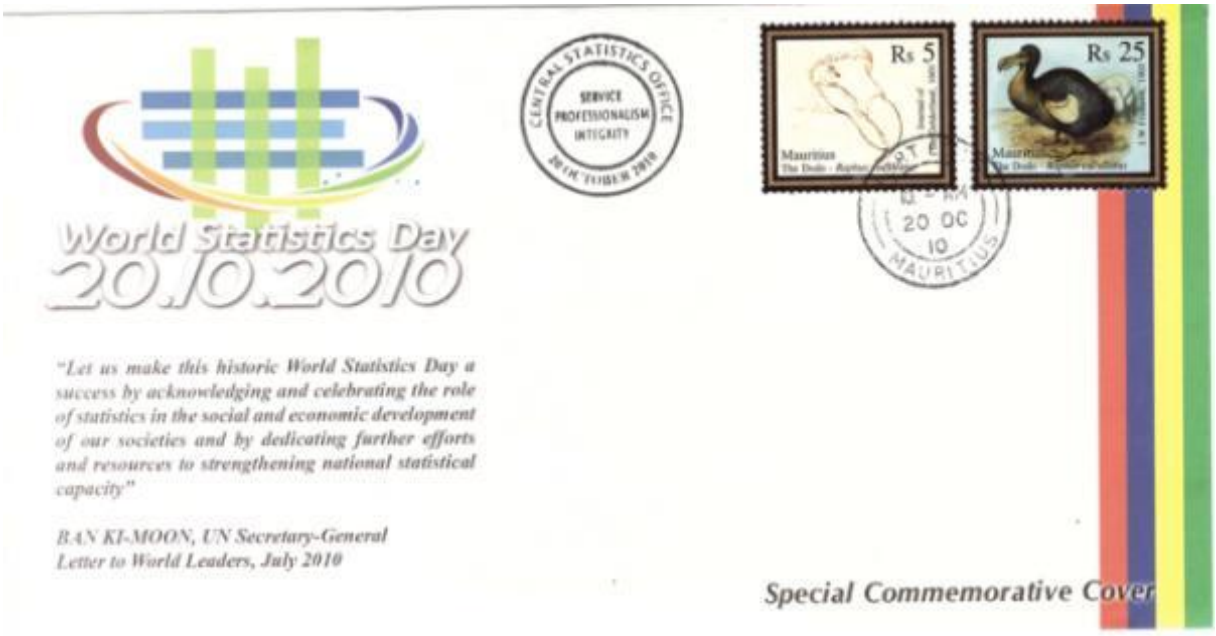


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-18-sep-ssr-father-of-nation.jpg?w=641&h=343: "On 18 September 2010, a commemorative Rs. 100 gold postage stamp was issued to mar the 110th birth anniversary of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam. The FDC illustrates the statue of SSR, located at Port-Louis Waterfront. Mauritius owes a great debt of gratitude to SSR for having sown the seeds of a modern prosperous and vibrant multi-cultural society. SSR is considered as the Father of the Nation, the most important

political personality, as a result of his relentless fight for independence. He was the first Prime Minister of Mauritius".

2010 World Statistics Day, Special Commemorative Cover (20 October 2010)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-20-oct-world-statistics-day.jpg?w=640&h=335: "On 20 October 2010, the world celebrated the first World Statistics Day to raise awareness of the many achievements of official statistics premised on the core values of service, integration and professionalism. The Special Commemorative Cover was issued to mark the event. The two stamps depict the dodo". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2010 Labourdonnais, Un Domaine Privé s'ouvre au Public, Special Commemorative Cover (30 October 2010)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2010-30-oct-labourdonnais-un-jardin-prive.jpg?w=640&h=340: "A special Commemorative Cover was issued on 30 October 2010 to celebrate the opening of the Labourdonnais Chateau located in Mapou to the public. The Chateau de Labourdonnais offers an enchanting excursion in the history and lifestyle of 19th Century Mauritius. A unique tourist attraction which unveils the various aspects of the island's cultural heritage and richness". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2010 200th Century of British Conquest of Mauritius (#1090-1091)

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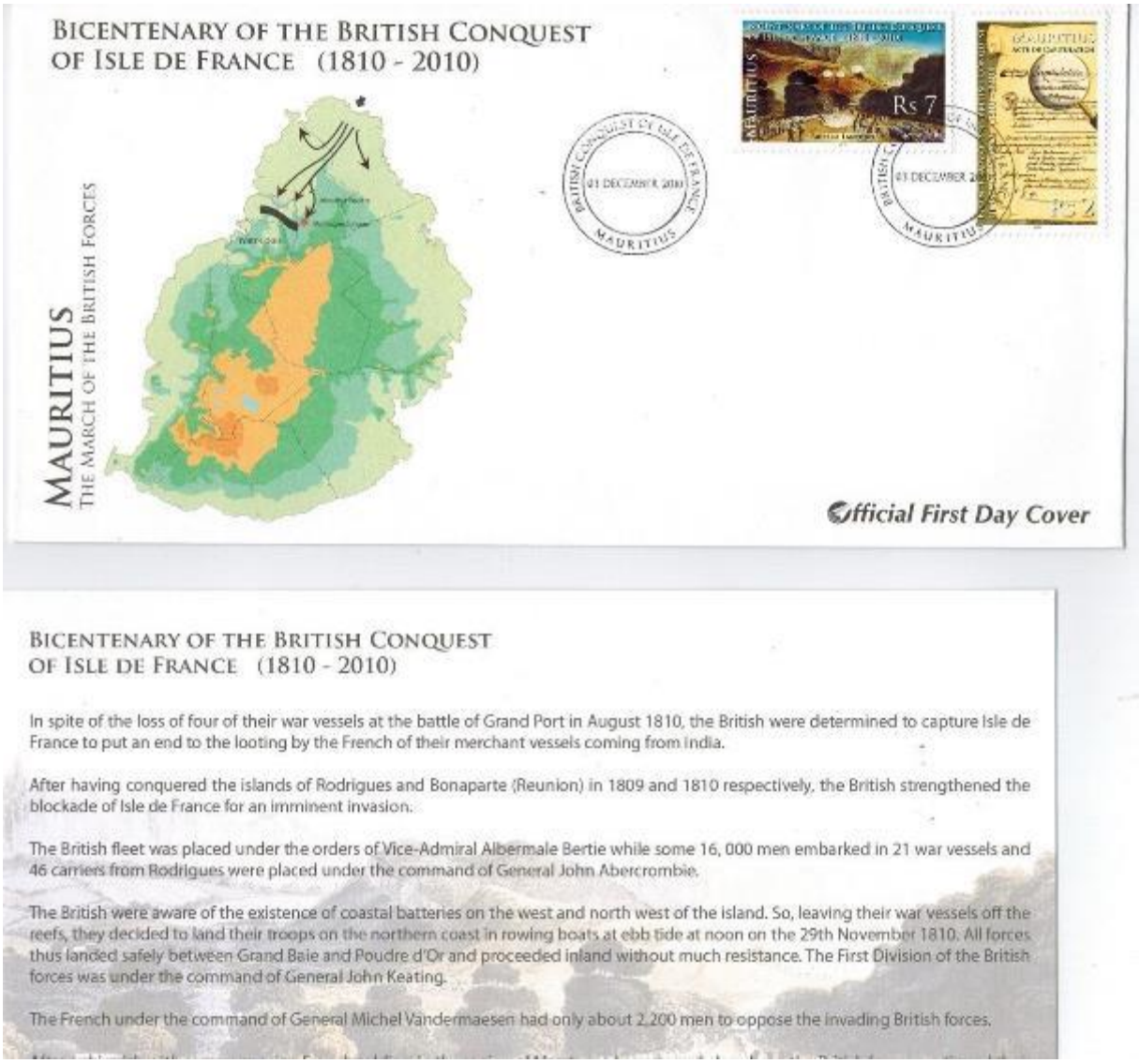

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "On 1 December 2010, an official first day cover was issued to commemorate the bicentenary of the British conquest of Isle de France. In spite of the loss of four vessels during the battle of Grand Port in August 1810, the British were determined to capture Isle de France to put an end to the looting by the French vessels coming from India. After the battle, the British strengthened the blockage of Isle de France for an imminent invasion, prepared from Rodrigues, captured in 1809. The British fleet was placed under the order of Vice-Amiral A. Bertie, while some 16,000 men embarked on 21 war vessels and 46 carriers from Rodrigues were placed under the command of General Abercrombie. The British were aware of the existence of coastal batteries on the west and north west of the island. So, leaving their war vessels off the reef, they decided to land their troops on the northern coast in rowing boats at ebb tide on 20 November 1810. All forces landed safely in Grand Baie and Poudre d"Or and proceeded inland, without much resistance. The French, under the command of General M. Vandermaesen had only 2200 men to oppose the invading British forces. Other vessels were already anchored on the West

coast of Mauritius. The Governor of Isle de France decided to negotiate the cessation of hostilities. The French acknowledged defeat and the Acte de Capitulation was signed on 3 December 1810. It was generous. Isle de France was renamed Mauritius. The postage stamps show the following: (i) Rs 7 stamps depicts the onward march of the British forces towards Port-Louis; (ii) Rs. 2 shows the Acte de Capitulation signed by the French. The FDC features the map of Mauritius showing itineraries of the triumphant march of the British forces from the North to Port-Louis".

2010 Albion postal agency postmark

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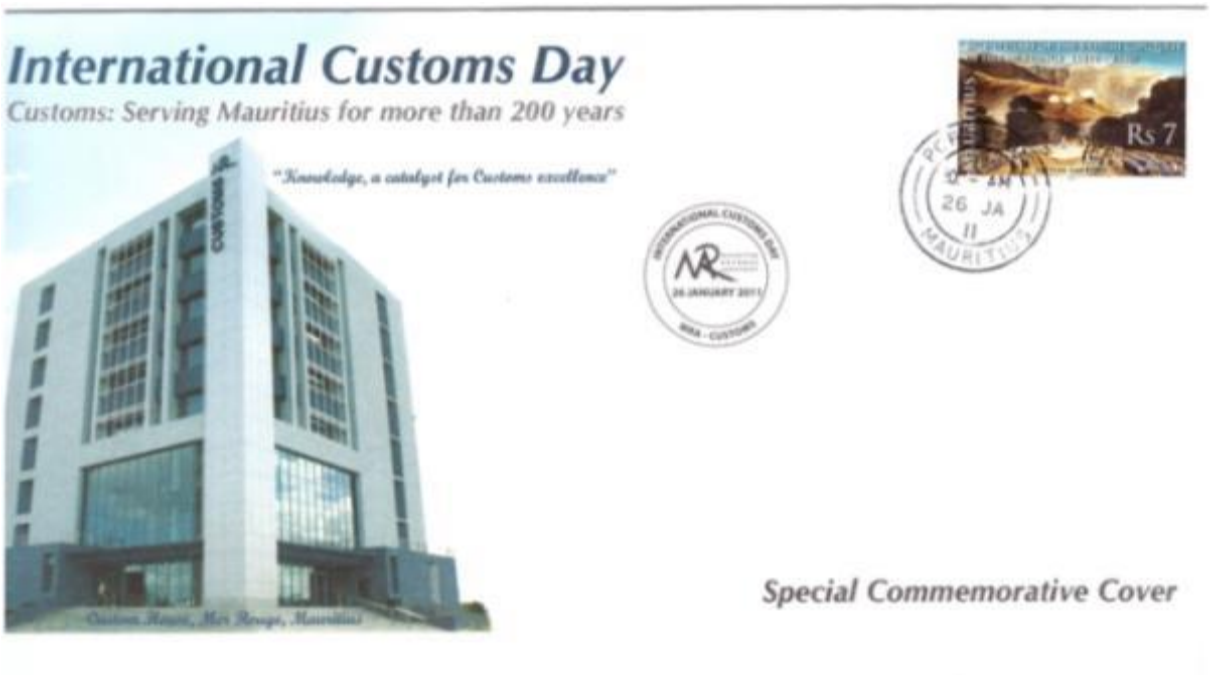
2011 Postmark La Flora

https://archive.is/M4Ah8/bd89e032572da54f8addf5be45d2941a9f43e306.jpg POSTMARK LA FLORA

2011 International Customs Day, Special Commemorative Cover (26 January 2011)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-26-jan-international-customs-day.jpg?w=640&h=355: "A Special Commemorative cover was issued on 26 Jan. 2011 to mark the celebrations of the International Customs Day. That year, the World Customs Organization dedicated the theme "Knowledge, a catalyst for Customs Excellence" to commemorate international customs day. This is a tribute to the critical role knowledge plays in enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administration across the globe. The cover shows a Rs. 7 stamp depicting British landing in December 1810 when they conquered Isle de France". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 Mauritius in World Heritage (18 April 2011) (#1092-1095)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-18-apr-mauritius-in-world-heritage.jpg?w=641&h=346: “On 18 April 2011, a set of 4 stamps was issued to commemorate Mauritius in world heritage. The four stamps depicts the 2 monuments that are listed on UNESCO World Heritage List. (i) Rs. 7 show the Aapravasi Ghat steps which were the gateway through which thousands of indentured labourers coming from various parts of the world set their feet. (ii) Rs. 14 stamp illustrates Le Morne Mountain and its surrounding landscape. Le Morne holds great importance in the history and memory of Mauritius. It is known for its association with runaway slaves (maroon slaves) and stands out as a symbol where maroon slaves paid a high price to retain their freedom, by choosing death by jumping off the mountain, over captivity. (iii) Rs. 15 stamp illustrates the monument at Le Morne, erected in memory of the slaves. (iv) 25 stamp depicts the kitchen located within the hospital block of the Aapravasi Ghat, used for sterilising medical instruments”.

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2011 Anniversaries and Events (20 June 2011) (#1096-1099)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 20 June 2011 to mark anniversaries and events of importance to Mauritian socio-economic and political landscape. (i) Rs. 7 stamp illustrates a Census form of the 19th Century was issued to mark this event and as a medium of communication with a view to raise awareness and interest among the population on the Population Census of 2011. (ii) Rs. 14 stamp depicts the birth centenary of Sir Moilin Jean Ah-Chuen, who played a very active and significant role in commerce and industry, and in the socio-economic, cultural and political life of Mauritius. (iii) Rs. 21 stamp features the 125th birth centenary of Dr. Maurice Curé an eminent figure of Mauritius political scene, who advocated constitutional reforms and denounced exploitation and injustice during the British rule. He is one of the founding fathers of the Mauritius Labour Party, the partly that led the country to independence in 1968. He was elected a member of the Legislative Council in 1946 and 1948 and of the Legislative assembly in 1964". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 Sir Moi Lin Jean Ah-Chuen (1911 – 2011) Birth Centenary, Special Commemorative Cover (30 June 2011)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-30-june-birth-centenary-ah-chuen.jpg?w=639&h=343: "The 30th June 2011 marked the birth centenary of Sir Jean Ah-Chuen, a businessman and politician. A Special Commemorative Cover was issued to mark the event. Sir Ah-Chuen was a successful businessman and a great promoter of Chinese culture and language. He was also a politician and was appointed successively Member of the Legislative Council in 1948, 1953 and 1959 to represent the Chinese community; a member of Parliament in 1963; 1967 and a Minister until 1976". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 Commemorative Events (8 September 2011) (#1100-1102)

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http://www.chemistry2011.org/system/photos/758/overlay/IYC_Mauritius_11_2x_200dpi_white_background.jpg?1320167842

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-8-sep-commemorative-events.jpg?w=641&h=345: "A set of 3 postage stamps was issued on 8 September 2011 to commemorative key events. (i) Rs. 11 stamp marks the 250th anniversary of the observation of the Transit of Venus in Rodrigues. Mauritius was associated with the astronomical study of the Transit of Venus on 2 June 1761; (ii) Rs. 12 stamp marks the international year of chemistry. The year 2011 coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize awarded to Marie Curie and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Chemical Societies; (iii) Rs. 17 stamp was issued to commemorate the International Year of Forests as proclaimed by the UN. It celebrates the central role of people in the sustainable management conservation and sustainable development of the world's forests".

2011 60ème anniversaire de Petrusmok, Chazal 1902 – 1981 – Special Commemorative Cover (12 September 2011)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-12-sep-60e-anniversaire-de-petrusmok-chazal.jpg?w=641&h=346: "Petrusmok was the title of a famous book written by Mauritian author Malcom de Chazal in 1951, which is a spiritual history of Mauritius found in its natural surroundings, and in particular inspired by mountains".

2011 ICT – BP Conference and Networking Forum 5 – 6 October 2011, Special Commemorative Cover (5 October 2011)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-5-oct-ict-bpo-conference.jpg?w=640&h=350 : "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 5 October 2011 to mark the ICT/BPO Conference & Networking Forum held in Mauritius on 5 – 6

October 2011. The purpose of the conference was to promote Mauritius as a safe, cost-competitive high-quality and knowledge intensive outsourcing destination". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 HIV & AIDS Awareness (9 October 2011) (#1103)

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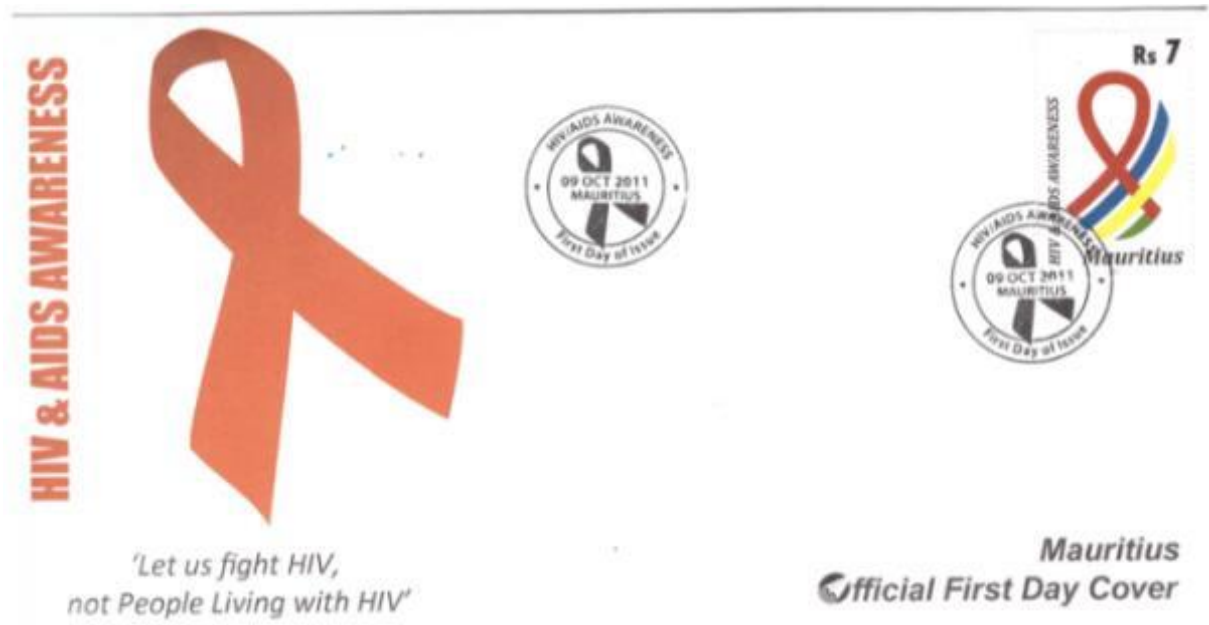

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-9-oct-hiv-and-aids-awareness.jpg?w=640&h=333 : "One postage stamp was issued on 9 October 2011 to support the HIV & AIDS Awareness campaign. Mauritius has taken a number of initiatives to help disseminate information and fight HIV in the country. And HIV and AIDS act was passed in 2006 to provide the legal framework for the prevention and treatment of HIV, to protect the rights of people living with HIV and AIDS and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against them".

