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WORLD OCEANS DAY CORAL REEFS

8 June 2023

NEW YORK POSTAL STATIONERY
REVALUED VIENNA POSTAL STATIONERY

5 May 2023

INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY
GENEVA PERSONALIZED SHEET

21 May 2023

DON'T CHOOSE EXTINCTION

20 June 2023

BODY, MIND and SOUL

10 August 2023

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

Themes, dates and denominations are subject to change.

3 MARCH	ENDANGERED SPECIES (CITES 50TH ANNIVERSARY) (3 sheets of 16 stamps – 4 designs per sheet) 3 maximum cards 2023 Endangered Species Collection Folder Limited-edition silk cover
15 APRIL	WORLD ART DAY (sheets of 12 stamps)
5 MAY	NEW YORK POSTAL STATIONERY Large envelope 63c VIENNA POSTAL STATIONERY – REVALUED Small envelopes €0,85 + 0,35 and €1,80 + 0,10
8 JUNE	WORLD OCEANS DAY/CORAL REEFS (sheets of 9 stamps)
20 JUNE	DON'T CHOOSE EXTINCTION (mini-sheets of 1 stamp)
10 AUGUST	BODY • MIND • SOUL (sheets of 20 stamps) Souvenir sheets
8 SEPTEMBER	UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE – TÜRKIYE (sheets of 20 stamps) Prestige booklets
10 OCTOBER	WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY (sheets of 10 stamps) Souvenir card
7 NOVEMBER	DEFINITIVE STAMP – MARIE CURIE (sheets of 20 stamps) 2023 Annual Collection Folders

SPECIAL EVENT SHEETS

20 JANUARY	CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR – YEAR OF THE RABBIT (New York special event sheet of 10 stamps) \$1,40
5 MARCH	FIFTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (Special event mini-sheet of 3 stamps)
21 MAY	INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY (Geneva special event sheet of 10 stamps) CHF 1,10
30 NOVEMBER	UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (Sheet with New York and Geneva stamps)

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Item No. 310.5767



Item No. 510.5768

WORLD OCEANS DAY CORAL REEFS

On 8 June 2023, UNPA issues new stamps to celebrate World Oceans Day – focusing on coral reefs. The United Nations recognizes World Oceans Day every year on 8 June to celebrate the world's shared ocean and our personal connection to the sea, as well as to raise global awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and the important ways people can help protect it.

The theme for World Oceans Day 2023 is "Planet Ocean: Tides are Changing". The ocean covers most of the earth, but only a small portion of its waters has been explored. Despite humanity's utter reliance on oceans and compared to the breadth and depth of what they give us, the oceans receive only a fragment of our attention and resources in return.

Oceans feed us, regulate our climate, and generate most of the oxygen we breathe. They also serve as the foundation for much of the world's economy, supporting sectors such as tourism, fisheries, and international shipping.

But despite their importance, oceans are facing unprecedented threats as a result of human activity. Every year, an estimated 8 million tons of plastic waste end up in the world's oceans. At the same time, climate change is damaging coral reefs and other key ecosystems; overfishing is threatening the stability of fish stocks; nutrient pollution is contributing to the creation of dead zones; and nearly 80 per cent of the world's wastewater is discharged without treatment.

Coral reefs are well known as some of the most beautiful, biologically diverse and delicate ecosystems in the world. They are also vital to maintaining food supply and protecting the shoreline of low-lying island nations. Nevertheless, the UN Environment Programme estimates that about 25 to 50 per cent of the world's coral reefs have been destroyed and another 60 per cent are under threat.



Item No. 710.5769



CANCELLATIONS

FIRST DAY COVERS



Item No. 416.5767



Item No. 616.5768



Item No. 816.5769

Date of Issue: 8 June 2023
Designer: Sergio Baradat (United Nations)
Photos: Alamy
Denominations: US\$0.63, CHF 1,10, €1,00
Stamp size: 30 mm x 40 mm
Stamps per sheet: 9
Printer: Royal Joh Enschedé (The Netherlands)
Process: Hexachrome

Perforation: 14 x 13 1/4
Quantities: US\$ 0.63 15,000 sheets
 CHF 1,10 14,000 sheets
 €1,00 16,000 sheets
The Designs: US\$ 0.63 Florida reefs, United States
 CHF 1,10 Tubbataha Reef, Philippines
 €1,00 The Great Barrier Reef, Australia

DON'T CHOOSE EXTINCTION FRANKIE THE DINOSAUR URGES WORLD LEADERS TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Item No. 310.5772



Item No. 510.5773



Item No. 710.5774

UNPA issues three new stamps on 20 June 2023 in support of the Don't Choose Extinction campaign, which was launched by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in 2021 for the COP26 UN Climate Summit. The campaign calls for an end to fossil fuels and a global transition towards sustainable, green economies.

At the heart of the campaign is a short film created by UNDP, featuring an animated dinosaur named Frankie (voiced by actor Jack Black), who storms up to the General Assembly podium at UN Headquarters in New York shocking diplomats and urging world leaders to act before it's too late. The Dino calls out governments for spending billions on fossil fuels subsidies.

The three stamp sheets feature Frankie the Dino in the UN General Assembly Hall.

Each sheet has a QR code that when scanned will launch the full video about Frankie addressing world leaders.

Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns, mainly caused by human activities, especially the burning of fossil fuels. The consequences of climate change are far-reaching and include, extreme weather, intense droughts, water scarcity, severe fires, rising sea levels, flooding, melting polar ice, catastrophic storms and declining biodiversity.

UNDP research released as part of the campaign shows that the world spends US\$423 billion annually to subsidize fossil fuels – nearly three times the annual amount needed to eradicate global extreme poverty.

Frankie ends his speech by declaring to the audience: *"It's time for you humans to stop making excuses and start making changes. Don't Choose Extinction!"*.



