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Enchanting Native Inhabitants of Coral Reefs Come to Life on Care-for-Nature Stamps

Date of Issue: 17 October 2007



Complete set of stamps



Precancelled First Day Cover affixed with complete set of stamps

Singapore, 16 October 2007 – Coral reefs are one of nature’s most spectacular and diverse ecosystems on earth. Depicting the close relationship of the native inhabitants living in the coral reefs are the latest Care-For-Nature (CFN) stamp series that offers marine life enthusiasts and philatelic collectors an opportunity to bring home the beautifully illustrated stamps that are designed in a se-tenant (adjoined) block of four stamps.

False Clown Anemonefish (*Amphiprion ocellaris*) and Sea Anemone (*Stichodactyla* sp.) (1st Local): The anemone fish lives most of its life within the stinging tentacles of the anemone host. Few predators would dare venture near the tentacles, making the anemone a refuge for this fish. The fish is immune to the stings and in turn, ward off predators of the anemone.

Singapore Goby (*Cryptocentrus leptocephalus*) and Blind Shrimp (*Alpheus* sp) (1st Local): The Goby acts as a watchman and stands guard at the opening of a burrow where it lives with the shrimp partner, who is responsible for the excavation and maintenance of the burrow. In the presence of danger, both will retreat into the safety of their burrow.

Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and Remora (*Echeneis naucrates*) (\$1.10): The remora has a specialized sucker-like apparatus on its body with which it attaches to the turtle and hitches a ride. When the turtle feeds, the remora sometimes feeds off the food remnant. They are also known to feed on parasites found attached on the shell or skin of the turtles.

Razorfish (*Aeoliscus strigatus*) and Sea Urchin (*Diadema* sp) (\$1.10):The razorfish swims with its elongated body and head pointing down. The fish darts to safety in between the long spines of the urchin when threatened. Here, no predators would attempt an attack. In turn, the razorfish is thought to pick parasites off the body of the urchin. While the razorfish received protection and an easy meal, the urchin is ensured that it kept clean.

This is the 17th CFN stamp series sponsored by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited as part of its CFN environment and education programme. Launched in 1989, the CFN programme aims to promote greater awareness, appreciation and protection of our natural heritage. Previous CFN stamp series include Fun with Nature (2006) and Treetop Walk (2005).

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Also available for this stamp issue are a self-adhesive stamp booklet, a pre-cancelled first day cover affixed with stamps and a presentation pack consisting of a se-tenant block of four stamps. They are available at all post offices, the Singapore Philatelic Museum and online at <http://shop.vpost.com.sg> from 17 October 2007. Blank first day covers (without stamps) are available at the above mentioned channels between 3 October 2007 and 17 October 2007.

Information and enquiries

For more information on these new stamps, please call the Singapore Philatelic Bureau at telephone numbers 1800 741 4111 (toll-free within Singapore) or 6845 6756 during office hours or visit <http://www.singpost.com> or email us at sinstamp@singpost.com.

ANNEX

FACT SHEET

Items on Sale

| | <u>Price</u> |
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| Complete set of stamps | S\$2.72 |
| Precancelled First Day Cover affixed with complete set of stamps | S\$3.55 |
| Presentation Pack (with complete set of stamps) | S\$4.50 |
| 1 st local self-adhesive booklet (5 stamps of 2 designs) | S\$2.55 |
| Care-for-Nature Cover (HSBC product) | S\$9.90 |

Technical Details

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| Date of issue : | 17 October 2007 |
| Denominations : | Se-tenant block of 4 stamps, 1 st Local x 2 designs, \$1 x 2 designs |
| Stamp Size : | 40mm x 30mm |
| Self-Adhesive Stamp Booklet size: | 90mm x 70mm (closed) |
| Perforation : | 14 |
| Paper : | Unwatermarked |
| Printing Process: | Offset-Lithography |
| Printer : | SEP SPrint (Australia) Pty Ltd |
| Sheet Content : | 20 stamps per sheet |
| Designed by : | Eng Siak Loy |

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