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Fig. 1: THE CARIBBEAN SINGLE MARKET AND ECONOMY FDC

The second issue released for this year was the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME) on the 3rd July. The issue consisted of five stamps: \$ 1 - Oil drilling equipment and beach scene; \$ 2.50 - Lighthouse and cheque; \$ 3.75 - Cell (mobile) telephone and diver; \$ 4.50 - Athlete hands on track and beach scene; \$ 5.25 - Computer keyboard and globe. A souvenir sheet was produced with a single \$ 15 stamp in it illustrating Seashells, Reef fish, Sand dollar and Coconut trees.



Fig. 2: FOOTBALL - FIRST APPEARANCE AT FIFA WORLD CUP FDC

The issue was printed by Thomas Greg & Sons de Colombia S.A. The artwork and graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The FDC's were sold at \$ 19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$ 15.00 each.

The CSME has two main components - The Single Market which was implemented on the 1st January 2006 and the Single Economy which is expected by 2008. The purpose of the CSME is to provide for member states of the Caribbean Community a single economic space that allows for the free movement of goods, services, capital and skilled professionals.

The third issue released for 2006 was the Football issue - First Appearance at FIFA World Cup on the 26th June. The issue consisted of four stamps all illustrating various photographs of the team during matches. The denominations of the stamps were: \$ 1, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.75 and \$ 4.50 . No souvenir sheet was produced for this issue.

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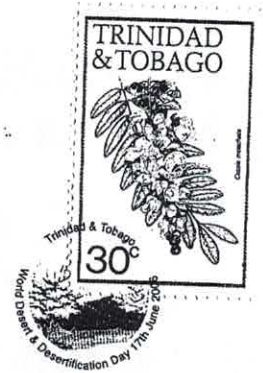


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International Year of Desert & Desertification 2006
Commemorative Cover



UNITED NATIONS
Convention to Combat Desertification

FIG.3: INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DESERT & DESERTIFICATION COMMEMORATIVE COVER
WITH PICTORIAL DATESTAMP 17th JUNE 2006

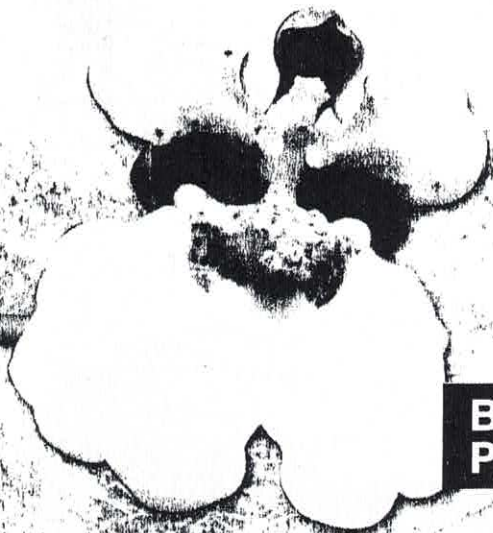
TTPost decided to market this issue in a different way by producing an Official Collector's Pack (OCP). It consisted of a folder (266m X 283mm) which contained one set of mint stamps and one FDC mounted on the inside right. On the inside left of the folder was a descriptive text normally found on the brochure. The Collector's Pack was sold at \$ 50.00 each. The FDC's were only available in the OCP and were not sold separately. In addition, the \$ 2.50 stamp was available only in the OCP, it was not sold separately at the retail outlets. The other three denominations were sold separately.

As one can imagine the \$ 2.50 stamp of this issue poses quite a problem for members who collect in pairs, blocks or single / multiple stamps with the selvage. There are plate numbers and other text on the margins of the sheet which our members do collect. Some members collect only stamps and not FDC's. For these members who have standing orders with the Hon. Secretary, Robert Franco, and are affected, please confirm your requirements with him. The PSTT was not aware of this marketing plan until a few days before the issue was released.

The fourth item was a commemorative cover to mark International Year of Desert and Desertification 2006. T&T acceded to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification on the 6th August 2000. Desertification is the degradation of land in arid, semi-arid and dry

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FIG.4: \$2 ORCHID AEROGRAMME

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FIG.5: \$2 ORCHID AEROGRAMME



FIG. 6: T&T's ORCHID SOCIETY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR SHEET

sub-humid areas. It is caused primarily by human activities and climatic variations. The cachet bears the logos of TTPost, Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment, United Nations and International Year of Deserts and Desertification 2006. The covers bear the 30c stamp of the 1983 Flower Definitive. The covers were sold at \$ 7.00 each and a brochure was included.

The fifth issue released was the Orchid Society's 50th Anniversary. The issue consisted of a souvenir sheet containing a single \$ 15.00 stamp featuring *Otostylis Brachystalix* (Aripo orchid). Also illustrated on the souvenir sheet are three other orchids: *Paphinia Cristata* (center), *Caularthron Bicornutum* (Virgin Orchid - lower right) and *Dimerendra Stenopetalum* (lower left). A brochure was produced for this issue. The brochure states the first day of issue as the 18th August. The earliest known date the souvenir sheets were placed on sale at the retail outlets was the 1st September.

The issue was printed by Thomas Greg and Sons de Colombia S.A. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The souvenir sheets were sold at \$ 15.00 each. No FDC's were produced for this issue.

The sixth issue consisted of two new aerogrammes released simultaneously with the Orchid Society's souvenir sheet. The two aerogrammes illustrated orchids (see fig. 4 & 5) but did not make any reference to the Orchid Society. The earliest known date they were placed on sale was the 1st September. The \$2 aerogrammes were sold in packets of ten (five of each type) at \$ 19.00 per packet.



FIG.7: CARIFESTA IX PHILATELIC EXHIBITION COMMEMORATIVE COVER

The aerogrammes were printed by Media Sales Limited of Maraval. A quantity of 15,000 each were produced. The aerogrammes may not be reprinted after this production run is sold out as new designs are being planned.

The seventh item was a commemorative cover to mark CARIFESTA IX. The cultural show was hosted by T&T at various venues throughout T&T from 22nd September to 1st October. The PSTT was invited to participate and held a small exhibition at the main venue, Jean Pierre Sports Complex / Hasely Crawford Stadium. The commemorative cover was designed by Albert Sydney and produced for the Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs CARIFESTA IX Management Committee. The cover was given out gratis to the public from the PSTT booth.

The CARIFESTA IX cover has two paintings as the cachet - Mayaro Beach Scene, Trinidad (1975) by Ou (Edwin) Hing Wan and Kartik - Hindu Religious Festival 1996 by Dr. Isaiah James Boodhoo. Also on the front is a \$ 1 stamp of the herbal medicine definitive and reproductions of the Lady McLeod and 10 shilling seated Britannia.

We have sufficient covers to distribute to all of our members. Please contact Robert Franco or collect it at our monthly meetings. There is no charge for the covers.