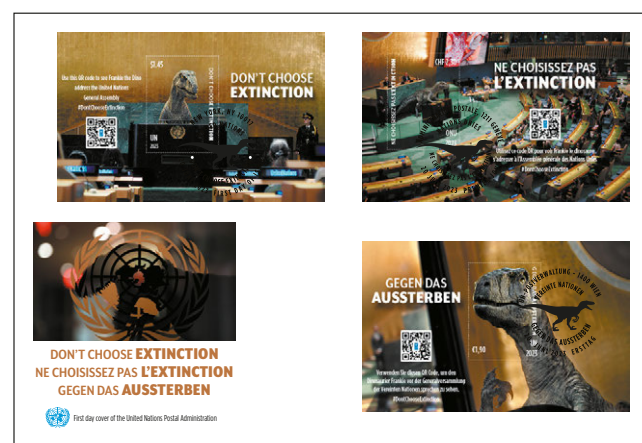
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CANCELLATIONS

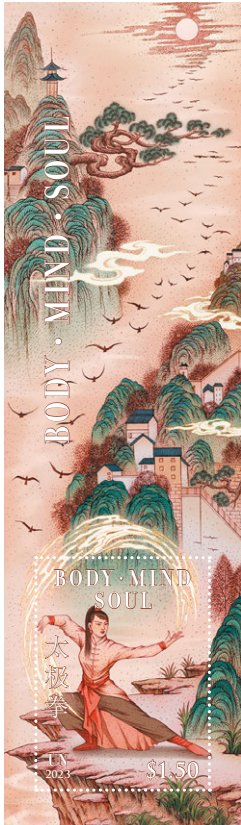


Date of issue: 20 June 2023
Designer: Rorie Katz (United Nations)
Images: Activista creative agency and Framestore productions.
Denominations: US\$ 145, CHF 2,30 , €1,90
Stamp size: 30 mm x 40 mm
Sheet size: 110 mm x 70 mm
Format: Sheets of 1
Printer: Royal Joh Enschedé (The Netherlands)
Process: Offset lithography

Perforation: 14 x 13 1/4
Quantities: US\$ 145 13,000 sheets
 CHF 2,30 12,000 sheets
 €1,90 13,000 sheets

BODY, MIND AND SOUL

UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE



Item No. 311.5783



Item No. 511.5784



Item No. 711.5785



CANCELLATIONS

On 10 August 2023, UNPA issues three stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "Body, Mind and Soul". When body, mind and soul are in harmony, one experiences good health, inner peace, and happiness. The stamps represent three UNESCO intangible cultural heritage from China that contribute to reaching such harmony – the practices of Taijiquan, Calligraphy and Guqin and its music.

US\$ 0.66 STAMP AND US\$ 1.50 SOUVENIR SHEET – TAIJIQUAN

Taijiquan (often spelled Tai chi in the West) is a traditional physical practice characterized by relaxed, circular movements combined with breath regulation as well as the cultivation of a righteous and neutral mind. Originating during the mid-seventeenth century in Wenxian County in the Henan Province of central China, this martial art is now practised throughout the country by people of all ages and by different ethnic groups.

Taijiquan's basic movements centre upon wubu (five steps) and bafa (eight techniques) with a series of routines, exercises and tuishou (hand-pushing skills performed with a counterpart). The element builds upon the yin and yang cycle, and the cultural understanding of the unity between heaven and humanity.

Taijiquan was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2020.

CHF 1,10 STAMP AND CHF 2,30 SOUVENIR SHEET – CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Chinese calligraphy, which is the art of drawing Chinese characters, combines purely visual art and interpretation of the literary meaning. Calligraphy established itself as the most important ancient Chinese art form, alongside painting, first coming to the fore during the Han dynasty (206 BCE–220 CE).

Whether they are transcribing information or simply creating beautiful forms, calligraphers' brushes are used to ink five distinctive styles of script, known as "seal", "official", "cursive", "running" and "regular". The art may appear on any writing surface, but it is especially common on letters, scrolls, works of literature and fan coverings.

Calligraphy offers an important channel for the appreciation of traditional culture and for arts education. It is also a source of pride and pleasure for the Chinese people and embodies important aspects of the country's intellectual and artistic heritage.

Chinese calligraphy was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2009.



Item No. 301.5780



Item No. 501.5781

PHILATELIC PRODUCTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOLDERS

		EUR	CHF
322.4953	2021 United Nations/New York	21.85	21.40
522.4954	2021 United Nations/Geneva	28.14	27.60
722.4955	2021 United Nations/Vienna	24.73	24.25
322.5732	2022 United Nations/New York	18.57	18.20
522.5733	2022 United Nations/Geneva	24.68	24.20
722.5734	2022 United Nations/Vienna	23.12	22.65

*CTO also available

ENDANGERED SPECIES FOLDERS

323.4978	2022 Endangered Species (mint)	19.45	19.50
423.4978	2022 Endangered Species (cancelled)	19.45	19.50
323.5749	2023 Endangered Species (mint)	22.01	21.60
423.5749	2023 Endangered Species (cancelled)	22.01	21.60

SPECIAL PRODUCTS

721.4797	€0,90 Vienna/Austrian post pre-stamped envelope	1.40	1.35
324.4982	2022 Lunar Tiger postcard	0.91	0.90
424.4979	2022 Limited Edition Species Silk Cover	5.71	5.60
324.5759	2023 Lunar Rabbit postcard	0.91	0.90
424.5750	2023 Limited Edition Species Silk Cover	6.03	5.90

SPECIAL EVENT SHEETS (10 stamps)

