



## Jewel Beetles of Fiji

On March 14, 2000, Fiji issued a set of four stamps on the theme "The Buprestid Jewel Beetles of Fiji". Over eighty per cent of all known living animal species are insects. Of the class insects the ORDER COLEOPTERA (Beetles) represents some 350,000 to 400,000 known species and it is believed there are still millions of yet unknown species. Of this immense beetle population there are some 20,000 species of the family Buprestidae. These are popularly referred to as "JEWEL" beetles as so many of them display brilliant metallic of iridescent colours. The beetles depicted on these four stamps are : PARACUPTA SULCATA(15c), AGRILUS SP.(87c), CYPHOGASTRA ABDOMINALIS (\$1.06), PARACUPTA SP.(\$2.00).



## News from Denmark

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II turns 60 this year. To celebrate Her Majesty's birthday, Post Denmark issued two new special stamps and eight new definitive stamps featuring a brand new portrait of the Queen. The stamps were released on April 12, 2000. In this connection, they also released a minisheet containing the two new special stamps.

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## PHILATELIC TERM

**Cancellation** : Cancellation or date stamp to indicate that it has gone through the post. The cancellation is designed to prevent a stamp's re-use.



When commemorative stamps are released, a corresponding cancellation is generally designed. It indicates the date of the first day of issue usually echoes the theme of the stamps.

## NEWS FROM PITCAIRN

On January 14, 2000 Pitcairn Island Philatelic Bureau issued a horizontal se-tenant strip of four stamps on "Galapagos Tortoise-Mr Turpen". The stamp shows the survey on the Galapagos Tortoise. The stamp denominations are: 5c, 20c, 35c and \$5.

## CING DYNASTY JEWELRY

To promote appreciation of ancient Chinese art and philately, Taiwan issued a set of four stamps based on Cing Dynasty Jewelry on 17.1.2007. The designs of the stamps are : Gold Earrings, Gilt Silver Hairpin, Tortoiseshell Fingernail Guards and Gold Ring inlaid with pearls and jewels (pic). This ring has a flower design. A large pearl is at the center of the flower, and pink tourmaline, jade, rubies and sapphires serve as the petals.



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- 15-9-06 = HM The King's Guard 150th anniversary
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- 17-11-06 = Christmas stamps

