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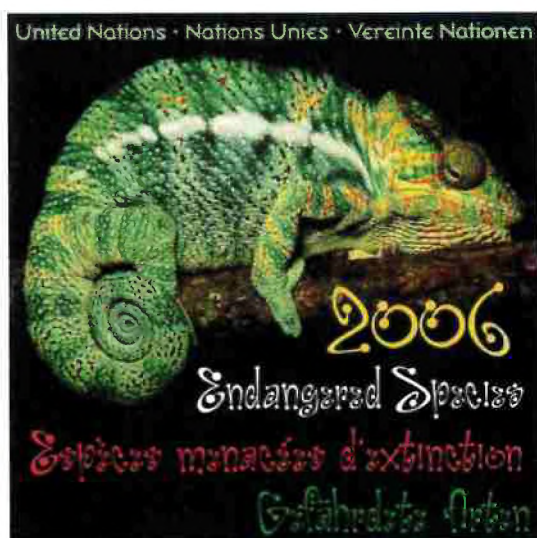
Subject: First Day of Issue – 16 March 2006
“Endangered Species”

1. On 16 March 2006, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 12 stamps depicting endangered species of fauna. It will be the fourteenth set of stamps in the UNPA multiyear series “Endangered species”. The series was launched on 3 March 1993 to highlight the need to protect endangered species throughout the world.
2. UNPA will issue three sheets of 16 stamps, one sheet in each of the three currencies. Four different endangered species will be illustrated on each sheet; 12 species will thus be covered.
3. The US\$ 0.39 stamps depict the following endangered species :
Mantella aurantiaca (Golden Mantella)
Dendrobates tinctorius (Dyeing Poison Frog)
Furcifer pardalis (Panther Chameleon)
Epicrates cenchria gaigei (Peruvian Rainbow Boa)



4. The CHF 1.00 stamps depict the following endangered species :
Dyscophus antongillii (Tomato Frog)
Phyllobates vittatus (Golfodulcean Poison Frog)
Chamaeleo dilepis (Flap-necked Chameleon)
Corallus caninus (Emerald Tree Boa)

5. The € 0.55 stamps depict the following endangered species :
Dendrobates pumilio (Red-and-blue Poison Frog)
Dendrobates leucomelas (Yellow-banded Poison Frog)
Furcifer lateralis (Carpet Chameleon)
Corallus hortulanus (Amazon Tree Boa)



6. The 2006 issue of the "Endangered Species" series will also be available in a specially designed souvenir folder. The album devotes separate pages to each of the 12 endangered species. Descriptive information is provided in English, French and German, and each stamp is beautifully highlighted by a colourful array of photographs relating to the species. It should be noted that the Endangered Species stamps WILL NOT be included in the Annual Collection albums to be issued later in 2006.

7. Permanent mission personnel and staff members wishing to procure these stamps, first day covers and souvenir folders can obtain them from 9 a.m. to

noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 16 March 2006 at the UNPA sales counter at door 6 of the Palais des Nations.

8. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can inform thousands of unseen people of the goals and activities of the United Nations.

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