793.4312	€0,80 Greetings from Vienna (2015)	10.90	1.70
393.4359	\$1.20 Greetings from New York (2015)	13.65	13.40
593.4383	CHF 1,40 Greetings from Geneva (2015)	16.27	15.95
394.4801	\$1.20 Lunar Calendar - Year of the Rat (2020)	13.65	13.40
394.4835	\$1.20 ActNow Climate Action (2020)	13.65	13.40
394.4856	\$1.20 Tribute to UN Peacekeeping Service (2020)	13.65	13.40
794.4884	€ 1,00 UNPA at ÖVEBRIA (2020)	12.90	12.65
394.4890	\$1.20 World Soil Day (2020)	13.65	13.40
394.4900	\$1.20 Lunar Calendar - Year of the Ox (2021)	13.65	13.40
394.4920	\$1.20 UNPA New York 70th Anniversary (2021)	13.65	13.40
794.4942	€ 1,00 CTBTO Twenty-fifth Anniversary (2021)	12.90	12.65
394.4945	\$1.30 New York Celebrations (2021)	14.56	14.30
594.4946	CHF 1,50 Geneva Celebrations (2021)	17.29	16.95
794.4947	€1,00 Vienna Celebrations (2021)	12.90	12.65
394.4956	\$1.30 UNICEF 75th Anniversary (2021)	14.56	14.30
394.4965	\$1.30 Lunar Calendar - Year of the Tiger (2022)	14.56	14.30
394.4966	\$1.30 #TrollsFoodHeroes (2022)	14.56	14.30
594.5705	CHF 1,50 World Bicycle Day (2022)	18.77	18.40
794.5706	€1,00 World Chess Day (2022)	12.90	12.65
394.5735	\$1.40 70th Anniversary Guided Tours New York (2022)	15.48	15.15
394.5736	\$1.40 Lunar Calendar - Year of the Rabbit (2023)	15.48	15.15

*CTO also available

SPECIAL EVENT MINI-SHEETS (3 stamps)

396.4943	Dubai Expo - UAE (2021)	5.84	5.75
396.4944	United Nations Biodiversity Conference	5.84	5.75
396.5737	Fifth UN Conference on LDC (2023)	6.39	6.25

*CTO also available

NEW YORK POSTAL STATIONERY

328.3584	Official New York cachet (1995)	0.23	0.20
328.3474	Multi-use definitive Jumbo cachet (2009)	0.55	0.55
328.4689	Multi-use definitive cachet (2018)	0.46	0.45
321.5725	60c pre-stamped envelope standard (Revalued 58c 2022)	0.91	0.90
321.5726	60c pre-stamped envelope large (Revalued 58c 2022)	0.91	0.90

*CTO also available

GENEVA POSTAL STATIONERY

		EUR	CHF
328.3239	Official Geneva cachet (1989)	0.23	0.20
521.4479	CHF 1,50 revalued postcard (2016)	2.35	2.30

*CTO also available

VIENNA POSTAL STATIONERY

328.2779	Official Vienna cachet (2001)	0.27	0.25
721.4718	€0,90 postcard (revalued € 0,68) 2018	1.40	1.35
721.4719	€1,80 postcard (revalued € 1,70) 2018	2.40	2.35
721.5702	€0,85 pre-stamped envelope (2022)	1.35	1.30
721.5703	€1,00 pre-stamped envelope (2022)	1.50	1.45
721.5704	€1,80 pre-stamped envelope (2022)	2.30	2.25

*CTO also available

SHOW CARDS

418.9258	New York/Chicagopex '22	5.25	5.15
418.9259	New York/Sarasota '23	2.28	2.25
418.9260	New York/Great American '23	1.60	1.55
618.9718	Genf/Lugano - Helvetia '22	3.06	3.00
618.9719	Geneva/Verona '22	3.06	3.00
818.8813	Vienna/Övebria '22	2.00	1.95
818.8814	Vienna/Gmunden '22	2.00	1.95
818.8815	Vienna/Prague '22	2.00	1.95
818.8816	Vienna/Paris '22	2.00	1.95

ENDANGERED SPECIES SERIES

(sheets of 16 stamps)

STAMPS

350.4969	2022 \$1.30 se-tenant block of 4	4.75	4.65
351.4969	2022 \$1.30 full sheet	18.99	18.60
550.4970	2022 CHF1,50 se-tenant block of 4	6.12	6.00
551.4970	2022 CHF1,50 full sheet	24.48	24.00
750.4971	2022 €1,00 se-tenant block of 4	4.00	3.90
751.4971	2022 €1,00 full sheet	16.00	15.70
350.5740	2023 \$1.45 se-tenant block of 4	5.30	5.20
351.5740	2023 \$1.45 full sheet	21.18	20.75
550.5741	2023 CHF1,80 se-tenant block of 4	7.34	7.20
551.5741	2023 CHF1,80 full sheet	29.38	28.80
750.5742	2023 €1,20 se-tenant block of 4	4.80	4.70
751.5742	2023 €1,20 full sheet	19.20	18.80

FIRST DAY COVERS

LAST DAY OF SALE: 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

453.5740	\$1.45 single	9.86	9.65
653.5741	CHF 1,80 single	11.91	11.70
853.5742	€1,20 single	9.37	9.20
454.5740	\$1.45 M.I. block	6.44	6.30
654.5741	CHF 1,80 M.I. block	8.49	8.30
854.5742	€1,20 M.I. block	5.94	5.80
452.5740	\$1.45 combo	6.44	6.30
652.5741	CHF 1,80 combo	8.49	8.30
852.5742	€1,20 combo	5.94	5.80
455.5740	\$1.45 full sheet	23.01	22.55
655.5741	CHF 1,80 full sheet	31.22	3.60
855.5742	€1,20 full sheet	21.02	2.60
456.5740	All values triple cancelled	19.26	18.90