2011 150th Anniversary of Post Office in Rodrigues (9 October 2011) (#1104)

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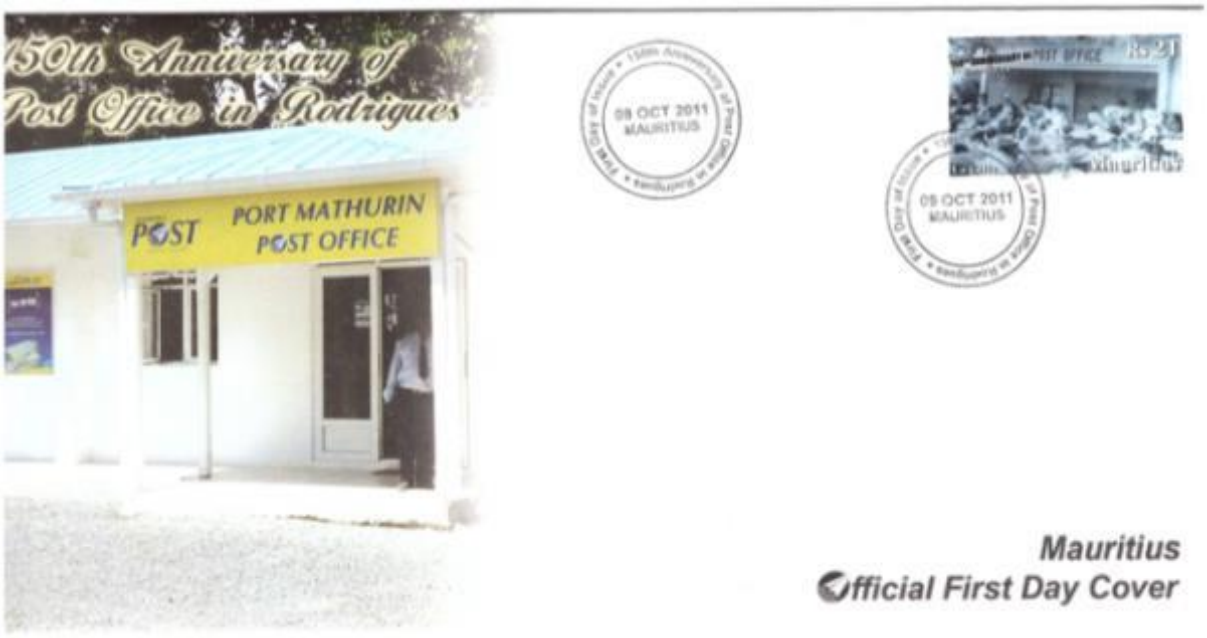
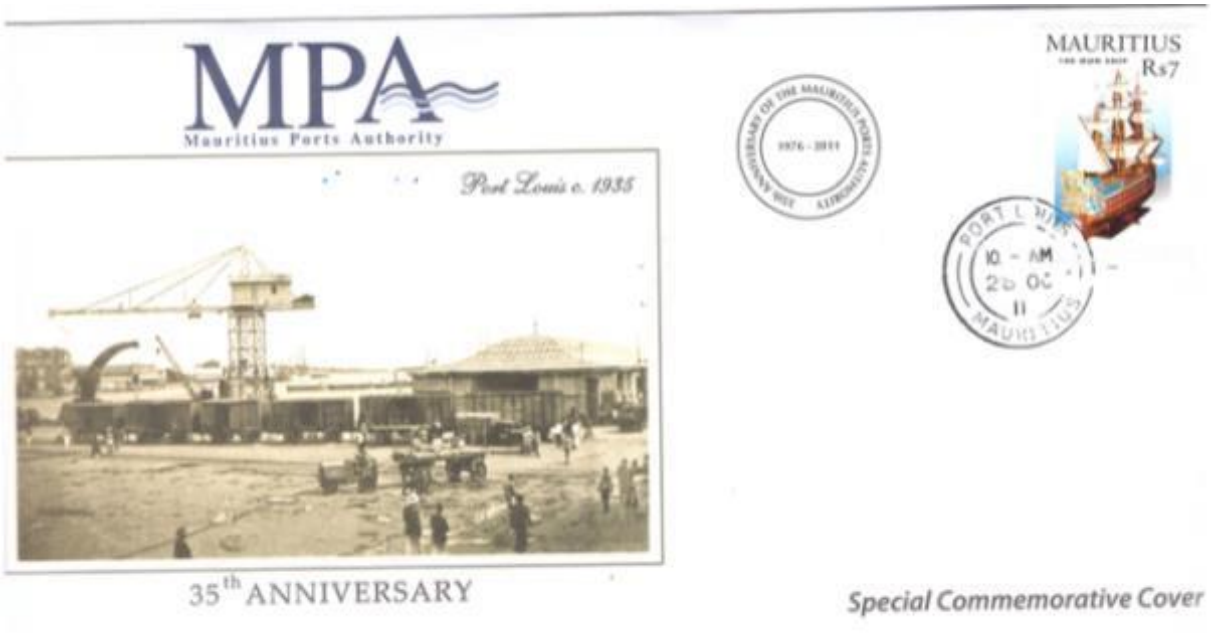


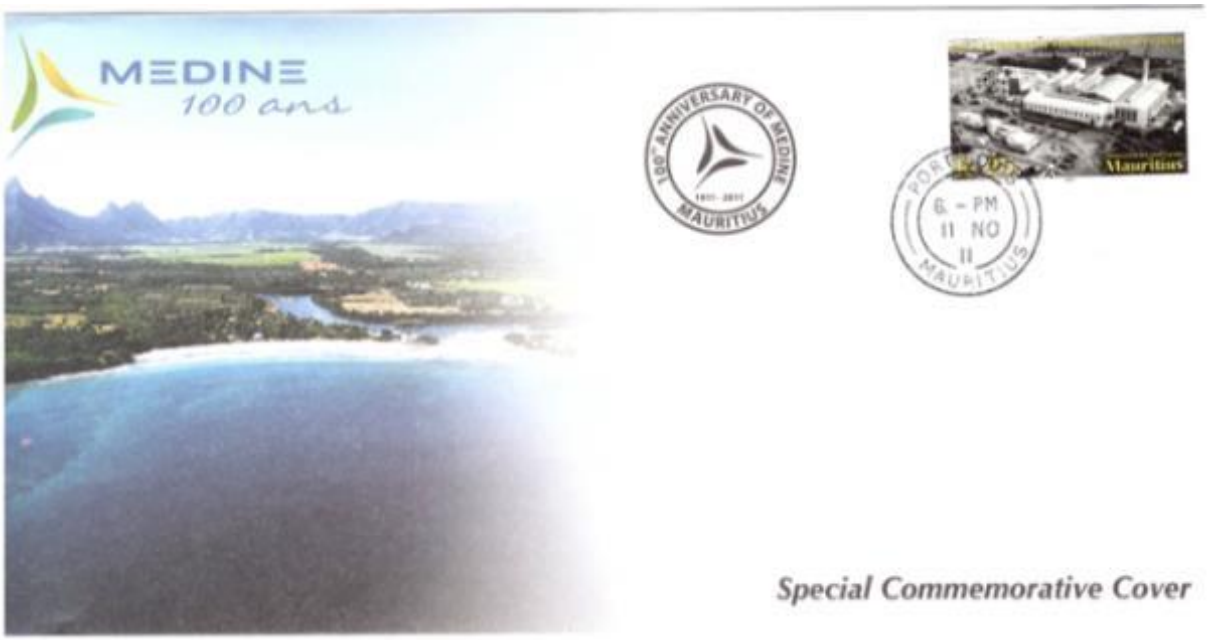
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-9-oct-150th-anniv-of-po-in-rodrigues.jpg?w=641&h=344: "On 9 October 2011 one postage stamp was issued to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the post office in Rodrigues, opened on 11 December 1861 in Port-Mathurin".

2011 Mauritius Ports Authority, 35th Anniversary, Special Commemorative Cover (28 October 2011)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-28-oct-35th-anniv-mpa.jpg?w=641&h=348: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 28 October 2011 to mark the 35th Anniversary of the Mauritius Ports Authority (MPA), formerly known as Mauritius Marine Authority. The MPA regulates and controls the port sector and provides the main port infrastructure and other related services". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 100 anniversary of Medine, Special Commemorative Cover (11 November 2011)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-11-nov-100-ans-medine.jpg?w=640&h=340 : "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Medine Sugar Estate, created in 1911 on the west coast on Mauritius. Medine Limited (renamed in 2011) has always been proactive in anticipating major changes on the sugar market and in 2009, it broadened its portfolio, to include, in addition to agriculture, property development and leisure. Medine was a pioneer in the

conception and implementation of the first Mauritian Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS), Tamarina Golf Estate". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 Birth Centenary of Honourable Seewa Bappoo, O.B.E, Special Commemorative Cover (3 December 2011)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-3-dec-birth-centenary-bappoo.jpg?w=641&h=333: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 3 December 2011 to mark the birth centenary of Hon. Seewa Bappoo. Mr. Bappoo was an influential figure of the socio-cultural landscape of Mauritius, and in particular of the Indian community. He was also a political figure and participated in the London Constitutional Conference at Lancaster House in 1965, which paved the way for the independence of Mauritius". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 World Telegu Conference, Special Commemorative Cover (8 December 2011)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-8-dec-world-telegu-conference.jpg?w=640&h=338: " A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 8 December 2011 to commemorate the World Telegu Confenrence, held in Mauritius on 8 – 10 December 2011. Telegu is a language of the Andras, and is spoken by Mauritians of Indian origin, originating from Andra Pradesh. Telegu is the second largest language spoken in India, after Hindi". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 Tea Industry (19 December 2011) (#1105-1108)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2011-19-dec-tea-industry.jpg?w=640&h=338: "Four postage stamps and a FDC were issued on the Tea Industry on 19th December 2011. Tea is well anchored in the Mauritian culture and the average consumption of tea on the island is one kg. per head annually. Tea was introduced in Mauritius by a French priest, Father Galloys in 1760. However, under the French rule, tea production was not a priority and even the botanist Pierre Poivre kept it as a museum plant. In the early 19th Century, Sir Robert Farquhar, Governor of Mauritius, encouraged tea cultivation on a commercial basis. One of the pioneers was Raoul Corson. In the 1960s, it was decided to further intensive cultivation in the humid zones. However, in the 1990s, it was decided to convert part of the land into sugar production and tea production declined. Today, there are 3 tea factories, namely Bois Cheri, Corson and La Chartreuse. Production is mainly for domestic production and very few, high grade teas, are exported".

2011 Postmark Waterfront

http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-Oqx2YcYdQ0U/Tu-VbN9OF-I/AAAAAAAAAiI/8Ga5pLUHpf8/s400/007.jpg. POSTMARK WATERFRONT.

PART 6: 2012-2017

2012 International Customs Day, Special Commemorative Cover (26 January 2012)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-12-jan-international-customs-day.jpg?w=639&h=329: "A Special Commemorative Cover featuring the International Customs Day was issued on 26 January 2012. The theme chosen by the World Customs Organization for the year 2012 was 'borders divide, customs connects'. The FDC illustrates various means of transport used to carry freight worldwide". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2012 Law Day in Mauritius (4 April 2012) (#1109-1112)

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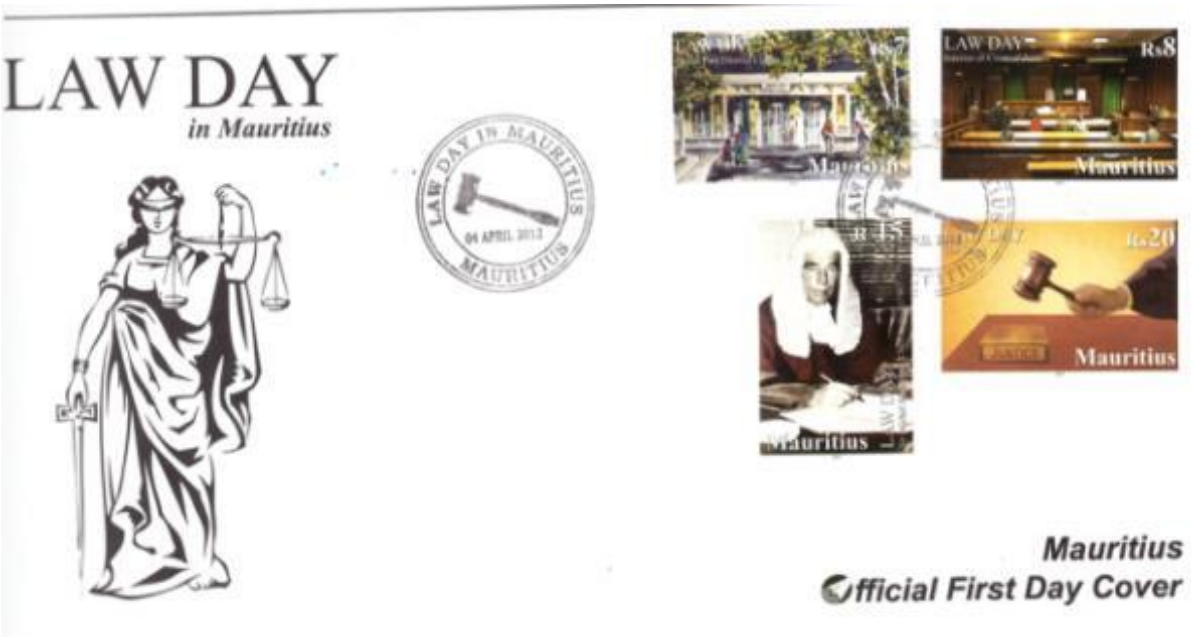
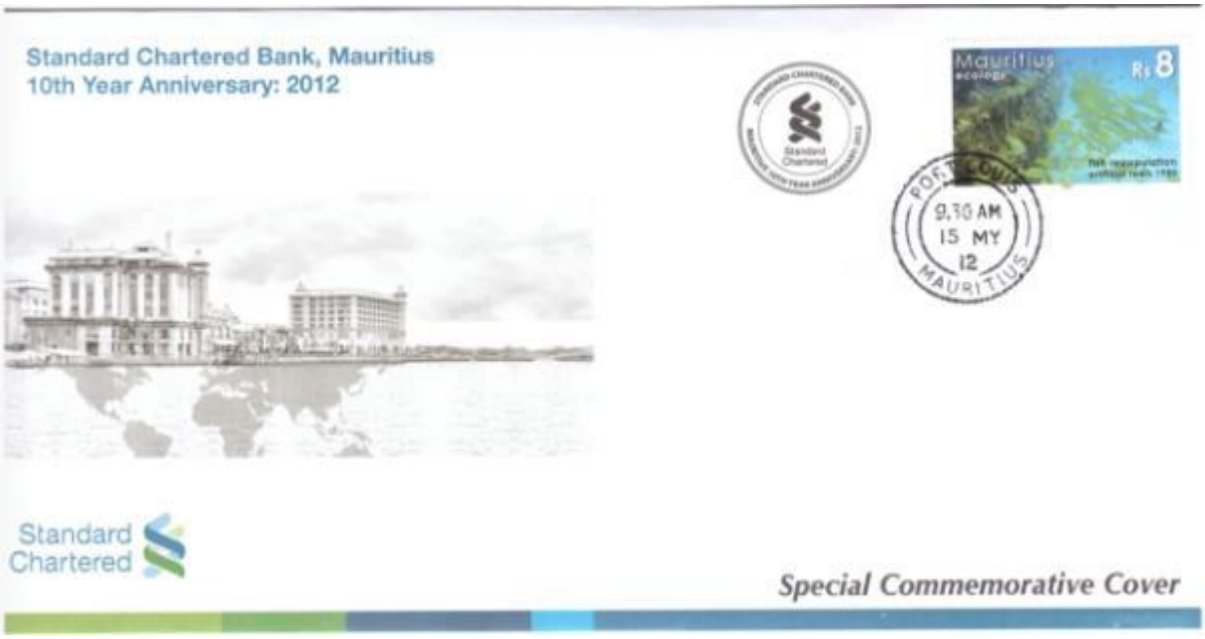


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-4-apr-law-day.jpg?w=640&h=333: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued to commemorate the Law Day in Mauritius on 4 April 2012. The Law Day gives an opportunity to pay tribute to the people of the Legal Profession in appreciation of their dedication of the ideals of equality, justice and rule of law. (i) The Rs. 7 stamp pictures Grand Port District Court, which is the court of first instance an is located in Mahebourg. (ii) Rs. 8 stamp illustrates a court room where court proceedings are held; (iii) Rs. 15 stamp portrays Sir Jean Joseph Laval Rivalland, who was the first post-independence Mauritian Chief Justice. (iv) Rs. 20 stamp illustrates a Gavel, used in courts of law as a symbol of authority and to represent the judicial system. The Lady Justice is illustrated on the FDC".

2012 Standard Chartered Bank, Mauritius – 10th Year Anniversary, Special Commemorative Cover (15 May 2012)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-15-may-10th-annv-standard-chartered-bank.jpg?w=638&h=331: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 15 May 2012 to mark the 10th anniversary of the introduction of Standard Charted Bank in Mauritius. It is one of leading and dynamic international banks in Mauritius". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2011 Celebrating 40 Years of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of Mauritius and the People's Republic of China, Special Commemorative Cover (17 May 2012)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-17-may-40th-anniv-sino-mru-diplomatic_1.jpg?w=640&h=334: "A set of 10 commemorative envelopes were issued to mark the 40th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Mauritius and China, formally

established on 15 April 1972. Over the years, economic and cultural ties were strengthened, built on the principles of sovereign equality of states, peace, cooperation and mutual respect and mutual benefits. Each cover features 1 Mauritian stamp and two Chinese stamps". [also other covers presented on this website].

2012 Inauguration of New Triolet Post Office, Special Commemorative Cover (24 May 2012)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-24-may-inauguration-of-triolet-po.jpg?w=640&h=340: "To mark the inauguration of the new Triolet Post Office, a Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 24 May 2012. The stamp affixed is the Rs. 100 gold foil postage stamp issued for the 110th birth centenary of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam". POSTMARK TRIOLET.

2012 Bicentenary of Mauritius Turf Club (1812 – 2012) (23 June 2012) (#1113-1116)

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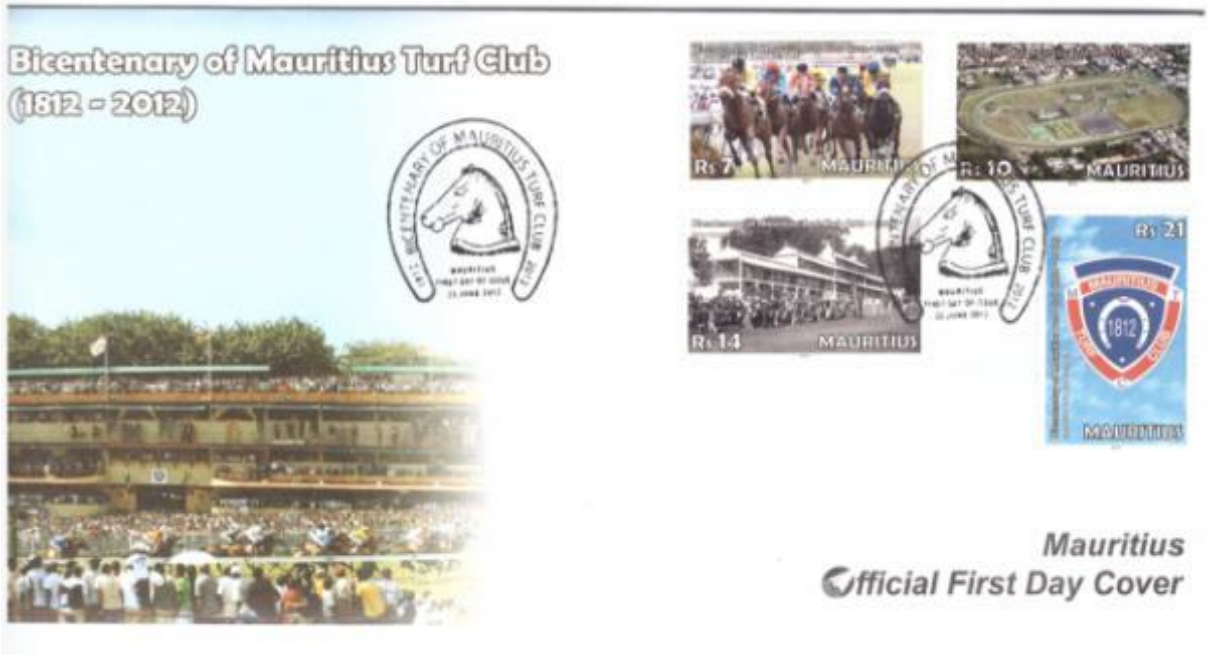
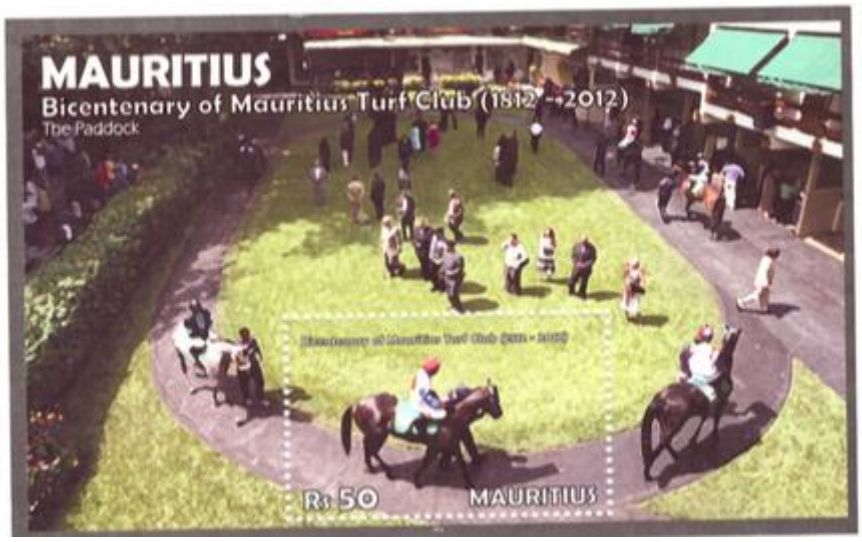


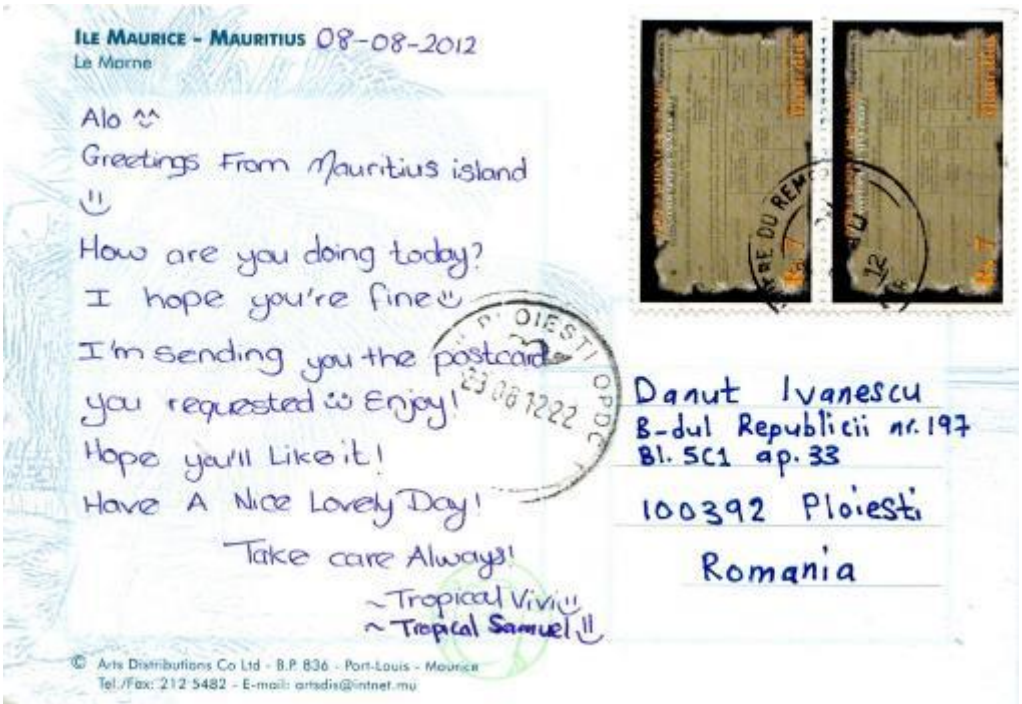
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-25-june-bicentenary-of-mtf.jpg?w=640&h=348: "The Mauritius Turf Club was founded in 1812. It is the 3rd oldest racing organisation in the world after the prestigious English Jockey Club (1750) and Irish Turf Club (1790). It is the oldest in the Southern Hemisphere. Sir Robert Farquhar, Governor

of the island since the conquest of the British in 1810, and his wife of French origin, Lady Maria Latour, convened an organising committee on 12 June 1812 to set the regulations for horse racing on the Champ de Mars. The race course at Champ de Mars was constructed on the crater of an extinct volcano. The area around the Champ de Mars was developed into a town – Port-Louis. Four stamps of denominations of Rs. 7 (representing a typical race); Rs. 10 showing a view of the race track; Rs 14 represents the grandstand created in 1917; and the Rs. 21 shows the logo of the Mauritius Turf Club".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/ms-mauritius-turf-club.jpg: "A souvenir sheet was also issued, showing the paddock, from where horses are prepared for the race". (#1117 and Block 32)

2012 POSTMARK RIVIERE DU REMPART



https://4.bp.blogspot.com/-7-EhE3jm_Ck/UFDUViugILI/AAAAAAAAI-k/Mr62lqFALeY/s1600/Mauritius+-+le+marne+spate.jpg POSTMARK RIVIERE DU REMPART

2012 4th philatelic meeting on the Indian Ocean, Mauritius, 6 – 9 September 2012, Special cover (6 September 2012)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-6-sep-4eme-rencontre-philatelique-de-loi.jpg?w=639&h=342 : "A commemorative envelope was issued for the 4th philatelic meeting of the Indian Ocean, held in Mauritius on 6 – 9 September 2012. The meeting is held annually on a rotational basis on each island of the Indian Ocean". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2012 Customs Department in Mauritius (10 September 2012) (#1118-1121)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup31203.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-10-sep-200th-anniv-customs-department.jpg?w=641&h=342: “A set of 4 postage stamps was issued to mark the 200 years of the customs department in Mauritius. Ad from 1957, as part of the Ministry of Finance, the Customs and Excise department was the major source of Government Revenue. To improve the efficiency of revenue collection and improve business facilitation, the Mauritius Revenue Authority was established and became fully operation in 2006”.