PHILATELIC PRODUCTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

	MAXIMUM CARDS	EUR	CHF
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 3 SEPTEMBER 2023		
319.5746	New York (mint)	0.91	0.90
419.5746	New York (cancelled)	6.66	6.55
519.5747	Geneva (mint)	0.92	0.90
619.5747	Geneva (cancelled)	8.72	8.55
719.5748	Vienna (mint)	0.91	0.90
819.5748	Vienna (cancelled)	6.17	6.50

	2021 WORLD HERITAGE - WATERWAYS, RAILWAYS AND BRIDGES PRESTIGE BOOKLETS		
	Date of issue: 25 August 2021		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 25 AUGUST 2023		
317.4937	New York booklet	10.96	1.75
517.4938	Geneva booklet	11.22	11.00
717.4939	Vienna booklet	10.00	9.80

	2022 WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY		
	Date of issue: 19 August 2022 (sheets of 10 stamps)		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 19 AUGUST 2023		
	STAMPS		
309.5721	\$1.40 + 0.50 single	1.73	1.700
310.5721	\$1.40 + 0.50 full sheet	17.35	17.00
509.5722	CHF 2,00 + 0.50 single	2.55	2.50
510.5722	CHF 2,00 + 0.50 full sheet	25.50	25.00
709.5723	€1,80 + 0.50 single	2.30	2.25
710.5723	€1,80 + 0.50 full sheet	23.00	22.55

	2022 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE GREAT SPA TOWNS OF EUROPE		
	Date of issue: 9 September 2022 (sheets of 20 stamps)		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2023		
	STAMPS		
301.5709	60c single	0.55	0.55
308.5709	60c full sheet	10.96	1.75
301.5710	\$1.40 single	1.28	1.25
308.5710	\$1.40 full sheet	25.56	25.50
501.5711	CHF 1,10 single	1.12	1.10
508.5711	CHF 1,10 full sheet	22.44	22.00
501.5712	CHF 1,50 single	1.53	1.50
508.5712	CHF 1,50 full sheet	30.60	3.00
701.5713	€1,00 single	1.00	1.00
708.5713	€1,00 full sheet	20.00	19.60
701.5714	€1,80 single	1.80	1.75
708.5714	€1,80 full sheet	36.00	35.30
	PRESTIGE BOOKLETS		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2024		
317.5715	New York booklet	12.78	12.55
517.5716	Geneva booklet	11.22	11.00
717.5717	Vienna booklet	10.00	9.80

	UN CRYPTO STAMPS (SERIES 2)		
	Date of issue: 18 November 2022 (mini-sheet of 1 stamp)		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 18 NOVEMBER 2024		
	STAMPS		
310.5729	\$4.50	4.11	4.50
510.5730	CHF 3,80	3.88	3.80
710.5731	€3,65	3.65	3.60

	WORLD ART DAY	EUR	CHF
	Date of issue: 15 April 2023 (sheets of 12 stamps)		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 15 APRIL 2024		
	STAMPS		
301.5753	63c single	0.58	0.55
308.5753	63c full sheet	6.90	6.75
301.5754	\$1.45 single	1.32	1.30
308.5754	\$1.45 full sheet	15.89	15.55
501.5755	CHF 1,10 single	1.12	1.10
508.5755	CHF 1,10 full sheet	13.47	13.20
501.5756	CHF 2,30 single	2.35	2.30
508.5756	CHF 2,30 full sheet	28.16	27.60
701.5757	€1,00 single	1.00	1.00
708.5757	€1,00 full sheet	12.00	11.75
701.5758	€1,90 single	1.90	1.85
708.5758	€1,90 full sheet	22.80	22.35

	FIRST DAY COVERS		
	LAST DAY OF SALE: 15 OCTOBER 2023		
413.5753	63c and \$1.45 single	4.18	4.10
613.5755	CHF 1,10 and CHF 2,00 single	5.75	5.65
813.5757	€1,00 and €1,90 single	5.18	5.10
412.5753	63c and \$1.45 combo	3.04	3.00
612.5755	CHF 1,10 and CHF 2,00 combo	4.61	4.50
812.5757	€1,00 and €1,90 combo	4.04	3.95
414.5753	63c and \$1.45 M.I. block	9.88	9.70
614.5755	CHF 1,10 and CHF 2,00 M.I. block	16.16	15.85
814.5757	€1,00 and €1,90 M.I. block	13.88	13.60
417.5753	All values triple cancelled	10.11	9.90

	NEW YORK DEFINITIVES		
	(sheets of 20 stamps unless otherwise indicated)		
	Cancelled definitive stamps are available for 10 years only.		
341.5037	30c United Nations Flag (1991)*	0.27	0.25
341.5038	50c "The Golden Rule" (1991)*	0.46	0.45
341.5043	5c United Nations (1993)*	0.05	0.50
341.5047	20c United Nations Headquarters (1995)*	0.18	0.20
341.5050	8c Cherry Blossoms (1997)	0.07	0.50
341.5051	55c Peace Rose (1997)	0.50	0.50
341.5053	2c Birds in Flight (1998)	0.02	0.02
341.5054	21c Dance Forms and Emblem (1998)	0.19	0.20
341.5057	7c Sunflower (2001)	0.06	0.50
341.5058	34c Rose (2001)	0.31	0.30
341.5059	80c Children/Philately (2002)	0.73	0.70
341.5060	23c Peace (2003)	0.21	0.20
341.5061	37c United Nations Emblem (2003)	0.34	0.35
341.5062	70c Hologram (2003)	0.64	0.65
341.5063	93c Airmail Centenary (2003)**	0.85	0.85
341.5064	60c In Memoriam (2003)	0.55	0.55
341.5065	37c Disarmament (2004)	0.34	0.35
341.5066	25c Flags in Heart with Hands (2006)	0.23	0.20
341.5067	90c United Nations Peacekeeping Helmet (2007)	0.82	0.80
341.5069	9c Rosa de sangre (2009)	0.08	0.10
341.5070	10c Espíritu de mujer (2009)	0.09	0.10
341.5071	\$1.00 International Day of Non-Violence (2009)	0.91	0.90
341.5072	3c People portraits (2010)	0.03	0.50
341.5073	4c Skyline portraits (2010)	0.04	0.50
341.5074	15c International Year of Biodiversity (2010)	0.14	0.15
341.5075	\$1.50 International Year of Biodiversity (2010)	1.37	1.35
341.5076	11c United Nations New York Headquarters (2011)	0.10	0.10
341.5077	\$5.00 United Nations New York Headquarters (2011)	4.57	4.50
341.5078	\$1.10 Community (2013)	1.00	1.00