2012 Anniversaries and Events (9 October 2012) (#1122-1122)

http://www.virginstamps.com/images/63402325/scans/MAURITIUS2012SCOUTPRC.jpg

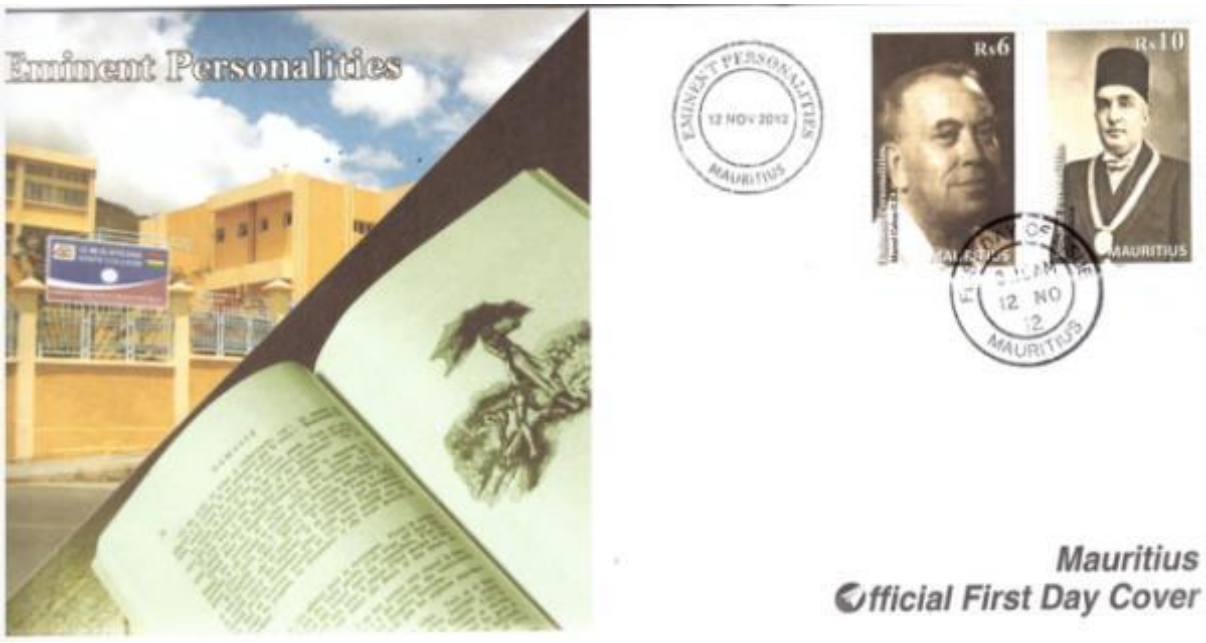
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-9-oct-anniversaries-and-events.jpg?w=641&h=332: "A set of 3 postage stamps were issued on the World Post Day on 9 October 2012 to mark 3 anniversaries and events, namely: (i) Rs. 6 stamp celebrates the International Cooperatives Year proclaimed by the United Nations, on the theme "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World". Cooperatives harness the potential of social capital and advocate an alternative way of doing business across the world. In the early 20th century, agriculture was the backbone of the Mauritian economy. The Mauritius Cooperative Movement emerged at that time, when small-scale planters were in need of softer terms to access credit. The first cooperative society was set up in Triolet on July 1913; (ii) Rs. 14 stamp marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mauritius and the People's Republic of China, established on 15 April 1972, following a visit of Sir S. Ramgoolam to China in 1972. Since then, the diplomatic relations was been sustained and strengthened. The new postage stamp epitomises the bridge between an eventful past and a promising future in the history of the relationship between the 2 countries; (iii) Rs. 21 stamp commemorates the centenary of scouting in Mauritius. Scouting was launched by Sir Robert Baden Powell in Great Britain in 1907 and became a popular non-political movement worldwide. It was introduced in Mauritius in 1912 by Samuel Blunt de Burgh Edwardes. Over the years, scouting became an influential movement based on values, focused on achieving its mission which is to contribute to the education of young people so they can play a constructive role in society".

2012 10th Anniversary Rodrigues Regional Assembly, Special Commemorative Cover (13 October 2012)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-13-oct-10th-anniv-of-rodrigues-regional-assembly.jpg?w=641&h=331: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 13 October 2012 to mark the 10th anniversary of Rodrigues Regional Assembly. The cover pictures the Coat of Arms of Rodrigues on the top left hand side and a map of Rodrigues, highlighting key aspects of the island. Rodrigues is situated at 560 km to the North East of Mauritius. It is the smallest of the Mascarene island, with an area of 140 sq. km. The mosaic within the map on the cover illustrates (i) food products and crafts made in Rodrigues, essentially led by women entrepreneurs; (ii) cultural aspects in Rodrigues, with music playing an important part; (iii) agriculture, livestock and fisheries, the main economic pillars of the island; (iii) tourism, another promising economic sector; (iv) youth, making about 30% of the population. The Rs. 21 stamp shows the Port-Mathurin Post Office".

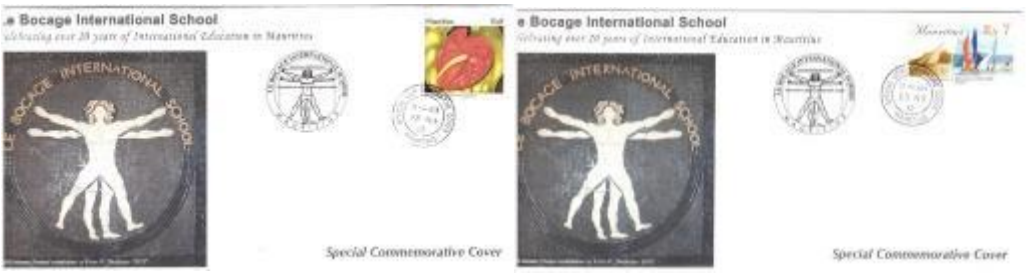
2012 12 November 2012: Eminent Personalities (#1125-1126)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup31205.jpg



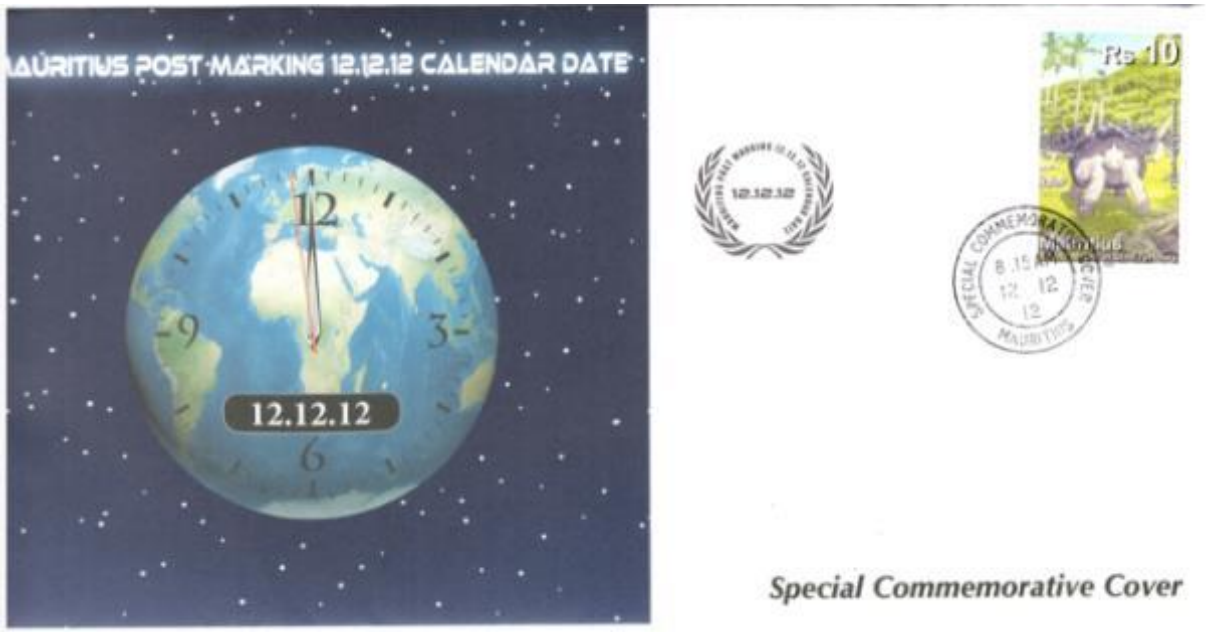
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-12-nov-eminent-personalities.jpg?w=640&h=337: "A set of 2 postage stamps, in the series "Eminent Personalities" was issued on 12 November 2012. (i) The Rs. 6 marks the Birth Centenary of Marcel Cabon, born in Curepipe on 26 March 1912 a former jounalist, poet and writer. As an editor of Le Mauricien and of Advance, his alert style and mastery of the French language was unparalleled in Mauritian writings. His contribution to Mauritian literature is remarkable. Among his best known works are Brune Paille, Les Contes de l'Enfant Bihari, Namasté, Brasse aux vents, and two biographies on Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam and Laurent Rivet, both famous politicians. (ii) Rs. 10 stamp pictures Goolam Mohamed Dawjee Atchia, born on 27 August 1890 in Rose-Hill. He had a brilliant political career, and was elected Municipal Counsellor of Port-Louis in 1925 and remained till 1955. He contributed significantly to the emancipation of Port-Louis and his inhabitants. He was the first Indo-Mauritian to occupy the seat of Major of Port-Louis in 1938 and was re-elected in 1946. He was also much engaged in the field of education, notably by encouraging poor people to send their children to school, by supporting the creation of a State Secondary College for girls and through his contribution to the creation of the Royal College of Port-Louis".

2012 Le Bocage International School Celebrating over 20 years of International Education in Mauritius, Special Commemorative Covers (23 November 2012)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-23-nov-le-bocage-20-yrs_2.jpg?w=640&h=333; https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-23-nov-le-bocage-20-yrs_1.jpg?w=639&h=331: "Two special commemorative covers were issued to mark the 20th anniversary of Le Bocage International School, an English-speaking international school, offering educational services to boys and girls from the ages of 11-19. LBIS was founded in 1990 and is located at Mount Ory, Moka. The two covers picture the logo of the school, with its moto, "Quod Bonum Est Bonum Facit" meaning What is Good Creates Good People".

2012 Mauritius Post Marking 12.12.12 Calendar Date (12 December 2012)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-12-dec-mauritius-post-marking-calendar-date1.jpg?w=641&h=332: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued to mark the 12.12.12 calendar date, which happens on a cycle of 100 years. In a mathematical perspective the number 12 has a unique usefulness recognised by Mathematicians, scientists, metaphysists and the society in general. The postage stamp on the cover is a Rs. 10 denomination, picturing a giant tortoise, which is amongst the longest lived animal on the planet and needs protection. The illustration on the cover pictures planet earth shaped like a clock screen, indicating the 12.12.12 date and the 12 hour time".

2012 240 years of postal service on Mauritius (21 December 2012) (#1127-1131)

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/1149-b.jpg

https://lh6.ggpht.com/-FZyIwUZE5IU/UOVKnY9nIuI/AAAAAAAAAJw/e7TBwQjWsFU/image_thumb%25255B5%25255D.png?imgmax=800 (# Block 33)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-21-dec-240-yrs-postal-services.jpg?w=640&h=337: “To mark the 240th anniversary of Postal Services in Mauritius, a set of 5 stamps on the theme “Mail Conveyance” together with a souvenir sheet theme around the “Post Office Mauritius Blue and Red Penny” stamps were issued. This set of stamps chronologically highlights the evolution of the conveyance and delivery of mails, depicting 5 modes of delivery since the establishment of the Postal Services in 1772. The 5 delivery modes have been carefully selected with special attention given to those that have never been illustrated on a postage stamp in Mauritius before. The chosen slogan for the

anniversary is “from history to modernity”. Several philatelic elements have been brought to this issue. The 5 stamps, designed in a triangular format, exceptionally form part of the FDC itself. The theme of the issue ‘240 years of Postal Services in Mauritius’ is centred within a star, surrounded by the stamps illustrating the evolution around the postal services. All stamps bear a Rs. 7 denomination. The stamps represent the following: (i) Foot messenger – 1772: Established under the French period by Pierre Nicholas Lambert, director of the Royal printing, the Postal Services was mainly introduced to deliver the first newspaper to be produced on the island. Delivery was done by slaves and messengers on foot against a fee at the time of delivery; (ii) Packet Mail Landing: 1915 – the stamp depicts the landing of sea mail which were conveyed by mail packet ship. the mail packet service linking Mauritius with Great Britain and India existed during the British period; (iii) Express letter messenger: 1930 – the evolution at both the conveyance and mail added value product was enhanced with the express service. Express mail was delivered mostly by bicycle; (iv) Inland mail arrival: 1935 – with the development of road infrastructure, mails were transported by cart; (v) stamp on delivery mail bags by van: 2012 – after the definitive closure of the railway in 1964, mail bags were conveyed by bus and gradually mail vans were introduced to constitute an important fleet for the conveyance of mails throughout the island”.

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/cagAAOSw-iNZi3lX/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2012-21-dec-special-cover-240-postal-services.jpg?w=622&h=341: "This cover is an unofficial special cover with the 5 stamps from the "240 Years of Postal Services in Mauritius" series. It was issued by a private (unknown) source". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

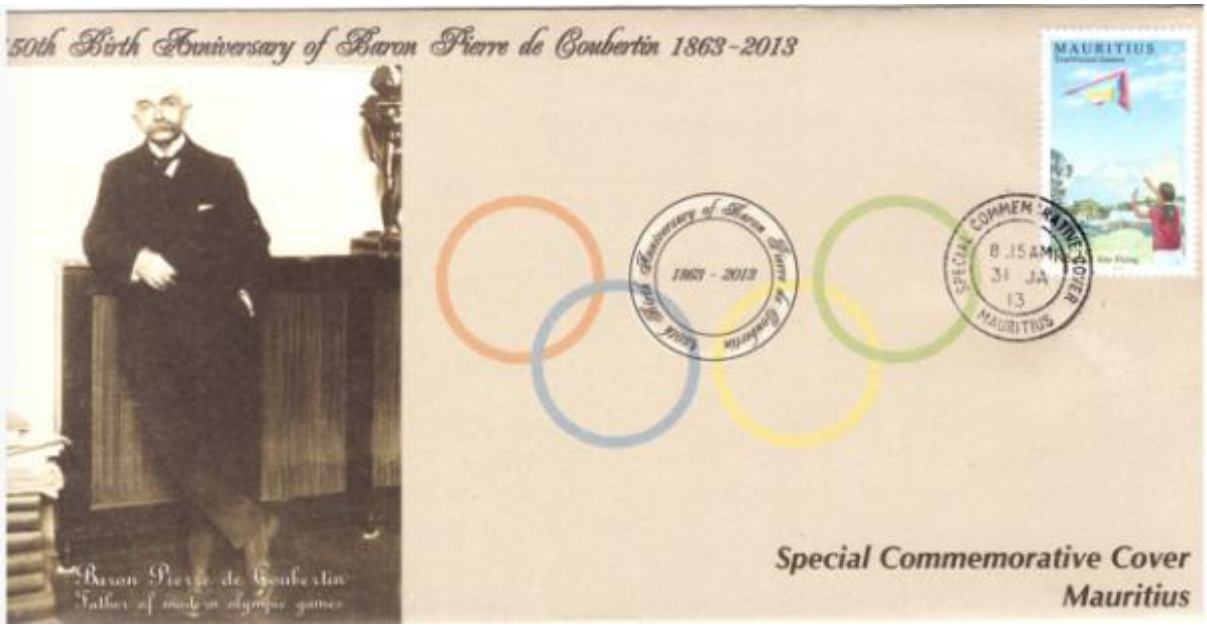
https://worldwidecovers.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/mauritius-150722.jpg. POSTMARK FLIC EN FLAC.

2012 240 Years of Postal Services in Mauritius, souvenir sheet (21 December 2012) (# Block 33, and # 1132-1133)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/ms-mauritius-post-2.jpg?w=481&h=346: “The Souvenir Sheet depicts one of the red penny stamp and two pence blue stamp, together with a replica of their respective printing plates. The background illustrates the ‘parcours’ of the postal services from History to Modernity. On 20th September 1847, Mauritius became the 5th country in the world, and the 1st British Colony to issue postage stamps. They were the “Post-Office Mauritius Blue and Red Penny” stamps. Printed by Joseph Osmond Barnard, the stamps were engraved onto a small copper plate and printed one per colour. 500 prints of each value were ordered by Sir William Gomm, the then Governor of the island. The “Post Office” is assumed to have been an error. Stamps were latter issued with “Post Paid”. These 2 stamps are now considered as one of the rarest and most expensive stamps in the world”.

http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-GXFhTmSBFPc/UBksPn7yk_I/AAAAAAAAA4M/vdh4OyfGykY/s1600/030.jpg: "nauguration of the New Triolet Post Office"

2013 150th Birth Anniversary of Baron Pierre de Coubertin 1863 – 2013, Special Commemorative Cover (31 January 2013)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-31-jan-150-annv-birth-baron-de-coubertin.jpg?w=641&h=328: "To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founding father of modern Olympic games. The five rings represent the 5 continents as Baron de Coubertin aimed at giving a platform for people of the 5 continents to practice sports, but also cultural and artistic activities, in a quest to build peace and

harmony in the society. The Rs. 25 stamp picture a traditional game of Mauritius – kite flying. And the cover illustrates a picture of Baron de Coubertin".

2013 Sites and Monuments (18 April 2013) (#1134-1137)

https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/040ec09b1e35df139433887a97daa66f/m/u/mup31301.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-18-apri-sites-and-monuments.jpg?w=640&h=338: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 18 April 2013 in the series "sites and monuments". (i) Rs. 5 stamp represents the prison of Belle Mare, situated on the premises of the Constance La Gaieté Sugar Estate, which was founded in 1783. It is one of the rate structures which has been preserved to remind us of the treatment meted out to slaves during the 18th and 19th century. Most sugar domains had slaves and the Letter Patents enacted under the Code Noir of 1723 provided various forms of punishment for offences committed by such slaves, which led to imprisonment amongst

others. The Prison has been proclaimed as National Heritage site since 1951. (ii) Rs. 9 stamp illustrates Chateau de Belle Ombre, created in 1765. In the Early 19th century, the estate at Belle Ombre produced sugar cane. Charles Telfair, from 1816 to 1833 developed this estate to a great estate by improving the sugar cane culture both field and milling operations and produced wood from the forest on the hill slopes. It is believed that the Chateau has been built by a rich Indian owner, Mr. Hajee Jackaria Hajee Ahmed who never can to Mauritius. It was made by the same architect who build the Treasury Building; (iii) Rs. 10 stamp shows Ireland Blyth Building. Due to the rapid expansion of the sugar industry, trade and commerce soared at the beginning of the 19th century. In 1830 and 1850 were established Thomas Blyth, Sons and Co and Hunter, Ireland & Co (renamed Ireland Fraser in July 1860), respectively. Ireland Fraser and Co built impressive colonial style buildings in Port-Louis in 1879 and the Bowen Square was created. The building was registered in 1979 as Ireland Blyth Ltd. since 2007, it is the registered office of Afrasia Bank Litd. (iv) Rs 18 stamp represents Le Batelage. The Port of Souillac was an important strategic point during the French occupation but it was not before 1787 that it was provided with the necessary infrastructure and wharfs to facilitate access to coasters and other vessels of low tonnage. Souillac was then a busy port area and the docks constructed within its precincts and which have of late been renovated as a tourist site, served as store for bales of sugar and goods before being shipped to Port-Louis. The advent of the railway in 1875 however marked a turning point in the history of the port, which were then sent by rail. The cover pictures Bowen Square, named after Sir George Bowen, Governor of Mauritius from 1879 – 1882".

2013 Mauritius Sustainable Island – 150th Anniversary of Red Cross (30 May 2013) (#1138-1140)

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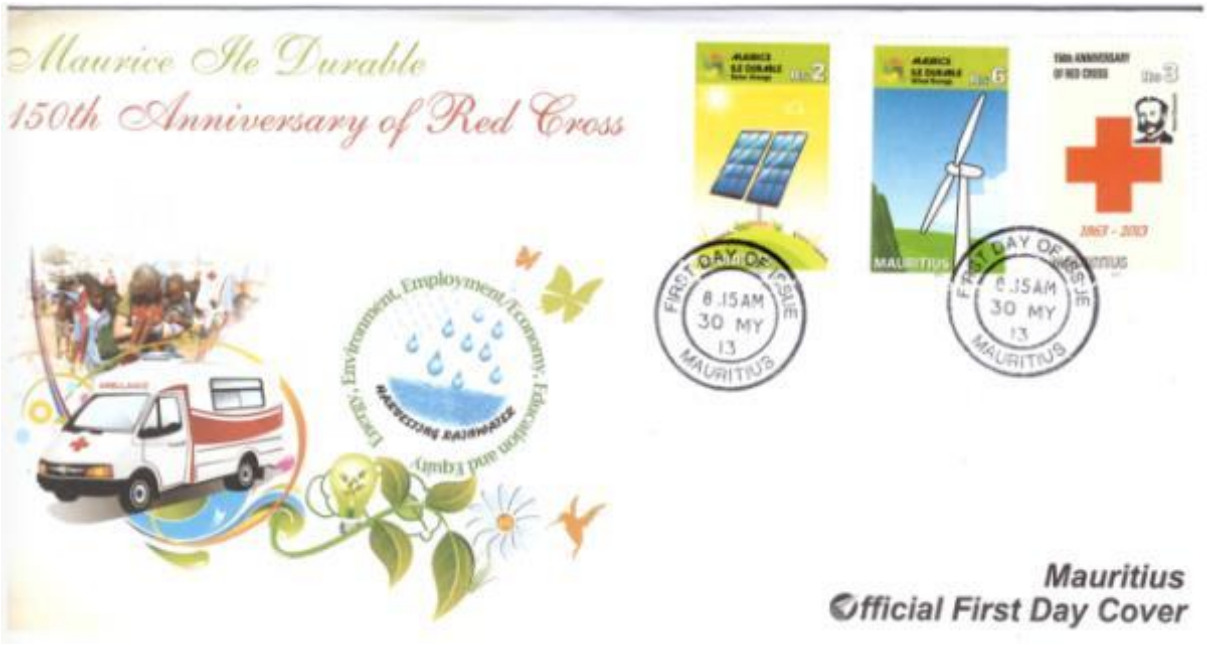


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-30-may-maurice-ile-durable.jpg?w=640&h=339: "A set of 3 postage stamps was issued on the theme "Maurice Ile Durable" (MID) on 30 May 2013. MID is a societal project that aims to develop sustainable growth, with a vision for Mauritius to become a model for sustainable development. Key elements include energy, environment, employment, education and equity (the 5Es). The Rs. 2 and Rs. 6 stamps represent a solar panel and a wind turbine respectively, which are alternative and renewable sources of green energy. The Rs. 3 stamp marks the 150th years of humanitarian actions with the National Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, set up in 1863 in Geneva by Henry Dunant. The Mauritius Red Cross Society was established in 1973 and counted 40 years of existence in 2013. The cover represents the logo of MID and the 5Es as well as an ambulance for the Red Cross".

2013 63rd FIFA Congress Mauritius (30 May 2013) (#1141)

http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-W8eGnnnZGM/VfBf0SoCgjI/AAAAAAAABxY/c6iXnodL68E/s1600/63rd%2BFIFA%2BCongress%2BRs18%2BStamp.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-30-may-63rd-fifa-congress.jpg?w=640&h=335: "An Official First Day Cover was issued with one Rs. 18 stamp, to mark the 63rd FIFA Congress held in Mauritius on 30 – 31 May 2013. The Federation Internationale de Football Association was founded in 1904 and is based in Zurich".

2013 Fauna and Flora (30 August 2013) (#1142-1144)

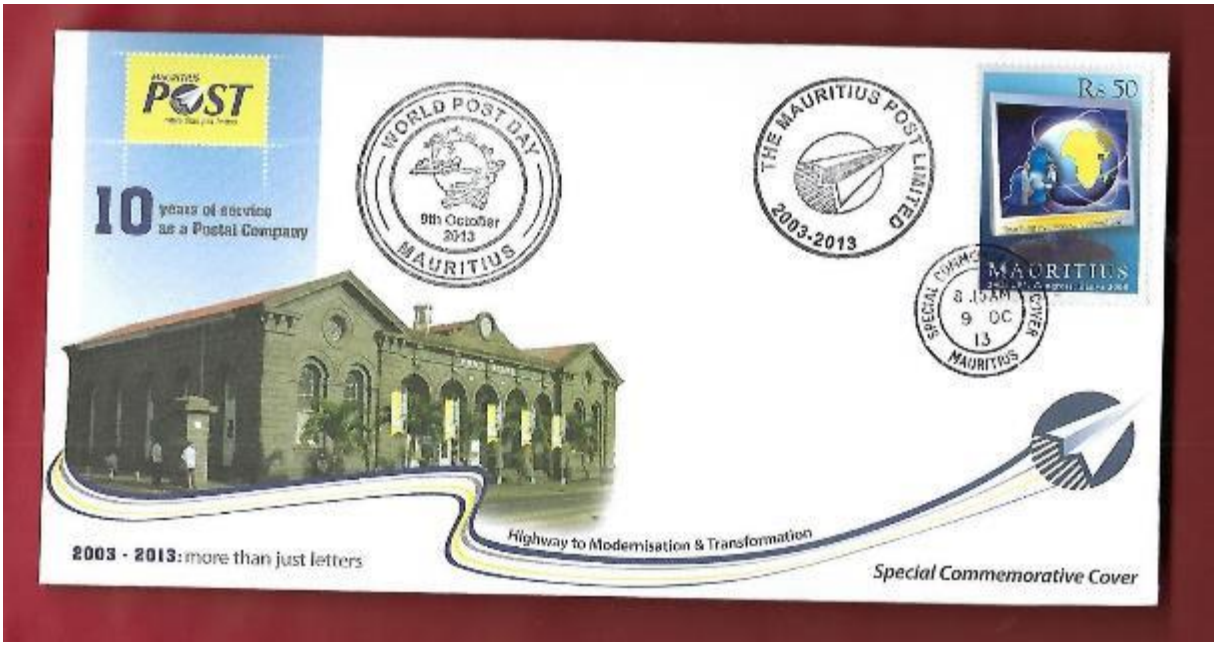
http://www.srilankastamps.lk/Mauritius/pics/3.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-30-aug-fauna-and-flora.jpg?w=640&h=335: "In the series "Fauna and Flora", 3 postage stamps were issued on 30 August 2013. (i) Rs. 3 stamp represents the hurricane palm, a critically endangered native palm unique to the island. It was first collected by Philibert Commerson around 1770. It is today the rarest palm in the world, which is difficult to reproduce in laboratories. (ii) Rs. 10 stamp shown a native orchid (oeniella polystachys), endemic to the Western Indian Ocean Islands. It bears white flowers of about 2 – 3 cm across, blooming for 1 month. The best population is found on Ile aux Aigrettes and Bras d'Eau; (iv) Rs. 18 stamp represents the Mascarene Swallow (phedina borbonica) also known as Mascarene Martin (or grosse hirondelle in French). It is a rare bird with less than 500 pairs remaining on the island. It is a stoutly build, brown bird with fast, powerful, swooping flight interspersed fluttering. The cover shows a picture of Bras d'Eau, proclaimed National Park on 25 October 2011. It is an area of 497.2 hectares and harbours parches of native vegetation. It is the habitat of 10 species of butterflies and is well known for population of some birds. It has a thriving mangrove forest, and crops such as mahogany, araucaria, tecoma and eucalyptus".

2013 5th Anniversary of the Inscription of Le Morne Cultural Landscape as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Special Commemorative Cover (10 July 2013)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-10-july-5th-anniv-le-morne-unesco_2.jpg?w=640&h=335, and https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-10-july-5th-annif-le-morne-unesco_1.jpg?w=640&h=335 : "Two special covers were issued to mark the 5th Anniversary of the Inscription of Le Morne Cultural Landscape as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in July 2008. Le Morne was inscribed not only because of its stunning beauty but also because of the unique aura of resistance to slavery that surrounds it. The discovery of 2 caves near its flat topped summit, with evidence of human occupation, testifies that the near-vertical, fortress-like slopes sheltered freedom seeking maroons. The mountain has also a very rich diversity: among the unique plants endemic to the mountain are the Boucle d'Oreille (Trochetia boutoniana), the National Flower of Mauritius, l'Immortelle du Morne (Helychysus mauritianum). It also has a rich flora, including native and exotic like the petite hirondelle and the picpic. Each cover shows Le Morne mountain, viewed from the sea. The Rs. 15 stamp on this cover shows a vertical view of Le Morne monument", and "This second cover commemorating the 5th Anniversary of the Inscription of Le Morne Cultural Landscape as a UNESCO World Heritage site has a Rs. 14 stamp, showing Le Morne mountain".

2013 10 years Postal Company, Special cover (9 October 2013)



https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/7gUAAOSwnK9ZQAjT/s-l1600.jpg

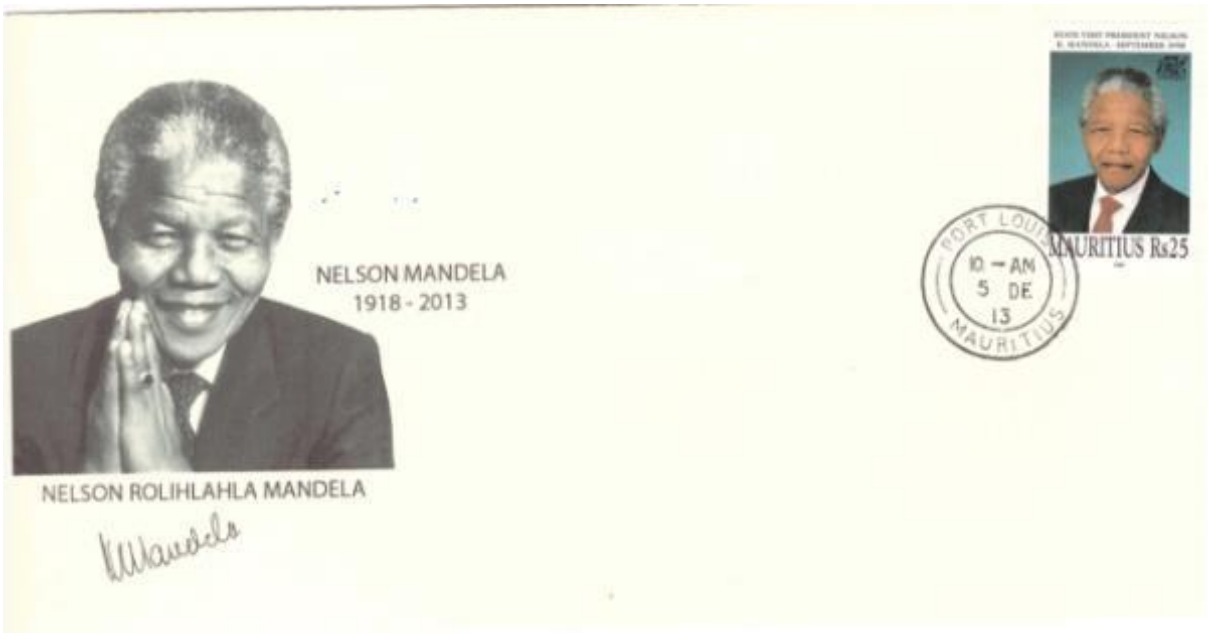
https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "The reforms of the postal sector led to the privatisation of key service departments for higher efficiency and competitiveness. This led to the creation of the Mauritius Post Limited, a private company incorporated on 11 October 2011, with the Government as the majority shareholder. However, actual operations started in 2003. To mark the 10th anniversary of the Mauritius Post Ltd, a Special Commemorative

Cover was issued, with a Rs. 50 stamp affixed, and the historical building of the Post Office, next to the harbour, in the background on the cover".

2013 75th anniversary of the Collège du St Esprit, Special Commemorative Cover (27 November 2013)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-27-nov-75-years-of-college-du-st-esprit.jpg?w=641&h=343: "The College du St Esprit was set up in January 1938 in the beautiful stone building, which had successively been the Seminaire Père Laval (inaugurated in 1920) and Pere Laval College (created in 1926). The new college was founded by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit to provide secondary education, discipline and excellence to young boys, based on the values of the catholic church. A laic community took over from the priests in 1975, but maintained the spirit and the type of education. Over the years, the College du Saint Esprit became a college of excellence, where some of the prominent figures of the Mauritian society were trained. To mark the 75th anniversary of the creation of the College, a Special Commemorative Cover was issued, with a Rs. 16 stamp from the Stone Building series".

2013 Nelson Mandela (Private Cover) (5 December 2013)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-5-dec-mandela-special-cover.jpg?w=640&h=332: "This non-official cover was published by an (unknown) author on the occasion of the passing away of Nelson Mandela, for President of South Africa. The cover pictures a portrait of Mandela as is the Rs. 25 stamp affixed to the cover. This cover was not issued by Mauritius Post". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2013 Eminent Personalities (11 December 2013) (#1145-1146)

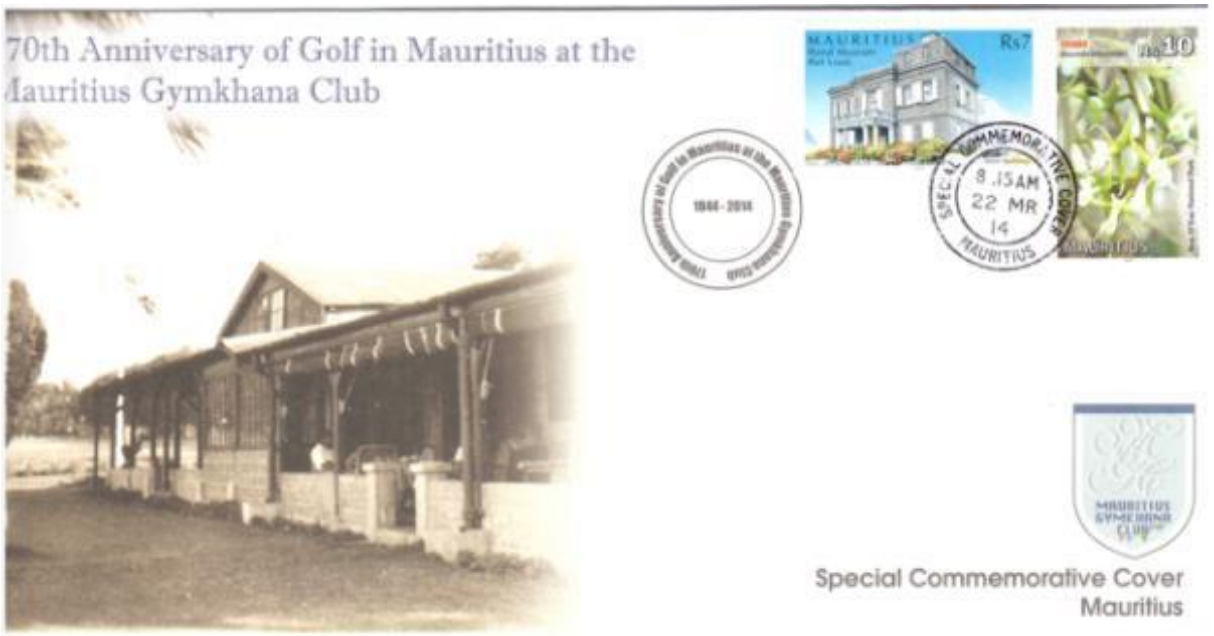
http://www.virginstamps.com/images/63402325/scans/MAURITIUSPERSONALITIES2013.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2013-11-dec-eminent-personalities.jpg?w=641&h=341: "A set of 2 postage stamps was issued in the "Eminent Personalities" series on 11 December 2013. The Rs. 9 stamp honours Hervé Masson, a famous paint artist and writer of international repute, born in Rose-Hill in 1919. Some of his paintings won appreciation in famous art galleries in France and New York. He passed away in 1990 in France. The Rs. 26 stamp depicts a portrait of Professor Alexander Smith, an eminent professor of constitutional law, who was commissioned to draft the Constitution of Mauritius in the mid-sixties. As such, he is considered as the father of the Constitution of Mauritius. He passed away in 1974 during his stay in Mauritius and is buried at Le Réduit cemetery".

2014 Centenary of the Royal College Curepipe Building, Special Commemorative Cover (13 January 2014)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-13-jan-centenry-of-rcc-building.jpg?w=640&h=335: "To mark the centenary of the Royal College of Curepipe Building, a Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 14 January 2014. The Royal College of Curepipe is a secondary institution, housed within a stone building, listed as national heritage, one of the National Heritage Fund Act 2003. The school itself has a much longer history. It is believed that L'Ecole Centrale, created in 1800, is the most probable ancestor of the Royal College. The set of 3 postage stamps illustrates some stone buildings that still exist in Mauritius, namely: Rs. 2 Vagrant Depot; (ii) Rs. 7 : Postal Museum; and Rs. 16 Carnegie Library".

2014 170th Anniversary of Golf in Mauritius at the Mauritius Gymkhana Club, Special Commemorative Cover (22 March 2014)



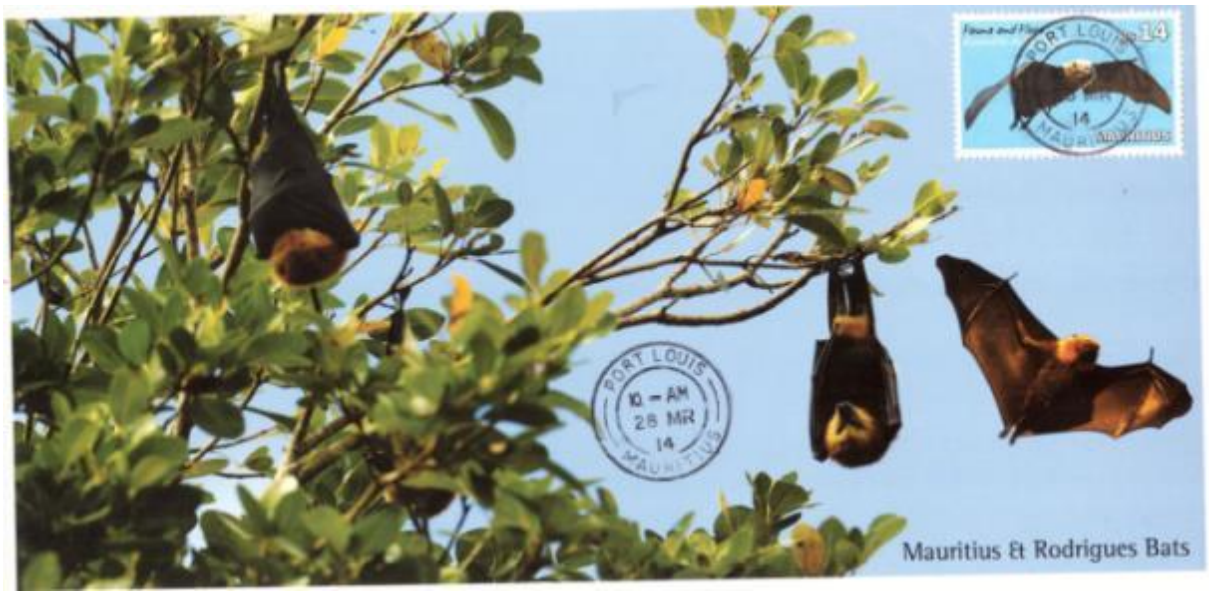
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-22-march-170th-anniv-of-golf-gymkhana.jpg?w=640&h=334: "To celebrate the 170th Anniversary of Golf in Mauritius at the Mauritius Gymkhana Club in Mauritius, a Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 22 March 2014. Mauritius is the 4th country where golf was introduced in 1844 (after Scotland in 1778; England 1798 and Calcutta 1828). Golf was introduced in 1844 by British military officers to be played close to the military base at Vacoas. The MGC is 5.6 km long and comprises six holes of par 3, two holes of par 5 and ten holes of par 4".

2014 Fauna and Flora (28 March 2014) (#1147-1149)

https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/MFkAAOSwzvlW~LS9/s-l225.jpg

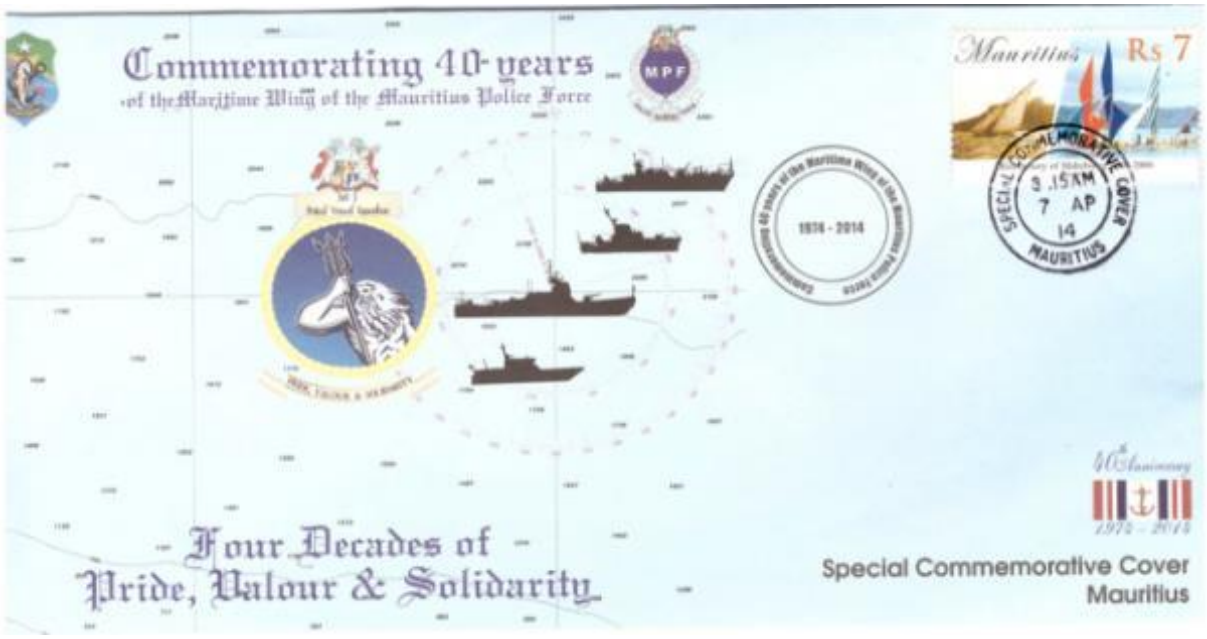
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-28-march-fauna-and-flora.jpg?w=640&h=334: "A set of 3 postage stamps of the series "Fauna and Flora' was issued on 28 March 2014. (i) Rs. 7 stamp represents a dragon fly (Anisoptera), an insect characterised by large multifaceted eyes, two pairs of strong transparent wings and an elongated body. They are the fastest flying insects in the world and are important predators that ear mosquitoes and other small insects like flies, bees, ants, or wasps. (ii) Rs 14 stamp

represents the rousette of Rodrigues (Pteropus rodricensis) a fruit bat, now only found in Rodrigues. The population of the bat has declined rapidly making it a critically endangered specie. An education programme to raise awareness about conservation of the bat was very successful (iii) Rs. 25 stamp is a pignon d'Inde, a robust tropical plant, which can live beyond a year and is drought resistant. It originates from Central America. The leaves are pale green in colour of 3 to 5 lobes of phytotaxey spirals. The firuits have a pleasant taste, but can contain toxic properties due to the presence of albuminoidal called curcin. Ingestion can give rise to digestive problems. The leaves have curative properties against angina, hemorrhage, rheumatism, piles, malaria and distended bowels. The plant is used as a support to the vanilla tree. The cover depicts a fruit bat".