PHILATELIC PRODUCTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

341.5079	\$3.00 People of the United Nations (2013)	2.74	2.70
341.5080	33c Poseidon (2014)	0.30	0.30
341.5081	\$2.00 Single Form (2014)	1.83	1.80
341.5082	35c United Nations Community (2015)	0.32	0.30
341.5083	40c Climate Change (2015)	0.37	0.35
341.5084	\$2.50 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (2018)	2.28	2.25
341.5085	1c Knotted Gun (2018)*	0.01	0.01
341.5086	65c What Are You Doing For Peace (2018)	0.59	0.60
341.5087	85c Stop Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (2019)	0.78	0.75
341.5088	\$1.30 Kofi Annan (2019)	1.19	1.15
341.5089	\$2.75 Mahatma Gandhi (2019)	2.51	2.45
341.5090	\$1.80 Mother Teresa (2021)	1.64	1.60

* Sheets of 50 stamps

** Sheets of 16 stamps

GENEVA DEFINITIVES

(sheets of 20 stamps unless otherwise indicated)
Cancelled definitive stamps are available for 10 years only.

541.6024	CHF 5,00 Palais des Nations (1990)*	5.10	5.00
541.6028	CHF 0,60 Palais des Nations (1994)*	0.61	0.60
541.6029	CHF 0,80 "Creation of the World" Tapestry (1994)*	0.82	0.80
541.6030	CHF 1,80 Palais des Nations (1994)*	1.84	1.80
541.6031	CHF 0,40 Galloping Horse (1996)*	0.41	0.40
541.6032	CHF 0,70 Palais des Nations (1996)*	0.71	0.70
541.6034	CHF 1,10 Fresco (1997)	1.12	1.10
541.6036	CHF 1,70 House for Human Rights (1999)	1.73	1.70
541.6038	CHF 3,00 Switzerland – New Member (2002)	0.92	0.90
541.6039	CHF 0,90 Inter-Parliamentary Union (2003)	3.06	3.00
541.6040	CHF 0,85 In Memoriam (2003)	0.87	0.85
541.6041	CHF 1,30 Armillary Sphere, Geneva (2006)	1.33	1.30
541.6042	CHF 1,60 International Year of Biodiversity (2010)	1.63	1.60
541.6043	CHF 1,90 International Year of Biodiversity (2010)	1.94	1.90
541.6044	CHF 0,10 United Nations Geneva Headquarters (2011)	0.10	0.10
541.6045	CHF 0,50 United Nations Geneva Headquarters (2011)	0.51	0.50
541.6046	CHF 1,00 Ecology (2013)	1.02	1.00
541.6047	CHF 1,40 Peace (2013)	1.43	1.40
541.6048	CHF 2,20 Palais des Nations (2014)	2.24	2.20
541.6049	CHF 2,60 White Peacock (2014)	2.65	2.60
541.6050	CHF 2,00 Nelson Mandela Day (2018)	2.04	2.00
541.6051	CHF 1,50 Gender Equality (2019)	1.53	1.50
541.6052	CHF 1,70 40th Anniv. Eradication of Smallpox	1.73	1.70

* Sheets of 50 stamps

VIENNA DEFINITIVES

EUR **CHF**

(sheets of 20 stamps unless otherwise indicated)

Cancelled definitive stamps are available for 10 years only.

741.7027	€0,07 Semmering-Bahn (2002)	0.07	0.50
741.7028	€0,51 Pferdeschwemme, Salzburg (2002)	0.51	0.50
741.7029	€0,58 Ruine Aggstein an der Donau (2002)	0.58	0.55
741.7030	€0,73 Hallstatt (2002)	0.73	0.70
741.7031	€0,87 Stift Melk an der Donau (2002)	0.87	0.85
741.7032	€2,03 Kapitelschwemme, Salzburg (2002)	2.03	2.00
741.7033	€0,25 Kunsthistorisches Museum (2003)	0.25	0.25
741.7034	€1,00 Belvedere Palace (2003)	1.00	1.00
741.7035	€0,04 Schloss Eggenberg (2003)	0.04	0.50
741.7036	€2,10 In Memoriam (2003)	2.10	2.50
741.7037	€0,55 Schloss Schönbrunn (2004)	0.55	0.55
741.7038	€0,75 Vienna Hologram (2005)	0.75	0.75
741.7039	€0,10 Johann Strauss Memorial (2008)	0.10	0.10
741.7040	€0,15 Pallas Athene Fountain (2008)	0.15	0.15
741.7041	€0,65 Pegasus Fountain (2008)	0.65	0.65
741.7042	€1,40 Statue – Garden of Belvedere (2008)	1.40	1.35
741.7043	€0,05 International Year of Biodiversity (2010)	0.05	0.50
741.7044	€0,20 International Year of Biodiversity (2010)	0.20	0.20
741.7045	€1,25 United Nations Vienna Headquarters (2011)	1.25	1.25
741.7046	€2,85 United Nations Vienna Headquarters (2011)	2.85	2.80
741.7047	€0,62 Working Together (2013)	0.62	0.60
741.7048	€2,20 Love (2013)	2.20	2.15
741.7049	€0,70 United Nations Vienna aerial view (2014)	0.70	0.70
741.7050	€1,70 United Nations Vienna complex (2014)	1.70	1.65
741.7051	€0,68 Peace (2015)	0.68	0.65
741.7052	€0,80 Human Rights (2015)	0.80	0.80
741.7053	€0,90 Knotted Gun (2018)	0.90	0.90
741.7054	€2,30 Knotted Gun (2018)	2.30	2.25
741.7055	€1,80 Migration (2019)	1.80	1.75
741.7056	€1,35 Florence Nightingale (2020)	1.35	1.30
741.7057	€0,85 Wangari Maathai (2022)	0.85	0.85

UNPA-EUROPE BANK ACCOUNTS

Dear customers,

Please disregard the account numbers printed on our invoice forms as some are no longer valid.