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-28-march-bats-postcard.jpg?w=651&h=315: "A postcard was released by the Birdman of Mauritius, depicting the Mauritius and Rodrigues bats. It also shows the Rodrigues Rousette Rs. 14 stamp of the Fauna and Flora series". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2014 Commemorating 40 years of the Maritime Wing of the Mauritius Police Force, Special Commemorative Cover (7 April 2014)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-7-apr-40-yrs-maritime-wing-mpf.jpg?w=640&h=333: "To commemorate the 40 years of the Maritime wing of the Mauritius Police Force, a Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 7 April 2014. It celebrates 4 decades of pride, valour and solidarity (the motto). Since its creation in 1974, a number of patrol boats ensured the surveillance of Mauritian waters. The Cover shows the Coat of Arms, with the motto Pride, Valour and Solidarity. The medallion shows Poseidon, the God of the Sea. Four different types of patrol vessels are pictured on the cover. The Rs. 7 stamp is from the Bicentenary of Mahebourg series of 2006, showing Regatta".

2014 Anniversaries and Events (28 May 2014) (#1150-1153)

http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-f8rl8PVj640/VaFQLWbriOI/AAAAAAAABWI/lcyZW-_4S1c/s1600/Anniversaries%2B%2526%2BEvents%2B2014%2BRs8%2BPere%2BLaval.jpg

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http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-k7_uAlJNOoI/VaFcxbNJtVI/AAAAAAAABXE/YXalDOQOwy0/s1600/Anniversaries%2B%2526%2BEvents%2B2014%2BRs25%2BMobile%2BTelephony.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-28-may-anniversaires-and-events.jpg?w=640&h=338: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 28 May 2014 in the series "Anniversaries and Events". (i) The Rs. 8 stamp commemorates the 150th death anniversary of Bienheureux Pere Laval. Father Laval arrived in Mauritius on 14 September 1841. He spent most of his time with the poor and needy ex-slave population, to evangelise them and educate them. He died at the age of 61 on 9 September 1864. His burial vault found in Sainte Croix, is the most renown worship place in Mauritius. Every year, on 9th September, there is a pilgrimage to his sepulture. Thousands of Mauritians walk from different parts of the island on the night of the 8th to his tomb to pray. The was beatified in 1979 ; (ii) The Rs. 14 stamp marks the 10th Anniversary of the creation of the Ombudsperson for Children's Office, aims to protect and promote the rights and interests of children; (iii) The Rs. 15 stamp commemorates the 200th Anniversary of the Arrival of Reverend Jean Lebrun in Mauritius a Protestant Missionary (the first one to come to Mauritius), who is regarded as the precursor of free education in Mauritius. Soon after his arrival in May 1814, he started to set up schools in Port Louis for those who could not attend private schools. As

a missionary he also set up churches to preach the Gospel; (iv) Rs. 25 stamp to mark the 25th years of the introduction of mobile telephone in Mauritius. Mauritius was amongst the first countries in the Southern Hemisphere to introduce mobile phones. The first mobile phone was launched by a private company by the name of Emtel in May 1989".

2014 150th anniversary Père Laval (28 May 2014)

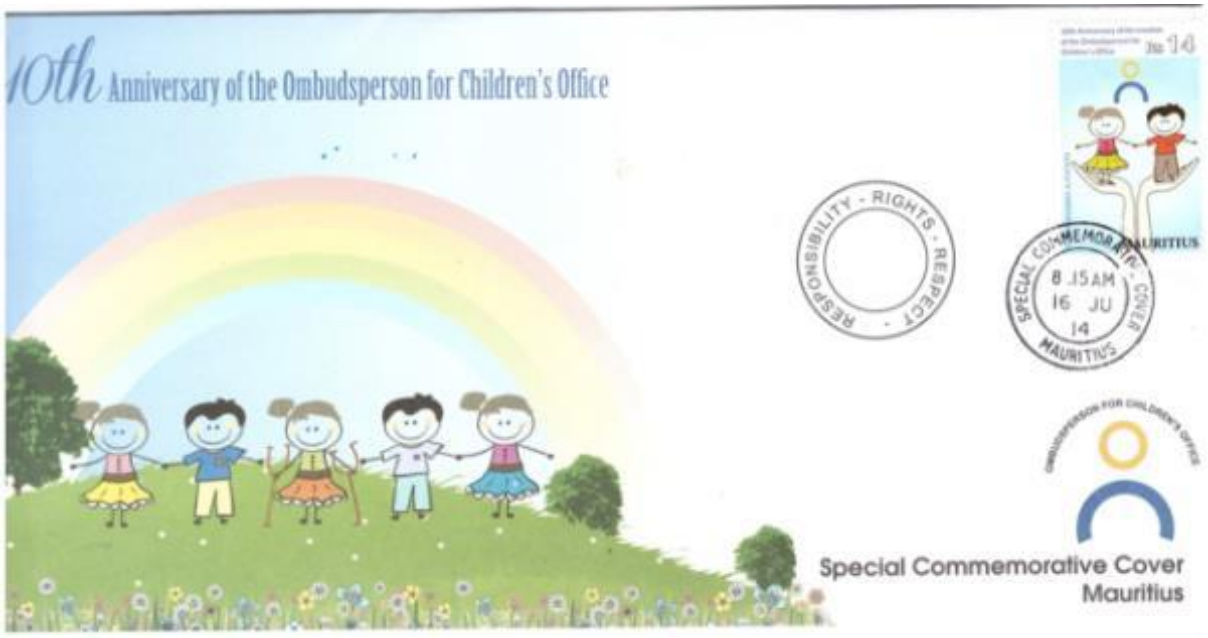
https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/pCUAAOSw81dZuRf5/s-l1600.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 9 September 2014 to mark the 150th death anniversary of Father Jaques Desiré Laval. Born in France (Normandy) in 1803. He was the first Spiritan missionary that came to Mauritius on 14 September 1841. He served as a priest for 23 years, and relentlessly worked with the poorest people. He evangilised former slaves, who themselves were asked to convert their brothers. He is commonly known as "l'Apotre des Noirs". When he died on 9 September 1864, more than 40,000 people accompanied him to his burial place in Ste Croix. Pilgrimages are organised every year to at this burial place on 9th of September. The cover illustrates the burial vault of Pere Laval, over the years, as works were made to provide for more and more pilgrims. The Rs. 8 stamp shows a portrait of Pere Laval".

2014 50th Anniversary of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, Special Commemorative Cover (8 June 2014)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-8-june-50th-anniv-of-mbc.jpg?w=640&h=337: "This Special Commemorative Cover marks the 50th anniversary of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), the national radio and television company. It was authorised by Government Notice No. 68 of 22 May 1964. The Rs. 6 stamp is from the Maurice Ile Durable series, and pictures a wind turbine. On the cover, the new building of the MBC in Ebene is shown in the background of the "50" number".

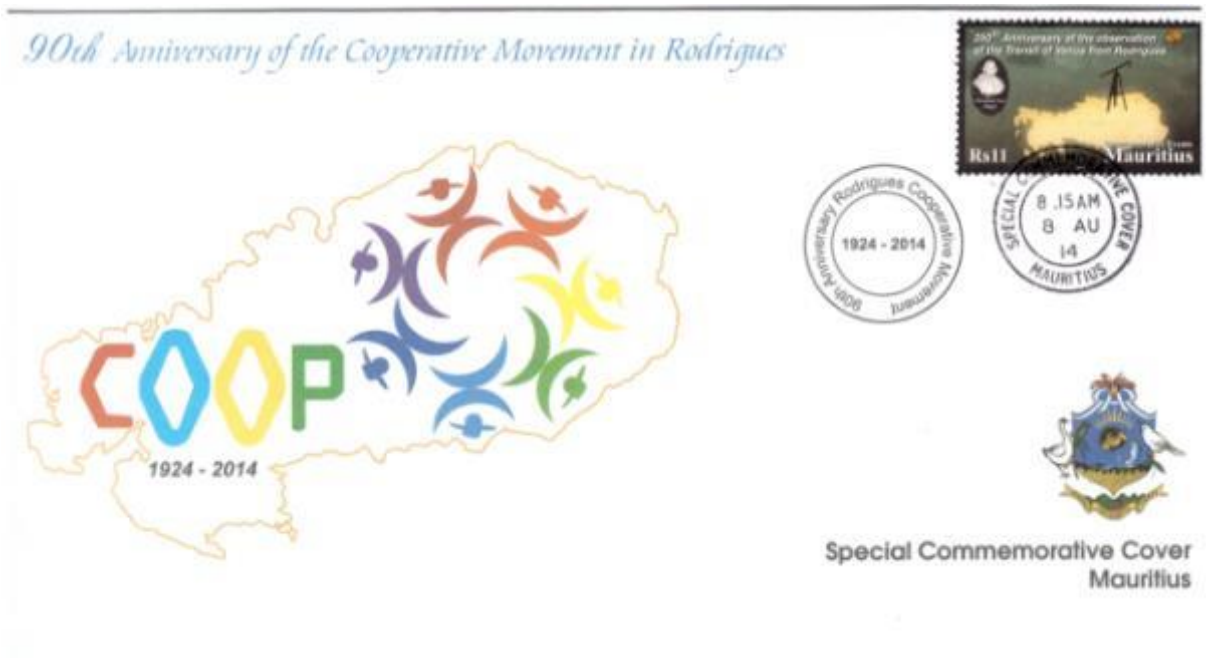
2014 10th Anniversary of the Ombudsperson for Children's Office, Special Commemorative Cover (16 June 2014)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-16-june-10th-anniversary-of-ombudsperson-for-children.jpg?w=640&h=335: "This Special Commemorative Cover

commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of an Ombudsperson for Children's Office in Mauritius. The Ombudsperson for Children has the duty to promote and protects the rights, needs and interests of children in Mauritius and promote the compliance with International Convention on the Rights of Children. It also investigates into cases relating to the violation of the rights of Children in Mauritius, Agalega and Rodrigues. The Rs 14 stamps is a representation of children".

2014 90th Anniversary of the Cooperative Movement in Rodrigues, Special Commemorative Cover (8 August 2014)

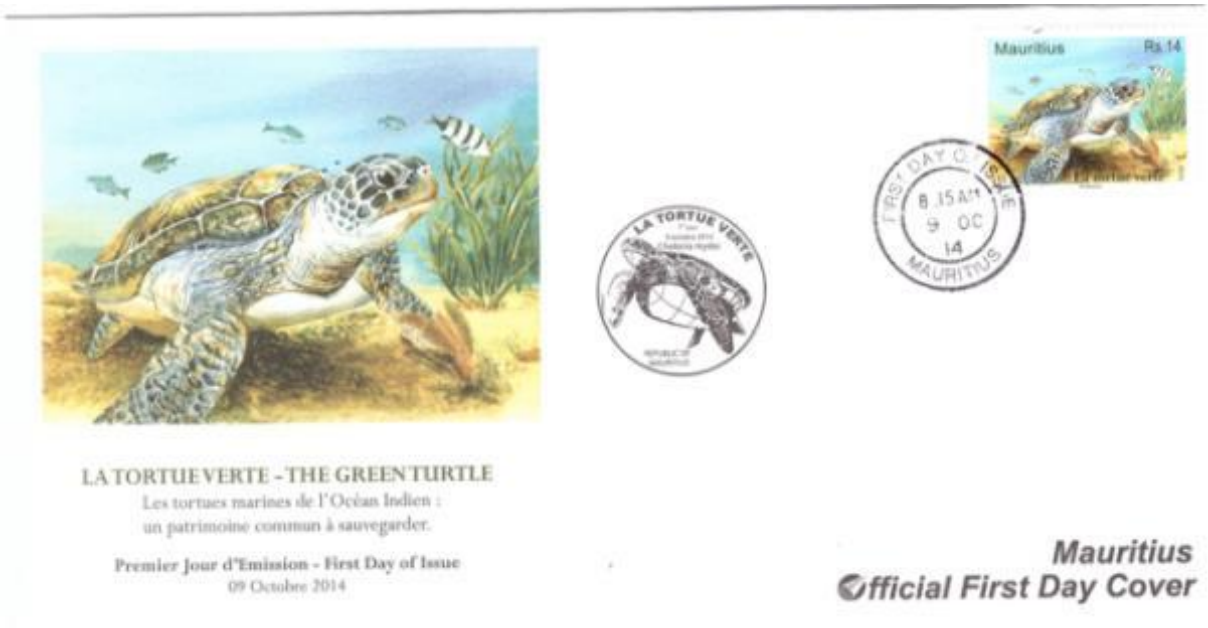


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-8-aug-90th-anniv-of-coop-mvt-rodrigues.jpg?w=641&h=346: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 8 August 2014 to mark the 90th anniversary of the Cooperative Movement in Rodrigues, created in 1924 as the Trefles Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. Cooperatives occupy an important share of the economy in Rodrigues. They were set up to provide a wide range of domestic commodities at competitive prices to its members. They were later extended to various economic fields – agriculture, fisheries and livestock – and they have helped their members to mobilise savings from which loans at a reasonable rate of interests were granted. The Cover illustrates a map of Rodrigues with the cooperatives logo. The Rs 11 stamp also pictures a map of Rodrigues (released to mark the 250th anniversary of the Transit of Venus)".

2014 Closing of Belle Rose Post Office and Opening of Trianon Post Office, Special Envelope (6 October 2014)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-6-oct-closing-of-po-belle-rose-opening-trianon.jpg?w=641&h=334: "A special envelope was issued to mark the closing of the Belle Rose Post Office and the Opening of Trianon Post Office in October of 2014". POSTMARKS BELLE ROSE AND TRIANON.

2014 La Tortue Verte/The green turtle (9 October 2014) (#1154)

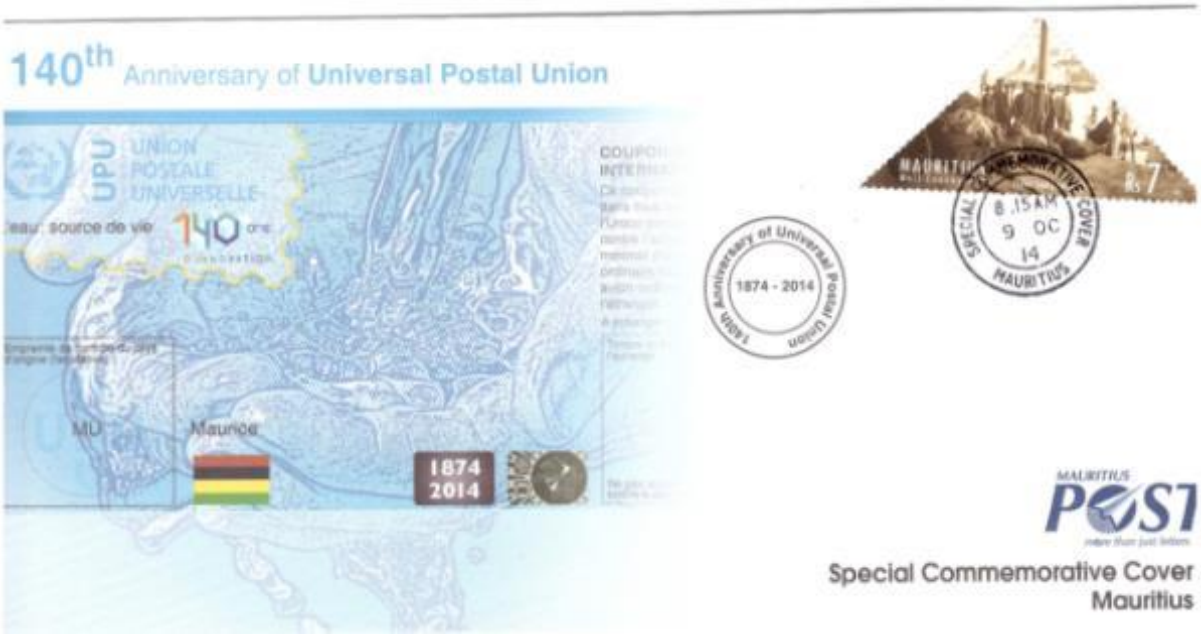


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-9-oct-tortue-vert-ofc.jpg?w=640&h=333: "The green turtle (tortue verte in French) is found in the tropical marine waters of the South West Indian Ocean, which shelters important nesting and feeding sites for this protected species. The latter constitutes a common heritage – it is a great migrant than can weigh over 200 kg and measures over 1 metre long. Fully grown, it is

essentially herbivorous and reproduces on the beaches of tropical islands of the Indian Ocean as well as in Malagasy shores and East African shores. Both the cover and the Rs 14 stamp represent the green turtle in its marine environment". (also: "A special 'pochette philatélique' was released by La Poste in France. This was a common emission, with La Poste Comores, Poasitra Malagasy, Mauritius Post, Seychelles Postal Services and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antartiques Françaises)".

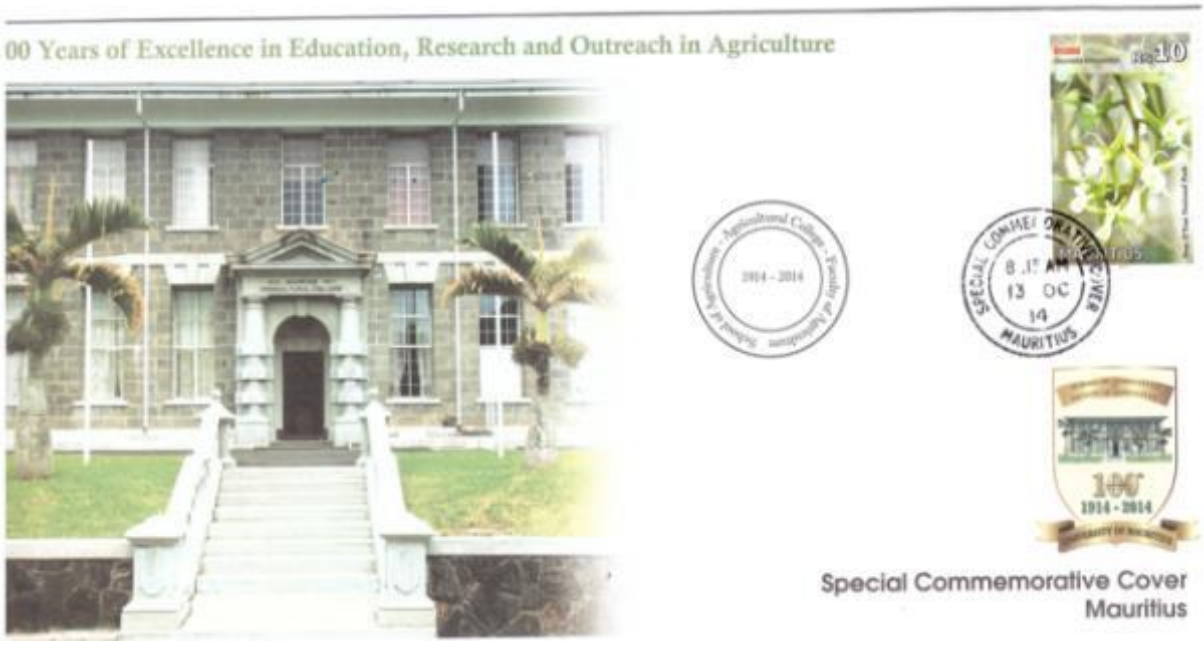
http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-oc0QAXkO4Ek/VaouyZF684I/AAAAAAAABfM/ou9mTGerPtU/s1600/Tortue%2BVerte%2BOmnibus%2BFull%2BSet%2B2.jpg

2014 140th Anniversary of Universal Postal Union, Special Commemorative Cover (9 October 2014)



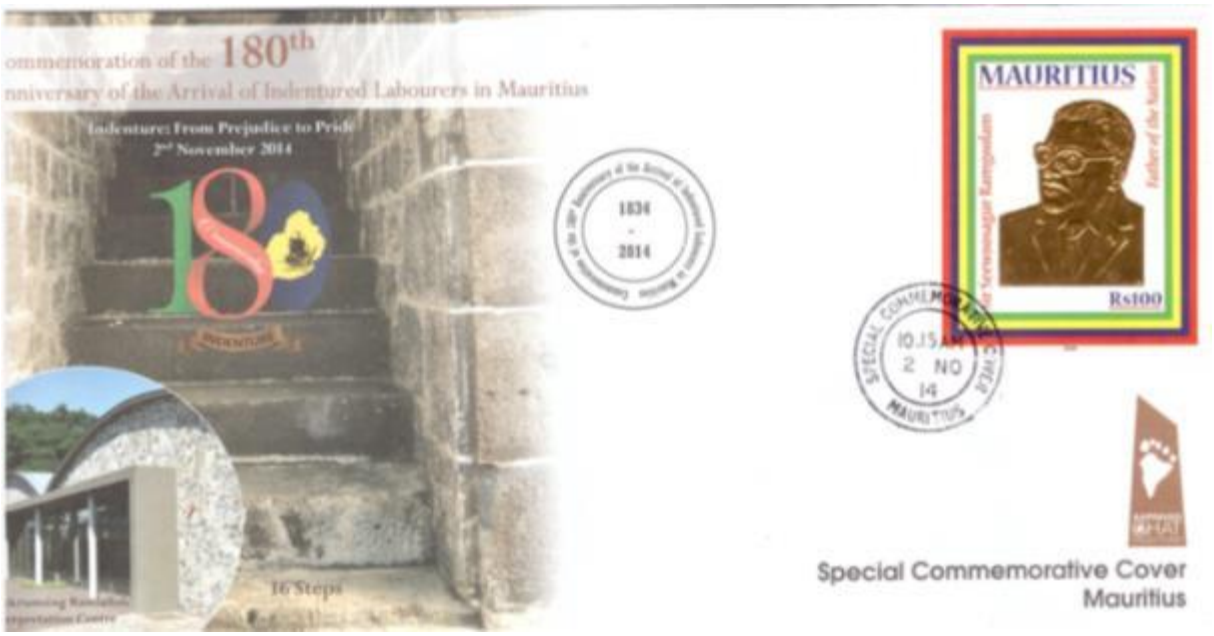
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-9-oct-140th-anniv-upu.jpg?w=640&h=335: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued to mark the 140th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), established in 1874. UPU is the second oldest international organisation worldwide, shortly created after the International Telecommunications Union. It is headquartered in Berne, Switzerland. It is the primary forum for cooperation among all postal orders. It also helps to ensure a truly universal network to promote postal products and services and hosts numerous user groups to develop other sectors related to the postal sector. The Cover was released on the World Post Day, when Mauritius also celebrated its 45th adhesion anniversary as a full fledged member of UPU".

2014 100 Years of Excellence in Education, Research and Outreach in Agriculture, Special Commemorative Cover (13 October 2014)



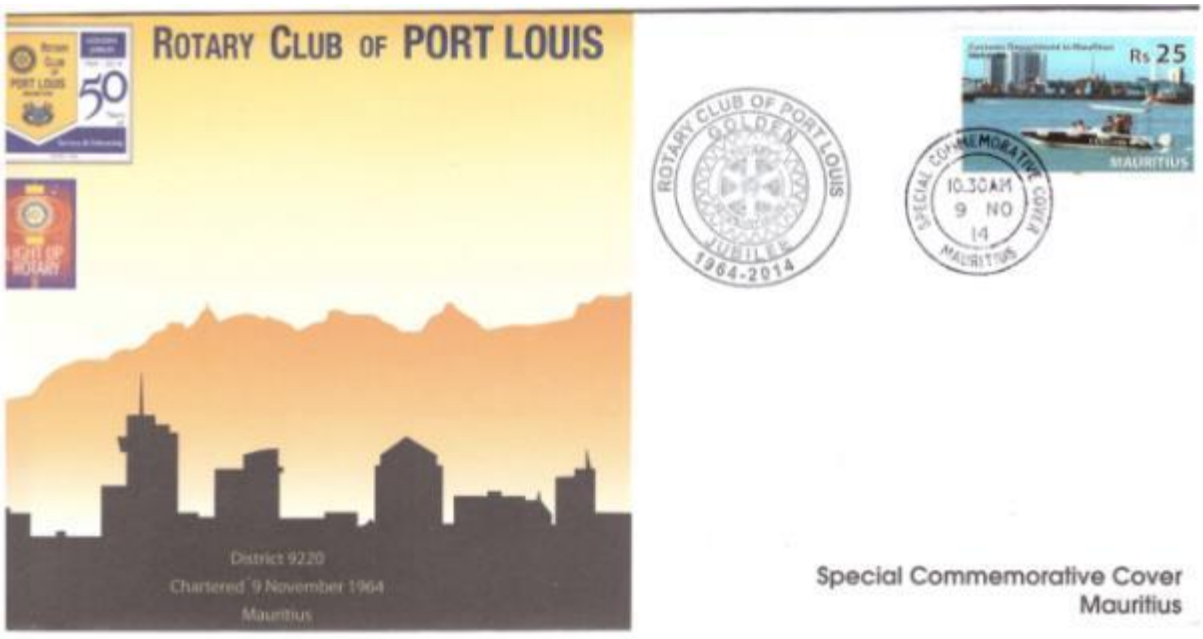
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-13-oct-100-yrs-excellence-in-educ-research-and-outreach-in-agric.jpg?w=641&h=344: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 13 October 2014 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Faculty of Agriculture, which provided excellence in education, research and outreach in Agriculture. The cover illustrates the Faculty's stone building, located within the compound of the University of Mauritius at Réduit. The Rs 10 stamp shows an orchid, from the Fauna and Flora issue of 2013".

2014 Commemoration of the 180th Anniversary of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius (2 November 2014)



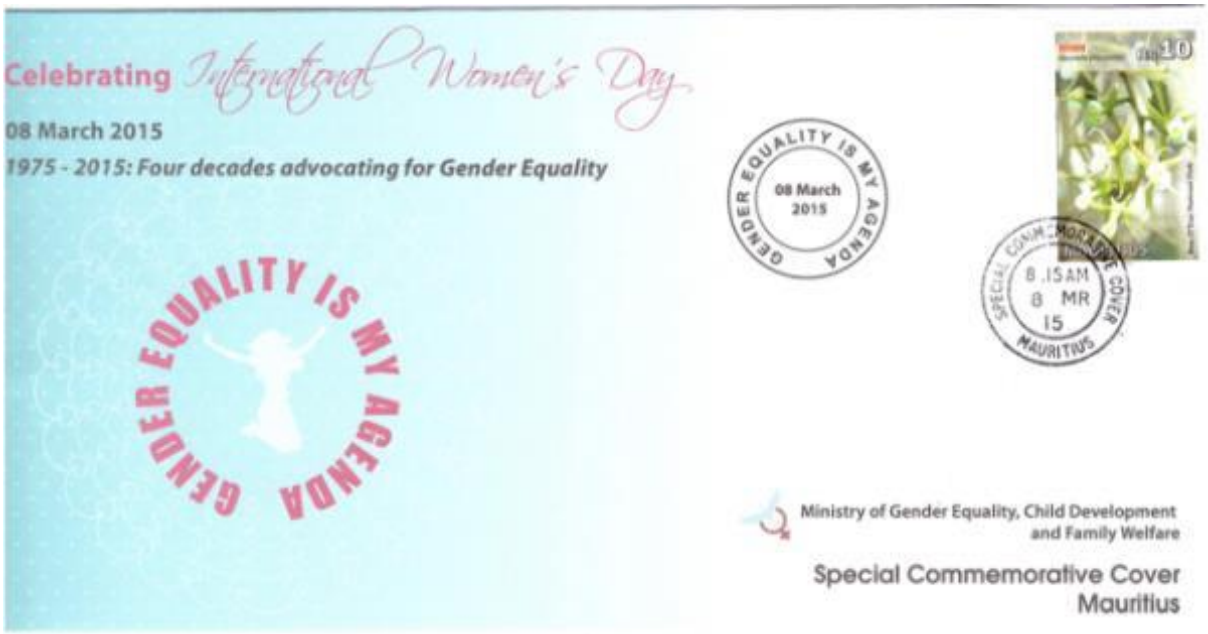
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2018/01/2014-180th-indentured-lab.jpg?w=700: "On 2 November 2014, a Special Commemorative Cover was released to mark the 180th anniversary of the arrival of the first indentured labourers in Mauritius. The landed in Port-Louis at Aapravasi Ghat, which in now inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The cover illustrates the 16 steps that were taken by the immigrants when then disembarked on the island in Port-Louis. The stamp is a Rs. 100 stamp, featuring Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, the first Prime Minister of Mauritius".

2014 Rotary Club of Port-Louis, Special Commemorative Cover (9 November 2014)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2014-9-nov-rotary-club-p-louis-golden-jubilee.jpg?w=638&h=338: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 9 November 2014 to mark the Golden Jubilee of the Rotary Club of Port-Louis. The first Rotary Club was established in Chicago, US on 23 February 1905 by Paul Harris, a lawyer and 3 business associates of different professions. The name ROTARY comes from the practice of rotating meetings between various members' places of business. On 1st April 1961 a first attempt to create Rotary Club in Mauritius was made by 5 Rotarians from South Africa, led by Louis Keyzer. On 8 April 1964, Louis Espitalier-Noel and Maxime Seriès initiated 2 simultaneous but separate initiatives. Both groups joined hands. Regular meetings started from 13 May 1964. On 9 Nov 1964, the Rotary Club of Port-Louis was admitted to the Rotary International".

2015 Celebrating International Women's Day, Special Commemorative Cover (8 March 2015)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-8-march-international-womens-day.jpg?w=640&h=335: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 8 March 2015 to celebrate the International Women's Day, proclaimed by the UN in 1975, and resulted in an era of advocacy for women's rights. The Rs. 10 shows an orchid, from the Fauna and Flora series of 2013. The cover marks the 40 years of gender equality advocacy with the motto "Gender Equality is my Motto". This cover was issued in partnership with the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare".

2015 Postmark Port Mathurin (10 March 2015)

https://worldwidecovers.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/mauritius-rodrigues-150310.jpg
POSTMARK PORT MATHURIN RODRIGUES.

2015 Disaster Risk Reduction (29 June 2015) (#1155)

https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Mauritius/Postage-stamps/AKH-s.jpg

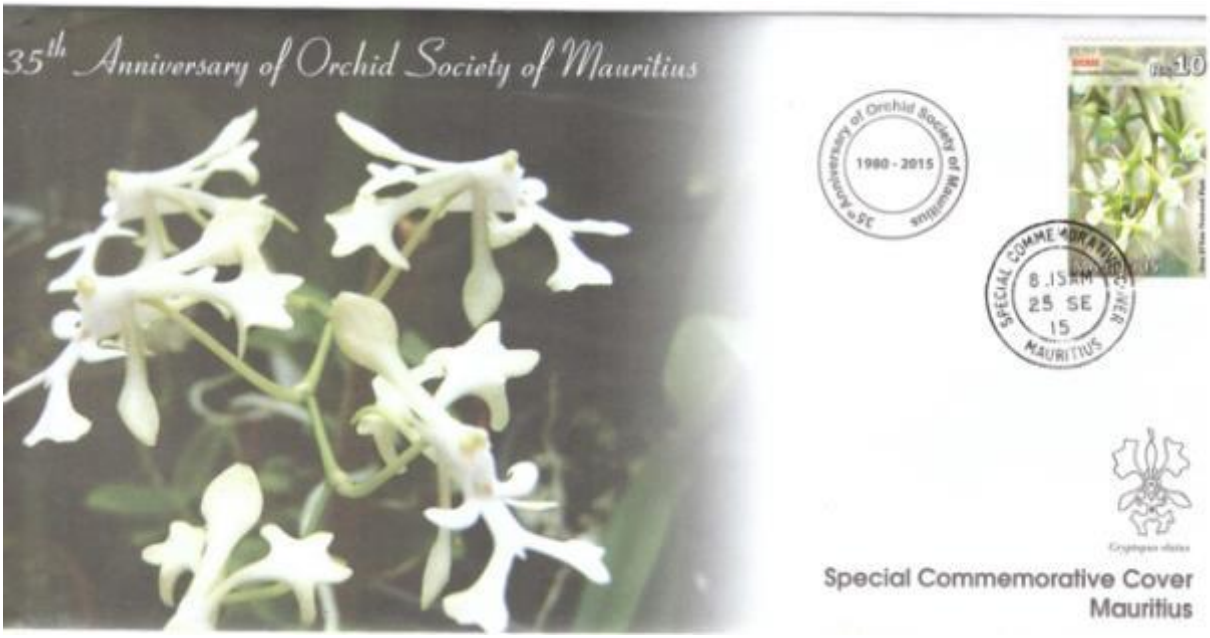
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-29-june-disaster-risk-reduction.jpg?w=640&h=341: "A stamp was issued on 29 June 2015 on the theme "Disaster Risk Reduction". As a small island, Mauritius enjoys a tropical climate. This unfortunately also includes exposure to frequent natural disasters namely cyclones and floods. This vulnerability has been exacerbated by the Climate Change phenomenon, which has brought new extreme climate conditions, such as rise in sea level, flash floods, with related damage to the environment. The Rs. 17 stamp clearly illustrates the extent of the floods which occurred on 30 March 2013 and the measures taken to mitigate risks of flooding in an affected area (Canal Dayot). The cover shows Macondé, a coastal road that is regularly affected by floods during the rainy season".

2015 9e Jeux des Iles de l'Océan Indien/9th Games of the Indian Ocean (1 August 2015) (#1156)

http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-m4YLLE8Dd9g/Vb8w8W2SRMI/AAAAAAAABlY/iY1tV9pF1hk/s1600/9th%2BIndian%2BOcean%2BIslands%2BGames%2BFDC%2B2.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-1-aug-9e-jeux-des-iles-de-loi.jpg?w=642&h=337: "A Rs. 9 stamp was issued to mark the 9e Indian Ocean Games, held in Reunion Island in 2015. The games are a multi-sport event held every 4 years among athletes from Indian Ocean islands. The games were adopted by the International Olympic Committee in 1976 and currently gather the islands of Mauritius, Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles and Reunion. The 14 sports disciplines taking part in the 2015 Games include athletics, badminton, basketball, boxing, cycling, football, handball, judo, swimming, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, weightlifting and yachting".

2015 35th Anniversary of Orchid Society of Mauritius, Special Commemorative Cover (25 September 2015)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-25-sep-35th-anniv-orchid-society.jpg?w=642&h=336: "A Special Commemorative Cover was issued on 25 September 2015 marked the 35th anniversary of the Orchid Society of Mauritius, founded in 1980 by a small group of orchis enthusiastic. The main goal is to promote orchid culture. Both the cover and the Rs. 10 stamp depicts an endemic orchid variety of Mauritius".

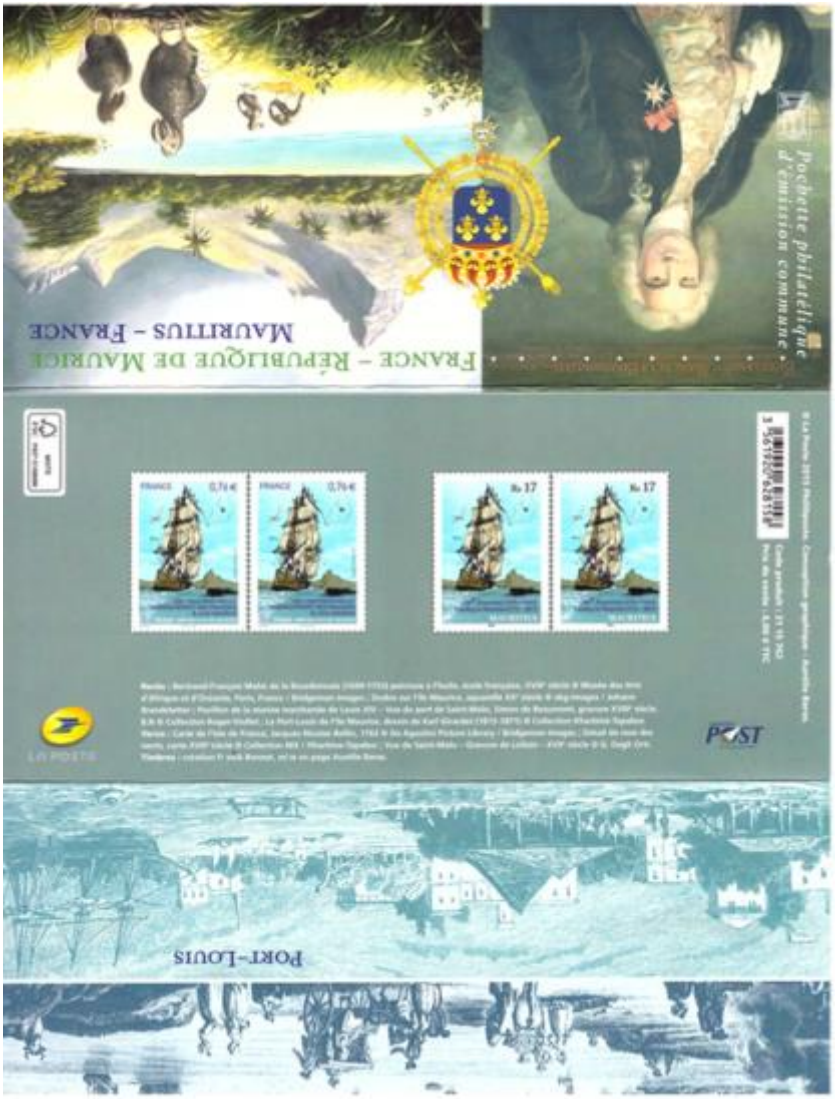
2015 300th Anniversary of the French Landing in Mauritius (1715 – 2015) (25 September 2015) (#1157)

https://www.mountainstamp.com/Mauritius_pictures/Mauritius_2015_Joint_Issue_stamp.jpg

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-25-sep-300e-anniv-debarquement-francais-ofc.jpg?w=640&h=355: "To commemorate the 300th Anniversary of

the French Landing in Mauritius 1715. Acting on behalf of the French East India Company, which as already in Bourbon Island, Guillaume Dufresne d'Arcel on board the ship "Le Chasseur" landed at Mauritius Island on 27 August 1715. They took possession of the island on behalf of the King of France on 20 September 1715 and renamed Isle de France. The first settlers arrived from Bourbon Island in 1721 and from France in April 1722. The development of island took off with under the leadership of the Governor Mahe de Labourdonnais as from 1735. Port-Louis became the capital and a supply harbour for the French Navy. french rule ended in 1810 when they gave up their rights to the British, who stayed until independence in 1968. The cover illustrates the environment that Dufresne D'Arsel probably found upon landing at Baie des Moluques. The Rs. 17 stamp illustrates a ship".

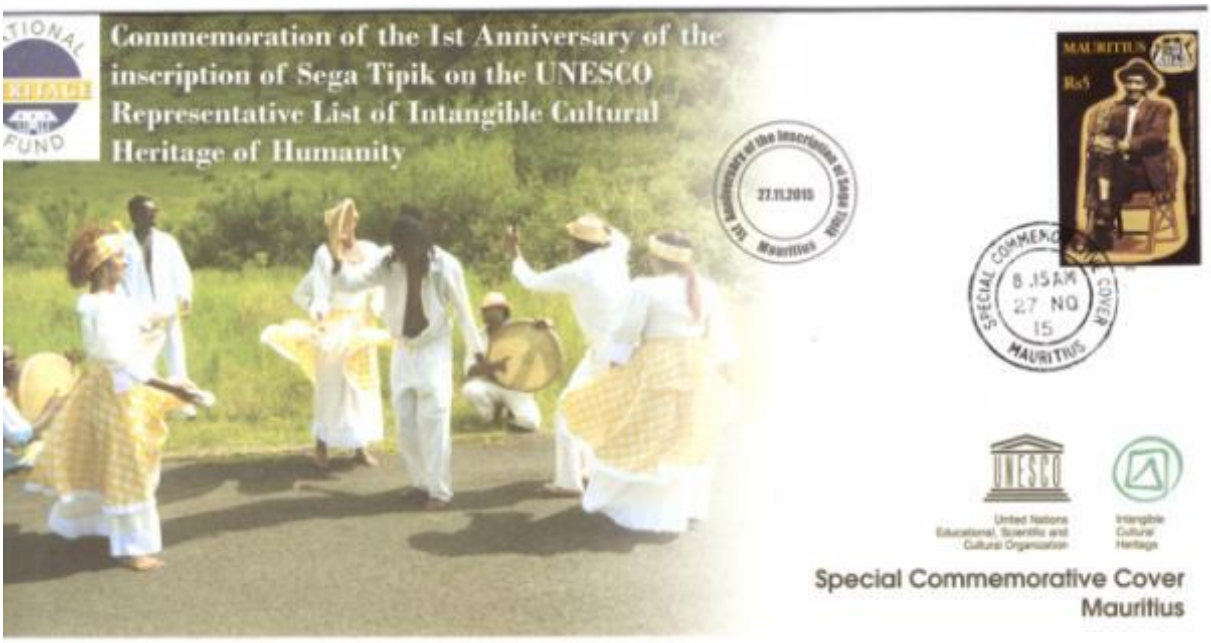
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-25-sep-300e-annv-debarquement-francais-emission-coinjointe.jpg?w=641&h=343 : "25 September 2015: 300th Anniversary of the French Landing in Mauritius (1715 – 2015), Joint Commemorative Issue; A joint first day cover was issued by Mauritius and France to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the French Landing on 1715. Both countries issued the same stamp in their respective currencies. The Cover shows the maps and flags of France and Mauritius and a ship". POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-25-sep-300e-annv-debarquement-francais_petit-carton.jpg?w=415&h=549: "25 September 2015: 300th Anniversary of the French Landing in Mauritius (1715 – 2015) – Small Booklet (Recto); A 'pochette philatelique" was issued in France to commemorate the 300e anniversary of French Landing in Mauritius. The "pochette" illustrates an oil painting of Mahe de Labourdonnais; a watercolour painting of dodos on the island; Engravings representing views of St Malo from where the sailors left for Mauritius; a view of Port-Louis respectively".

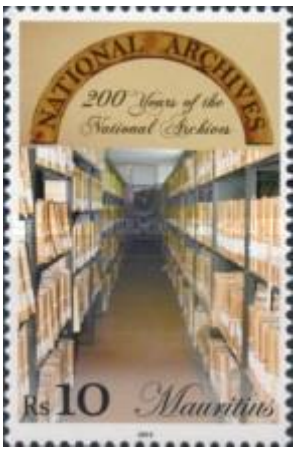
https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-25-sep-300e-anniv-debarquement-francais-postcards.jpg?w=447&h=666: "Two post cards were specially issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of French landing. The first postcard represents a map of Mauritius, and the second one represents the Port of St. Malo, from where Guillaume Dufresne d'Arcel left to take possession of Isle de France".

2015 Commemoration of the 1st Anniversary of the Inscription of Sega Tipik on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, Special Commemorative Cover (27 November 2015)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-27-nov-1st-yrs-sega-tipik-unesco.jpg?w=640&h=339: "On 27 November 2015, a Special Commemorative Cover was issued to mark the 1st Anniversary of the Inscription of Sega Tipik on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Born within the Creole community, Sega Tipik is a musical and dance expression that serves as a symbol of Mauritian identity. Mauritian Sega is a unique performing art encompassing music, song and dance. The traditional sega arose in the 18th century when African cultures, converged in the context slavery, providing Mauritius' enslaved people a measure of freedom and self-expression. Some main elements charactering Sega Tipik includes the dance, the music, the lyrics, but also the instruments, the context and the language. The ensemble of the 3 traditional instruments: ravann (a frame drum), maravann (a rattle) and triyang (the triangle), are at the basis of the Sega Tipik. Lyrics are sometimes improvised by a soloist in Mauritian Creole language".