For customers residing in Switzerland and/or making payments to UNPA in **Swiss Francs (CHF)**, please use the following bank account:

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank	UBS
Currency	CHF
Account number	240-C0590165.0
IBAN	CH03 0024 0240 C059 0165 0
BIC	UBSWCHZH80A

For customers residing in other European countries, please make payments to UNPA in **Euro (EUR)** to the following bank account:

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank	Bank Austria
Currency	Euro
Account number	00690003603
IBAN	AT57 1200 0006 9000 3603
BIC	BKAUATWW

For customers who do not reside in the United States but wish to pay in **US dollars**, please note that credit card payment is preferred. If you wish to make US dollars (US\$) payments to UNPA through direct deposit, the payments need to be made to the following UNPA bank account in the United States:

ACCOUNT DETAILS	
Bank	Chase Bank
Currency	US\$
Account number	485000369 (US dollar checking account)
ABA routing number	021000021
Swift Code	CHASUS33XXX

The appropriate IBAN/ABA and BIC/SWIFT codes have to be clearly indicated. In addition, please include your customer and invoice numbers to facilitate easy reconciliation of your payments.

If you pay by cheque, please add the amount of EUR 5.00 for bank charges to the amount of your invoice.

Please note that credit card payments by VISA and MASTERCARD are gladly accepted. We would just need your credit card number and expiry date.

If you have questions or need further information, please call us at +43-1-26060-4032 or 4025 or 4022 or send an email to UNPA-Europe@un.org.

We thank you for your understanding and count on your continued support.

€1,00 STAMP AND €1,90 SOUVENIR SHEET - GUQIN AND ITS MUSIC

The Chinese zither, called guqin, has existed for over 3,000 years and represents China's foremost solo musical instrument tradition. The guqin was one of the four arts – along with calligraphy, painting, and an ancient form of chess (Xiangqi) – that Chinese scholars were expected to master. According to tradition, 20 years of training was required to attain proficiency.

The guqin has seven strings and 13 marked pitch positions. By attaching the strings in 10 different ways, players can obtain a range of four octaves. The three basic playing techniques are known as san (open string), an (stopped string) and fan (harmonics).

Nowadays, there are fewer than one thousand well-trained guqin players and perhaps no more than 50 surviving masters. The original repertory of several thousand compositions has drastically dwindled to a mere hundred works that are regularly performed today.

Guqin practice was inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2008.

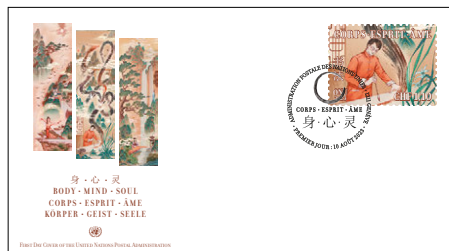


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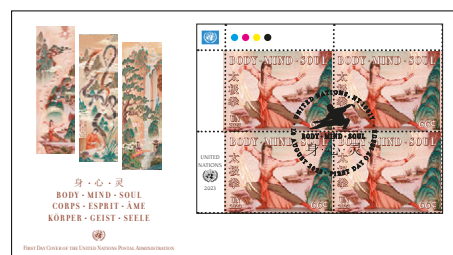
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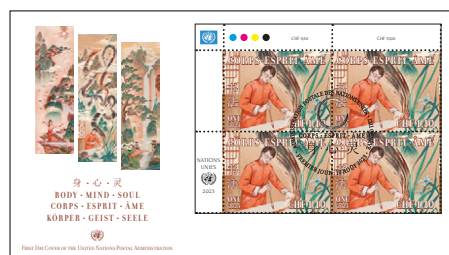
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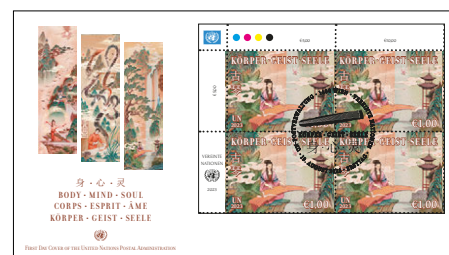
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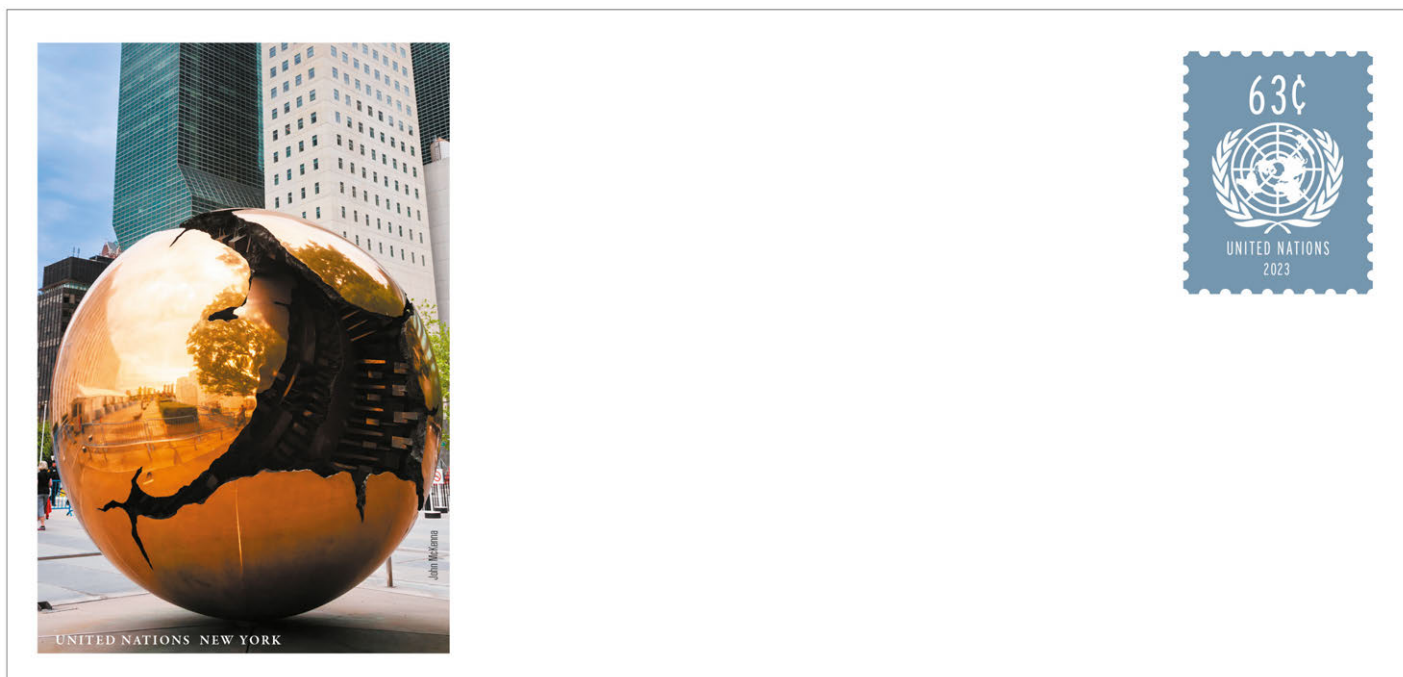