2015 200 Years of the National Archives (7 December 2015) (#1158)



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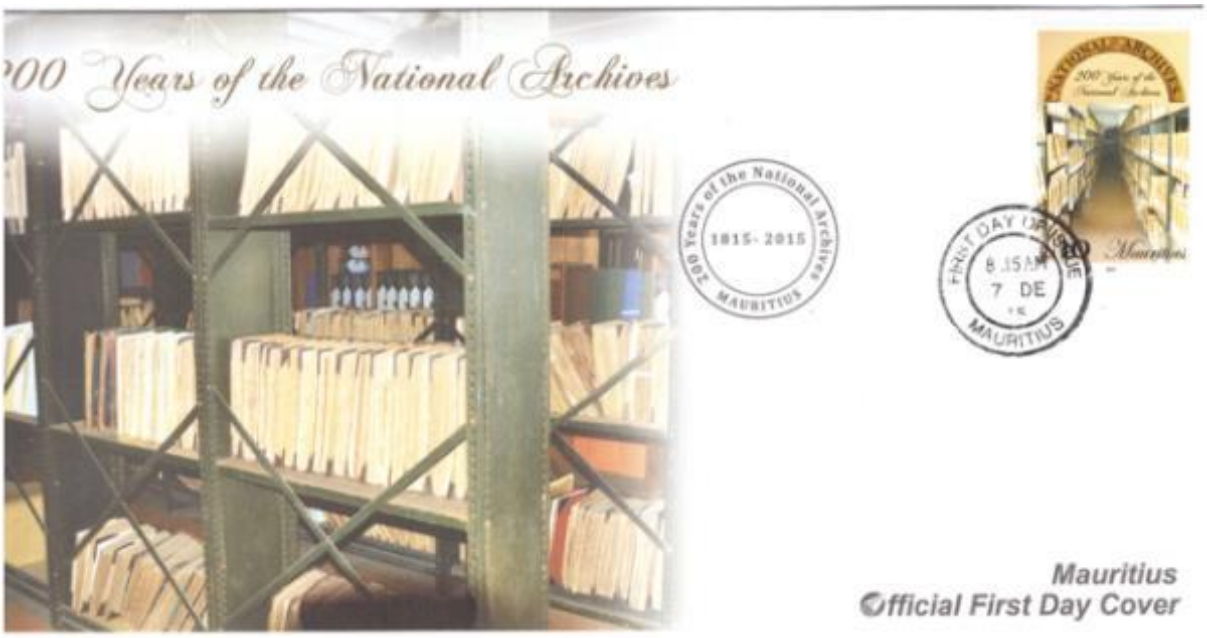

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2015-5-dec-200-yrs-national-archives.jpg?w=640&h=338: "On 7 December 2015, a Rs 10 stamp was issued to commemorative the 200 years of the National archives, one of the oldest institutions in the Souther Hemisphere. Its origin dates back to 1721 and its official operation as an institution was proclaimed in 1815 by the British administration. The National Archives of Mauritius, besides being the main repository for housing records of national significance, is the guardian of such records and guarantees their authenticity. Its principal functions are to select, preserve and make accessible public records as reliable source of evidence for historical, legal, financial, administrative, cultural, genealogical and other purposes. The holdings of the National Archives can be traced as far back as the beginning of Dutch settlement in 1598 and now amount to more than 150,000 volumes both in manuscript and printed format. The National Archives operated under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture".

2016 Sustainable development goals (9 May 2016) (#1159)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2016-9-may-_-sdgs.jpg?w=640&h=350: "On 9th May 2016 a Rs 27 stamp was issued to mark the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the United Nations on 25 September 2015. This agenda, with its 17 goals (pictured on the cover). This agenda is a call for global action for the people, prosperity and the planet and also calls for peace and justice and for a renewed global partnership to guide development actions in the next 15 years to eradicate and advance human development, while respecting the natural boundaries of our planet".

2016 Freshwater Fauna (6 June 2016) (#1160-1163)

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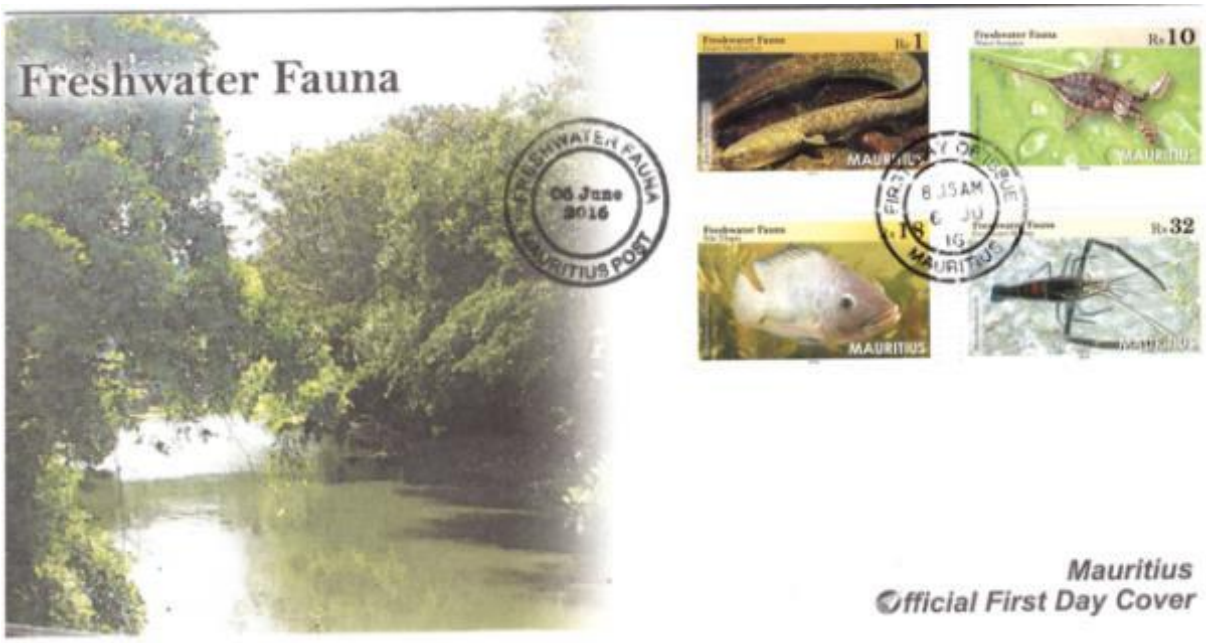

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2016-6-june-freshwater-fauna.jpg?w=640&h=339: "A set of four postage stamps was issued on the theme "Freshwater Fauna" on 6 June 2016. The 4 stamps denominations are (i) Re. 1 depicts a giant mottled eel (anguille), which has a robust body with a compressed rear part. It has a yellowish to olive or brown, mottled with dark greenish brown back with a lighter colouration belly. This species is native to Mauritius and is also found in Madagascar, Reunion and Seychelles. It commonly dwells in rivers and lakes; (ii) Rs. 10 is a water scorpion, a species commonwealth found in streams, ponds, basins etc. where it has been observed to prey on mosquito larvae and other aquatic animals. They live in shallow, muddy water. They swim slowly, often crawling on objects in the water; (iii) Rs. 18 stamp is a nile tilapia is native to Africa and the Middle East. The fish has a distinctive, regular, vertical stripes extending as far down the body as the bottom edge of the caudal fin, with variable coloration. Mauritius has a red tilapia hybrid locally known as berri rouge; (iv) Rs. 32 is a freshwater shrimp, also known as 'camaron' a species has dark red-violet scales and long pincers. It is native to Mauritius and is now uncommon due to overfishing and pollution".

2016 Maritime Air Squadron (13 July 2016) (#1164)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2016-13-july-commissioning-ceremony-air-squadron.jpg?w=640&h=333: "The Maritime Air Squadron was commissioned 17 July 1990 by Hon. Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo, the then Governor of Mauritius. The new Dornier aircraft, MPCG4 will be the 4th fixed wing aircraft to join the squadron. The aircraft is state-of-the-art fitted with latest Maritime Patrol Radar, Forward Looking Infra Red Camera (FLIR), GPS, AIS and Communication equipment. The aircraft offers outstanding field of view and comfortable environment which substantially reduces the crew fatigue and workload, thus ensuring that a high level of vigilance is maintained throughout EEZ and SAR missions. The crew comprising of Cdr Sunil Joy Chungath, Commanding Officer, Comdt (JG) Abishek Saxena and Comdt Mahavir Singh have extensively test flown the aircraft at HAL, Kanpur, India, prior to ferrying it to Mauritius. A Rs. 11 stamp was issued on 13 July 2016 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Maritime Air Squadron".

2016 Flowers, year 2016 on stamps (#1165-1167)

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2016 Nature Walk (15 September 2016) (#1168-1169)

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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2016-15-sep-nature-walk.jpg?w=640&h=335: "A set of 2 postage stamps were issued on 15 September 2016 on the theme "Nature Walk". The Forestry Services under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security has created three Nature Walks namely: (a) Powder Mills Nature Walk at Pamplemousses; (b) Mon Vert Nature Walk at Forest Side; and (c) Sophie Nature at Plaine Sophie. The Nature Walks were created with a view to provide forest leisure and recreation facilities to locals and tourists. It also provides the opportunity to learn and appreciate the rich and native biodiversity of Mauritius, their value to society and the need for conservation and protection of fragile ecosystem. (i) The Rs. 2 stamp shows the Powder Mills Nature Walk, inaugurated on 17 May 2007, located at Pamplemousses near Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital. It covers an extent of 60 Ha. of State forest land and occupies a Visitor's Interpretation Centre, a native plant garden and a medicinal plant garden. A network of 3km trail with pathways, kiosks, picnic areas have been created. The site is also crossed by a river. The forest area is under plantation of high timber species like Mahogany, Teak, Araucaria, amongst others. It is on one of the few remaining forested areas in the northern part of the island and has ancient monuments and buildings including remnants of slave camps; (ii) Rs. 20 stamp represents Sophie Nature Park at Plaine Sophie, near Mare aux Vacoas Reservoir. It covers an extent about 10 Ha. of State forest land, which comprises of pine plantation managed for ecosystem services for soil and water conservation. The region was previously covered by dense native forest of upland vegetation. The Park was inaugurated on 1 Aug. 2013 and has a network of 3 km trails and pathways, created across the forest to ease access into the forest, rich in native flora and fauna".

2016 Freshwater Flora (18 October 2016) (#1170-1173)

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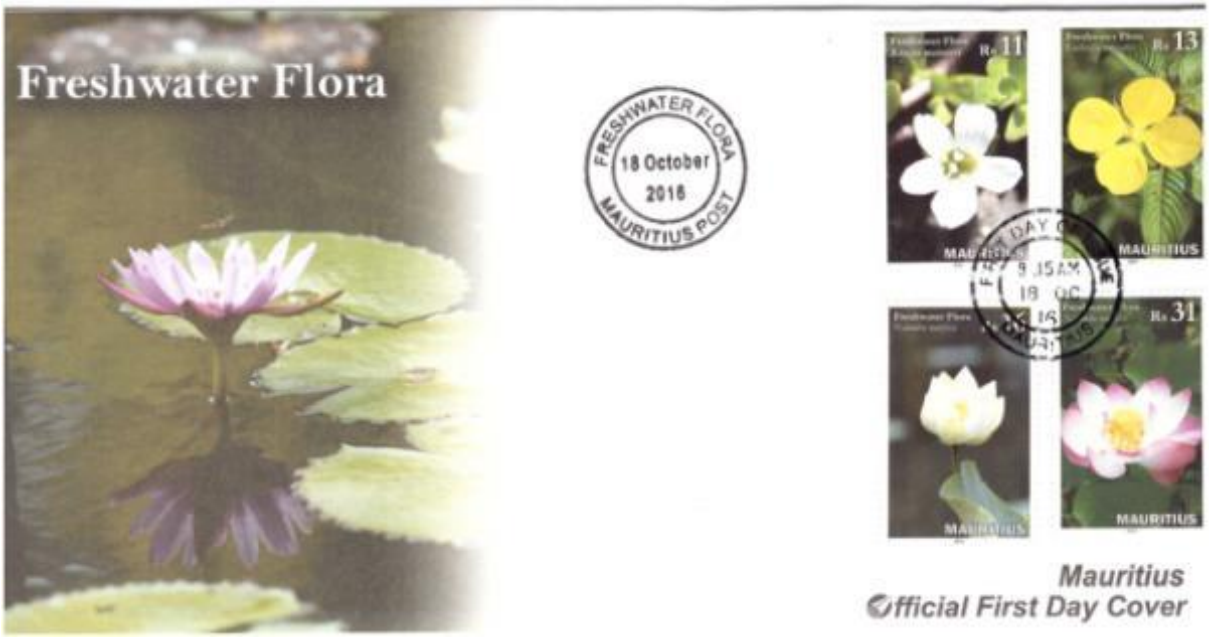
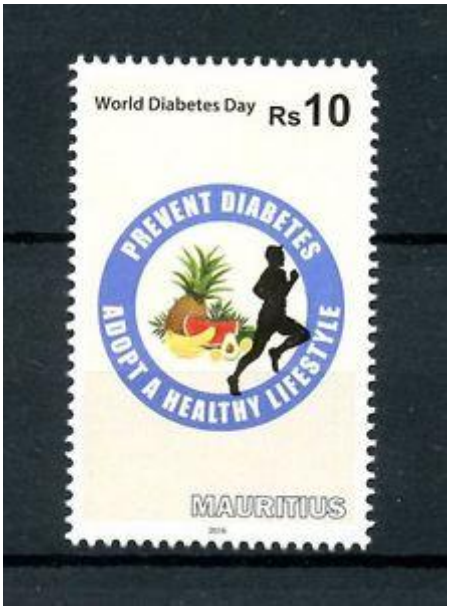


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2016-18-oct-freshwater-flora.jpg?w=640&h=337: "A set of 4 postage stamps was issued on 18 October 2016 on the theme "Freshwater Flora". (i) Rs. 11 stamp is water hyssop (Bacopa monniera). This small perennial herb is a native species to the Mascarenes and is widely distributed on the tropic and sub-tropics. It is usually found on marshes of brackish water around the coastal area. It is quite ramified, with roots appearing on the nodes of the branches, the leaves are relatively fleshy. The solitary flowers are white, but sometimes it can have a tinge of purple. This species is used in the Aryurvedic medicine; (ii) The Rs. 13 stamp is a Mexican primerose-willow, commonly known ad "Herbes les Mares", "Herbe Gandia" or "Herbe Josephine" in Mauritius. This species is probably native to all three islands of the Mascarenes and plants can be found on wet, marshes and along rivers or paths. Usually it is a small plant, but some old plants can exceptionally reach up to 4 m high. Its leaves are covered with small hairs. It is

also considered as a medicinal plant in Mauritius; (iii and iv) represent sacred lotus or Indian lotus. Originating from India, this plant is an aquatic perennial with large showy flowers. It is often considered to be water lilies. This lotus is considered to be a sacred plant by Hindus and Buddhists and associated with many divinities. It is edible and its stems, leaves and seeds can be eaten raw, cooked or as flour. Cultivars of different colours were introduced in Mauritius in the 18th Century,. They can easily be seen at the SSR Botanical Garden, Pamplemousses".

2016 World Diabetes Day (14 November 2016) (#1174)



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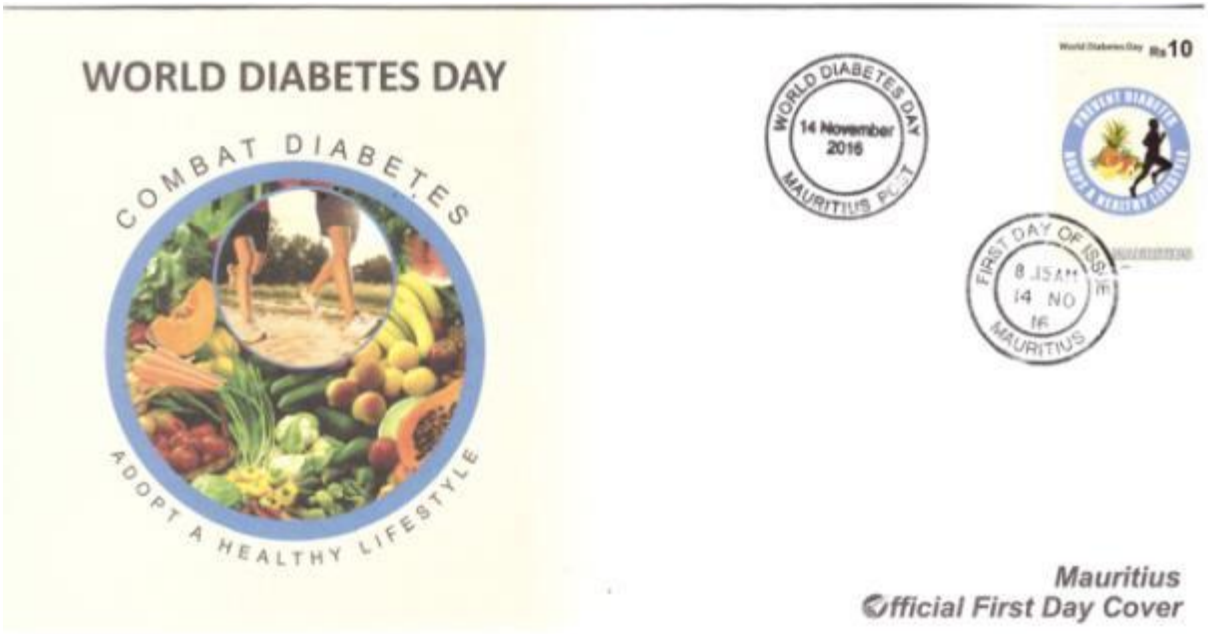
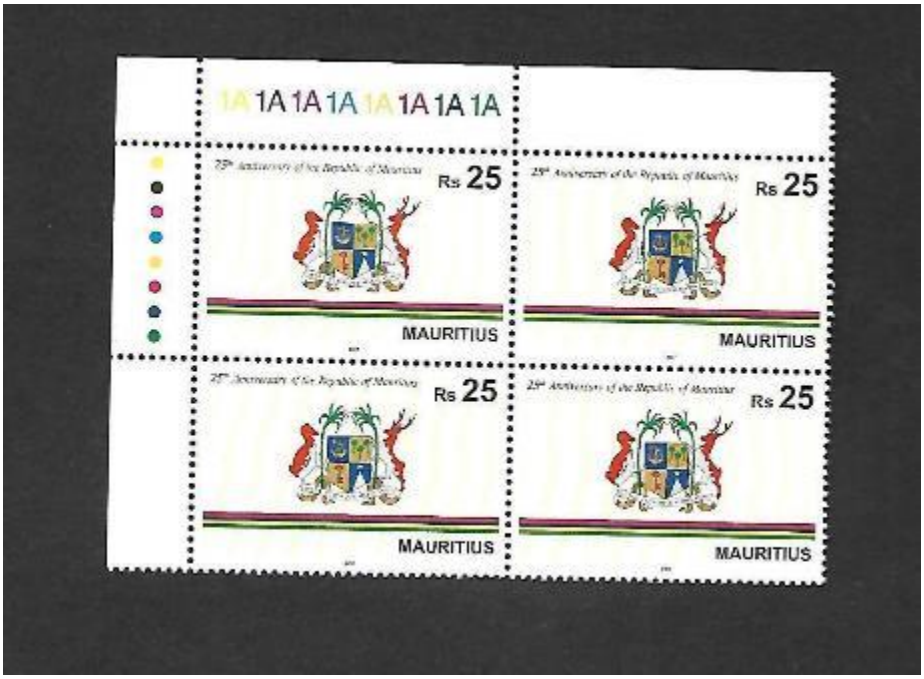


https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2016-14-nov-world-diabetes-day.jpg?w=638&h=338: “A postage stamp was issued on 14th November 2016 to mark World Diabetes Day. Diabetes is a chronic disease which occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin, or when the body cannot effectively use insulin produced. There are 2 types of diabetes: Type 1 (juvenile or insulin dependent diabetes) and Type 2 (adult onset or non-insulin dependent diabetes). The objective of this World Diabetes Day is to sensitise people about diabetes, its risk factors, the heath complications it bring about and how to prevent and control it. 14th of November also marks the birth date of Sir Frederick Banting, who together with Charles Best, discovered insulin and used it on human beings for the first time. The specific theme for 2016 was “Eyes on Diabetes” and activities focused on promoting the importance of screening to ensure early diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes. 70% of Type 2 diabetes can be prevented by adopting a healthy lifestyle.”

2017 25 years Republic (#1175)



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https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2017-12-march-25-anniv-republic-of-mauritius.jpg?w=641&h=346 : "A Postage Stamp was issued to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius. Mauritius gained independence from the British in 1968 and acceded to the status of Republic on 12 March 1992. The Rs 25 stamp and the main image on the centre of the cover represent the Coat of Arms, which is the Armorial Ensigns for Mauritius. It is composed of a Dodo Bird and a Sambur Deer supporting sugar cane and a shield divided in four sections. On the ribbon below, the motto "Stella Clavisque Maris Indici (meaning Star and Key of the Indian Ocean) is displayed in Latin. The four stripes at the bottom of the stamp represents the four colours – red, blue, yellow and green – of the National Flag of Mauritius".