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Date of issue:	10 August 2023
Artist:	Yun Zhang (P.R. China)
Designer:	Rorie Katz
Stamp denominations:	US\$ 0.66, CHF 1,10, €1,00
Stamp size:	40 mm x 30 mm
Sheet size:	180 mm x 170 mm
Stamps per sheet:	20
Souvenir sheet denominations:	US\$ 1,50, CHF 2,30, €1,90
Souvenir sheet size:	40 mm x 140 mm with a 30 mm x 40 mm stamp
Printer:	Royal Joh Enschedé (The Netherlands)
Process:	Offset lithography
Perforation:	14 x 13 1/4

Quantities:		
Stamps:	US\$ 0.66	12,000 sheets
	CHF 1,10	12,000 sheets
	€1,00	12,000 sheets
Souvenir sheets:	US\$ 1.50	37,000
	CHF 2,30	27,000
	€1,90	29,000
The Designs	US\$ 0.66 stamp and US\$ 1.50 souvenir sheet	Taijiquan
	CHF 1,10 stamp and CHF 2,30 souvenir sheet	Chinese Calligraphy
	€1,00 stamp and €1,90 souvenir sheet	Guqin and its music

NEW YORK POSTAL STATIONERY

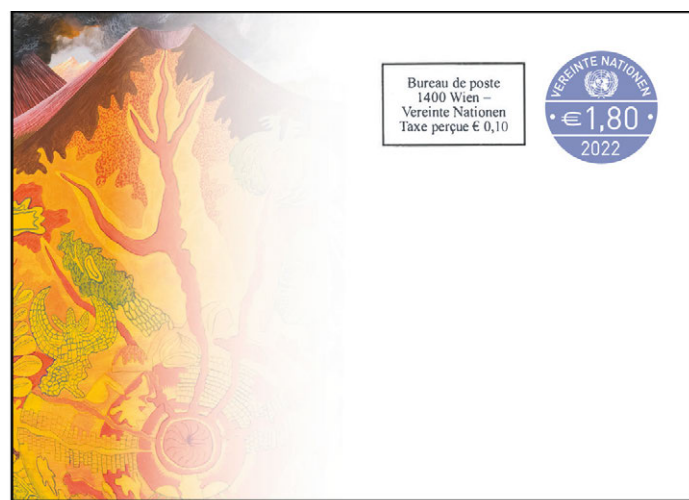


Item No. 321.5762

REVALUED VIENNA POSTAL STATIONERY



Item No. 721.5763



Item No. 721.5764

On 5 May 2023, UNPA issues new and revalued postal stationery as follows:

63c pre-stamped envelope large

€1,20 revalued pre-stamped envelope (2022 €0,85 + €0,35)

€1,90 revalued pre-stamped envelope (2022 €1,80 + €0,10)

The new 63c envelope represents Sphere Within Sphere sculpture by Arnaldo Pomodoro at United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

Credit: John McKenna / Alamy Stock Photo

A quantity of 16,500 were printed.

The postal stationery, in both mint and cancelled condition, may be obtained by using the order form 2/2023. Customers with standing orders for New York and/or Vienna mint and cancelled postal stationery (Art. 21) will automatically receive these items.

INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY

GENEVA SPECIAL EVENT SHEET



Item No. 594.5765

UNPA issues a sheet of 10 stamps in the denomination of CHF 1,10 on 21 May 2023 to celebrate International Tea Day. The stamps feature tea, tea pots and tea ceremonies from various countries around the world. The tabs of the stamps feature the United Nations logo.