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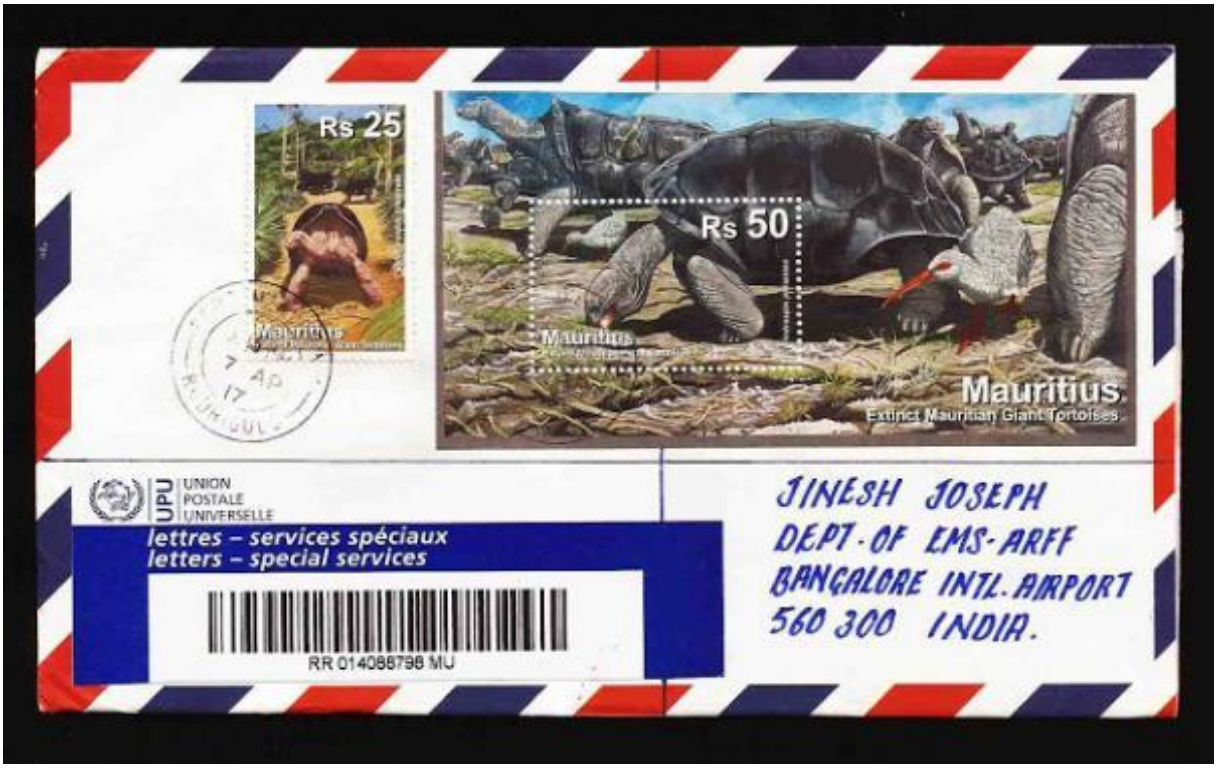
2017 Rodrigues Port Mathurin postmark (10 April 2017)



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2017 Celebration of the 45th Anniversary of China-Mauritius Diplomatic Relations, Special Cover (15 April 2017)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2017-15-april-45th-anniv-china-mauritius-relations_2.jpg?w=640&h=370: "Four commemorative covers were issued for the 45th Anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Mauritius. In January 2017, the renown Chinese artist Mr Du Benji visited Mauritius and produced a large number of calligraphy and painting works. The Commemorative covers with Mr Du's artwork elements are specially issued on this occasion. Each cover feature 1 Mauritian stamp and 2 Chinese stamps". [Also other covers on his website].

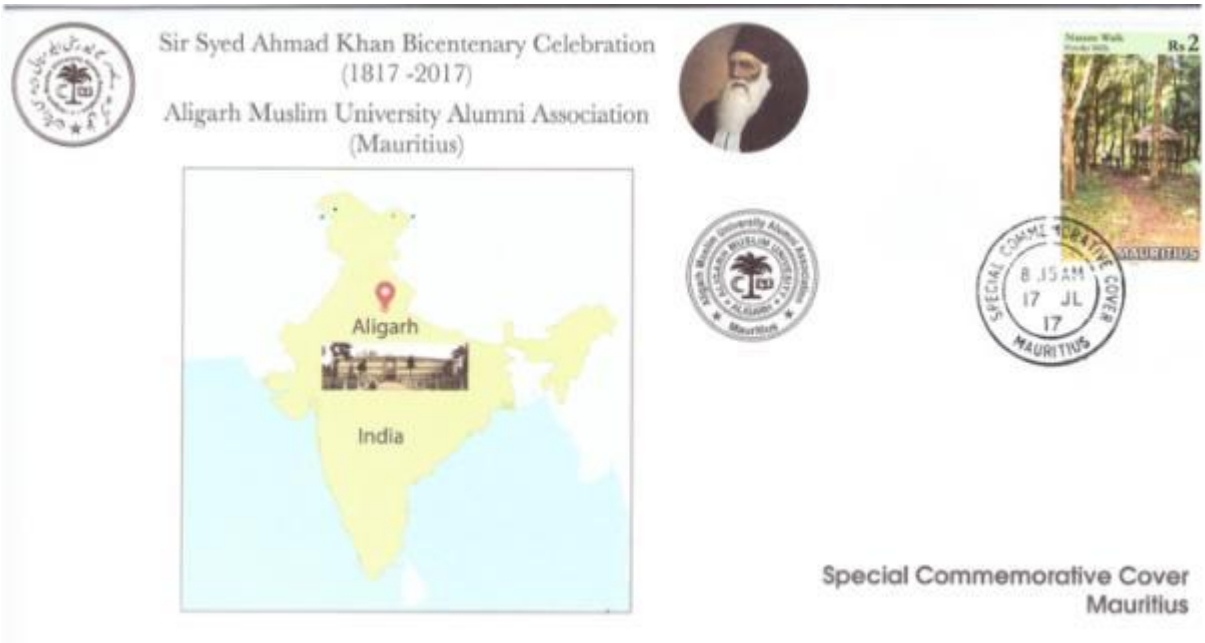
2017 Anti-Europe propaganda on a Mauritian letter to Great Britain (sent: 28 April 2017)

https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/8IUAAOSwytJZ7de~/s-l1600.jpg POSTMARK PORT LOUIS.

2017 Air Mauritius 50 Years (14 July)

https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/2017-ir-mauritius.jpg?w=557&h=300 https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/air-mauritius-fleet.jpg?w=558&h=275 : "In 2017, Air Mauritius turns 50. On 14 July 2017, Air Mauritius celebrated its golden jubilee and issued a special commemorative cover to mark this occasion. In 50 years, Air Mauritius made remarkable strides. It is a national pride and is one of the largest Mauritian firms. With its fleet of 13 planes, it covers a network of 25 direct destinations, over 4 continents. It continues to work with other airline companies to reach bring Mauritius to the world and bring the world to Mauritius".

2017 Sir Syed Ahmad Khan Bicentenary Celebration (1817 – 2017), Special Commemorative Cover (17 July 2017)



https://stampsofmauritius.files.wordpress.com/2017/07/2017-ahmad-khan-bicentenary.jpg?w=700: "A special commemorative cover was issued on 17 July 2017 to

mark the bicentenary of the birth of Sir Syed Khan. The special cover was ordered by Aligarh Muslim University Alumni Association (Mauritius). The stamp is a Rs. 2 one, featuring a nature walk. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was an Indian Muslim pragmatic, an islamic reformist and a philosopher, born in British India in the 19th Century. Born into a family with strong ties with Mughal court, Syed studied the Quran and sciences within the court and later studied law from the University of Edinburgh. Sir Syed maintains a strong legacy in Pakistan and Indian Muslims, and is often described as the founder of the two-nation theory, the ideological foundation of the Pakistan Movement".

2017 175th anniversary of Kwan Tee Pagoda (20 July 2017) (#1176)

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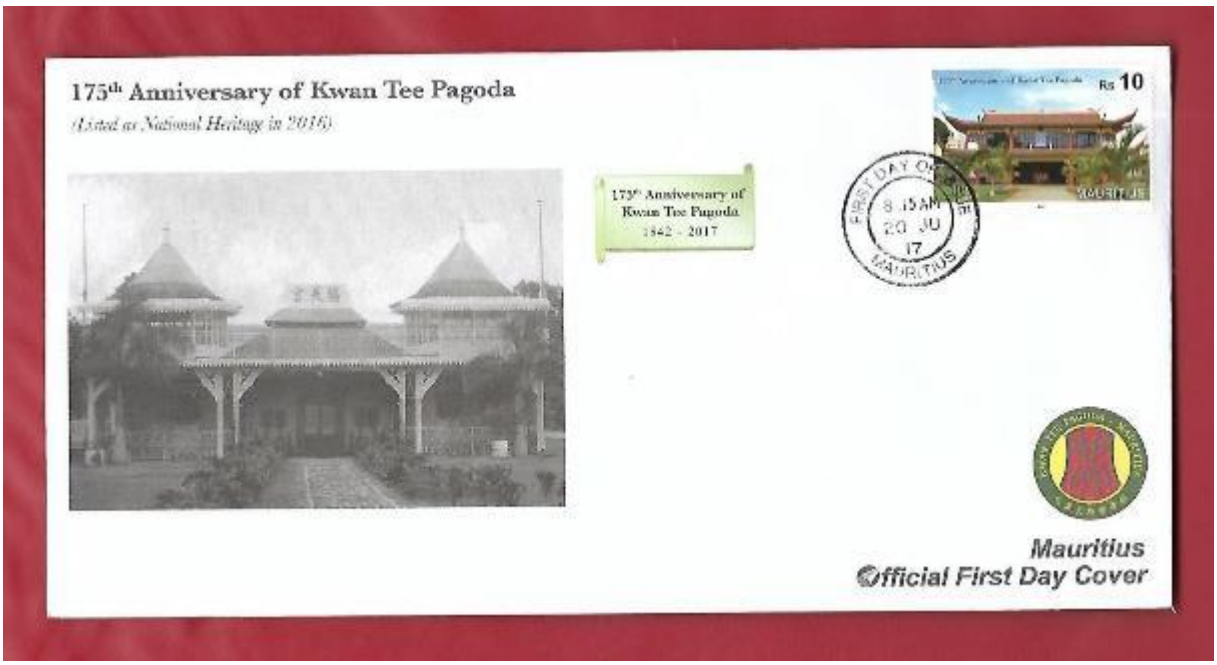

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "An official first day cover, with a Rs. 10 postage stamp was issued on 20 July 2017 to mark the 175th anniversary of Kwan Tee Pagoda, founded by Log Choisanne. It was inaugurated on 29th January 1842 and is the oldest Chinese Temple in the southern hemisphere and on the African continent. The building was first used by Chinese immigrants until they found work and a place to live. The veranda, a

typical Mauritian style of the time, was to protect from the harsh wind coming from the sea which was right in front of the gate. The iron handrails symbolised the spear weapon used by the soldiers in the time of Guan Yu, god of War and protector of traders. Later, it was dedicated to the Cult of Guan Di, where all the Mauritian Chinese could come to worship and extensions were done at the rear and sides in 1866 and 1869 respectively. Unfortunately, the veranda was destroyed during cyclone Carol in 1960 and replaced by a concrete veranda. Renovation of the building started in 2006 and was awarded the Medal of the City of Port Louis on August 2016 and the monument is listed as a National Heritage. The stamp illustrates the new Kwan Tee Pagoda after renovation of the old building. The illustration on the Cover depicts the old Pagoda".

2017 250 Years Police on Mauritius (1 August 2017) (#1177)

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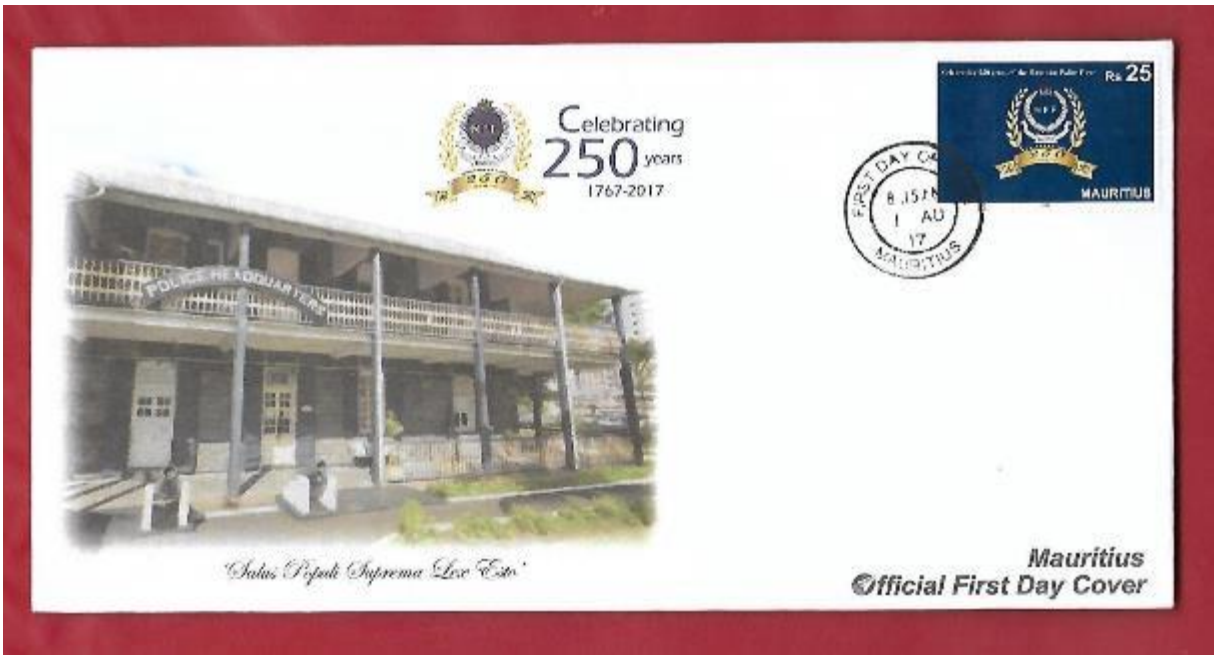

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "On 1 August 2017, an official first day cover was released to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Mauritius Police Force. The journey has been long and demanding and the ventures have been on-going against all changing

tides over the years. Over two and a half centuries, the MPF worked to preserve law and order in the country and to protect the population. The MPF has transformed itself from foot solders to a strength of a 13,000 personnel with self-sustained paramilitary force, such as the Special Mobile Force, the Special Support Unit, the National Coast Guard and the Police Helicopter Squadron. The Rs. 25 stamp depicts the logo of the Mauritius Police Force".

2017 Golden Jubilee of the Bank of Mauritius (6 September 2017) (#1178)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "On 6 September 2017, Mauritius Post issued an Official First Day Cover to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Bank of Mauritius. A unique Rs. 27 stamp, featuring the first Governor of the Bank of Mauritius , Mr Aunauth Beejadhur, was issued. The cover shows also the BoM building, situated in Sir

William Newton Street, Port-Louis. Prior to the creation of the BoM, the Board of the Commissioners of Currency was responsible for the issue of currency in Mauritius. It was established in 1849 and put an end to the practice of 'free banking' that had prevailed all throughout the 18th Century. An Order of the Council prescribed the Mauritian Rupee as legal tender as from 1876. The Bank of Mauritius replaced the Board, and was officially inaugurated by the then Governor of Mauritius, Sir John Shaw Rennie, on 1 September 1967. The primary objective of the BoM is to maintain price stability and to promote orderly and balanced economic development. It also regulated credit and currency to ensure the stability of the financial system".

2017 Birth Centenary of Serge Constantin (16 September 2017) (#1179)

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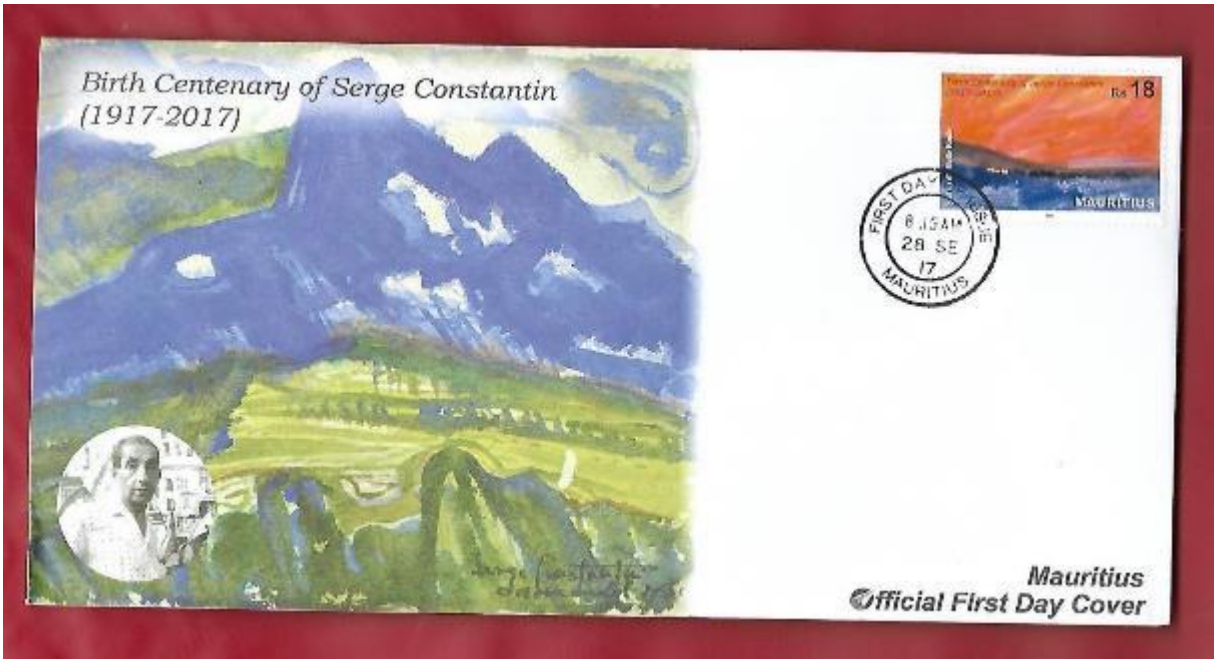

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: “On 28 September 2017, an Official First Day Cover was issued by Mauritius post to celebrate the birth Centenary of Serge Constantin, an artist, painter and stage designer, who has left his footprint on the 20th century Mauritian cultural life, through his works in stage design and plastic art. Serge Constantin worked for 48 years as a stage designer at Plaza Theater in Rose-Hill and was one of the fine intellectuals, belonging to the circle that included amongst others, Malcom de Chazal, Hervé Masson, Marcel Cabon and Pierre Renaud. He also transmitted his passion for art to generations of students. A website was launched to encourage people to discover his life and works (https://www.sergeconstantin.com/). The Rs. 18 stamp illustrates one of his paintings, representing night fall in Belle Etoile, where he lived. The cover shows another of his landscape painting, and his portrait, on the bottom left”.

2017 Sea Shells (17 October 2017) (#1180-1183)

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https://stampsofmauritius.org/2010-2017/: "On 9 October 2017, an Official first Day Cover and a miniature sheet were released on the theme Sea Shells, featuring some of the treasures of the Mauritian marine life. The set comprises of (i) a Rs. 3 stamp, showing the conus, which possesses a brightly coloured shell in the form of an inverted cone. Following internal fertilisation, clusters of eggs are released and attach on a hard surface in a capsule, where they mature into the larval stage. After incubation, they break from the capsule. The conus can be found in deep or shallow regions, living on sand or among rocks or coral reefs; (ii) a Rs. 4 stamp, showing a Cypraea, which has a solid, thick, heavy and glossy shell of while or pale reddish-brown, with large brown spots. It is usually found under coral or boulders, or on sandy bottoms in shallow and deep water; (iii) Rs. 23 stamp, illustrating the Janthina janthina, a coral which has an almost smooth, thin, delicate violet shell, paler on the upper surface. It is born male but develops into female over time. It has a pelagic snail; and (iv) Rs. 33 stamp, showing the Pleuroplaca, which has an elongated, solid and heavy golden brown shell, often covered with fine brown spiral lines. It is usually seen on seagrass beds or sandy bottoms in shallow or deep water".

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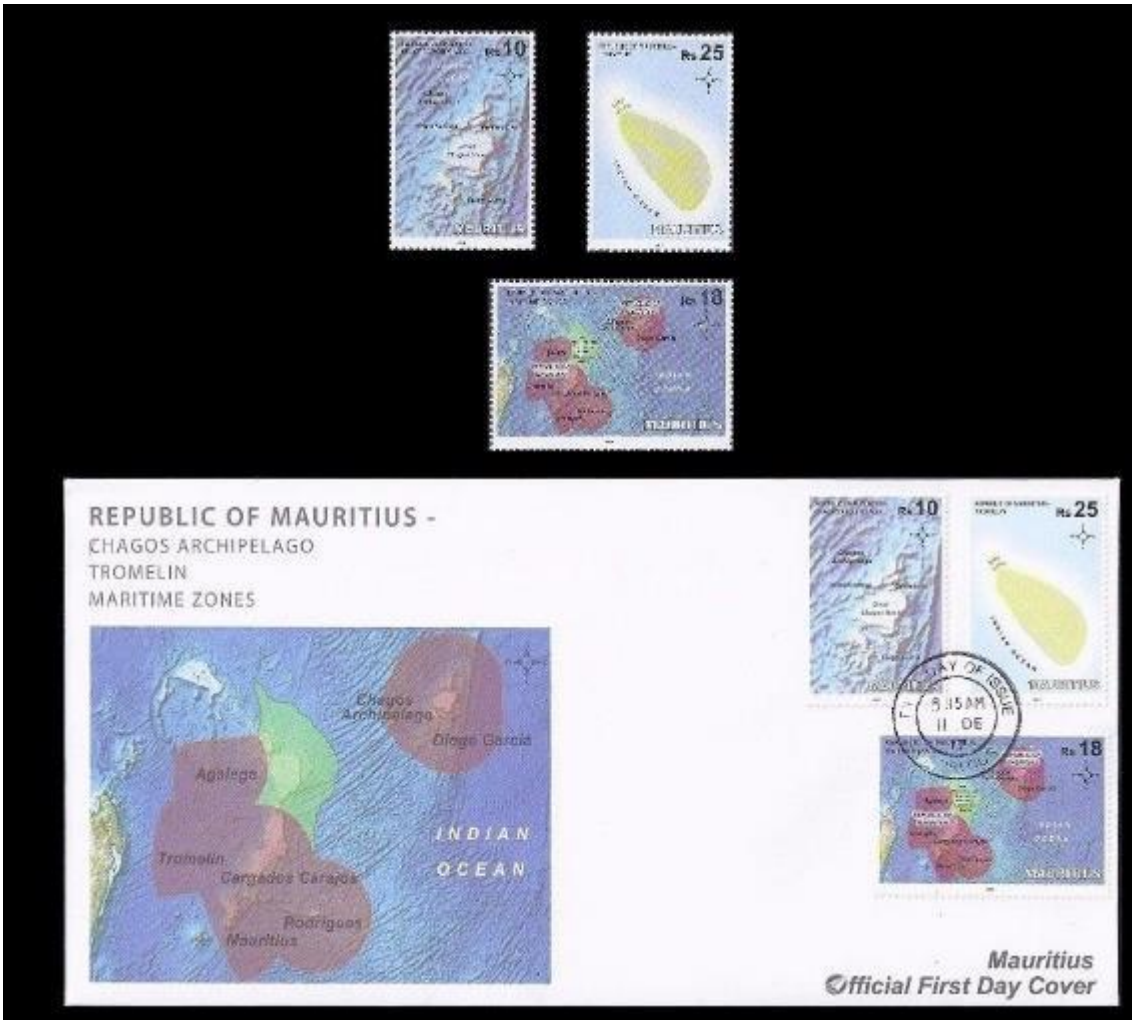

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