International Tea Day is observed annually on 21 May, to raise awareness of the long history and the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world. The goal of the day, which was adopted by the General Assembly in 2019, is to encourage collective actions to implement activities in favour of the sustainable production and consumption of tea and raise awareness of its importance in fighting hunger and poverty.

Tea is the world's most consumed drink, after water. It has been with us for a long time. There is evidence that tea was consumed in China 5,000 years ago. Tea consumption can bring health benefits and wellness due to the beverage's anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and weight-loss effects. It also has cultural and economic significance in many societies.

Tea production and processing relates to the Sustainable Development Goals as it contributes to the reduction of extreme poverty (Goal 1); the fight against hunger (Goal 2); the empowerment of women (Goal 5); and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems (Goal 15).

The stamp sheet may be personalized with a photograph in place of the UN emblem. Customers can either visit the UNPA stamp shops in New York, Geneva or Vienna or upload their photos to the UNPA website: unstamps.org/en

Customers with standing order requirements for special event sheets Geneva (Art. 94) will automatically receive this item. All other customers can purchase this special event sheet (Code 5765) in either mint or cancelled condition by using the order form 2/2023.

Specifications:

Stamp size: 40.6 mm x 29.8 mm
Tab size: 26.6 mm x 29.8 mm

Sheet size:

Quantity: 2794 mm x 215.9 mm
Printer: 43,600 sheets
Cartor Security Printing (France)

UNPA PERSONALIZED/CUSTOMIZED STAMP PROGRAMME

The UN Postal Administration has revived and updated its personalized/customized stamp programme for 2023. A new stamp sheet format has been added, where the ten stamp designs and denominations are fixed but all the rest of the non-stamp area can be customized. This will give the United Nations agencies and member states the opportunity to celebrate anniversaries and achievements using the same United Nations stamps. The sheets consist of five stamps in US\$ and Swiss francs each.

This new custom stamp sheet format and UN stamps have been used for the celebration of the World Health Organization 75th Anniversary and for the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) 60th Anniversary, which were both issued in April 2023. The same stamp sheet format will be used in November 2023, for the sheet on the occasion of the UN Climate Change Conference.



Item No. 395.5776

ISSUE DATE: 7 APRIL 2023

The issuance of a commemorative stamp will raise awareness of the WHO's mandate and its achievements, both nationally and internationally. In addition, the stamp will serve as a collectible item for philatelists and supporters of global health. The stamp is a visual lasting tribute to the WHO and its commitment to global health over the last 75 years as well as addressing the global health challenges ahead.



Item No. 395.5777

ISSUE DATE: 15 APRIL 2023

Established on December 11th, 1963, by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has become a dedicated training arm of the United Nations system that curates and executes training and capacity development activities to assist the United Nations Member States. Most importantly, it pays special attention and makes extra efforts in providing accessible training and educational resources for Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other groups and communities who are vulnerable, in conflict-driven situations or exposed to natural disasters. Today, UNITAR continues to work closely with the UN system and other international partners to deliver training and capacity building programs that support the implementation of the SDGs and promote global peace and security.

For more information about these custom stamp sheets and the UN entities featured on them please refer to the UNPA website.

Customers with standing order requirements for New York special event sheets (Art. 95) will automatically receive these items. All other customers can purchase these special event sheets (Codes 5776 and 5777) in either mint or cancelled condition via order form 2/2023.

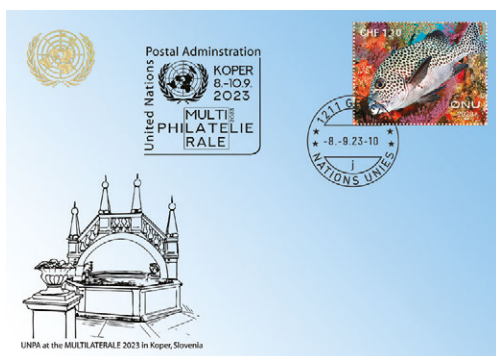
UNPA EUROPE'S ATTENDANCE AT STAMP SHOWS

THE UN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION AT THE MULTILATERALE IN KOPER, SLOVENIA!

From 8 to 10 September 2023, the **MULTILATERALE 2023**, a competitive stamp show in rank 1 will take place in Osnovna šola Koper (Scuola Elementare Capodistria) Cesta Zore Perello – Godina 1, 6000 Koper, Slovenia.

Opening hours are: Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free!

The UNPA's participation is composed of a sales and information stand, a blue show card, and a souvenir cachet. The show cachet features the UN emblem as well as the logo of the Multilaterale 2023. The imprint on the blue card shows the Da Ponte Fountain in Koper. Both designs are by Austrian artist Prof. Hannes Margreiter.



Please note that the exhibition cards for **MULTILATERALE** and **SBERATEL 2023** may only be obtained with the order form enclosed in our next philatelic journal **Fascination No. 3/2023**.

UNPA AT SBERATEL 2023 IN PRAGUE

The SBERATEL (COLLECTOR) 2023 takes place **from 8 to 9 September** on the Fairgrounds PVA EXPO PRAGUE – Letňany, in the northern part of Prague, in the Czech Republic. Opening hours are **Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The United Nations Postal Administration will be represented with its own sales and information stand and will offer a white card and a souvenir cachet. The white card imprint shows a view of Prague including the river Moldau and its many bridges. The shell shaped show cachet features the UN emblem as well as the logo of the Sberatel show. Both designs are by Austrian artist Prof. Adolf Tuma.

During the SBERATEL 2023, there will be a **"United Nations Day"** on the last day of the salon, **Saturday, 9 September 2023**, with a special cancellation of the Czech Post. On this day, visitors will have the opportunity to obtain a cachet of the exhibition cancellation at the UNPA sales stand, exclusively on items already bearing the special cancellation of the Czech Post.



Please send your envelopes for cancellation to:

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Closing Days:

31 August, 29 September, 31 October, 30
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Closing Days:

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