



HERPETOLOGY

Temporary Editor

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[Ed. Note: I am still looking for someone to take over as Associate Editor for this column. This listing is longer than usual because it compensates for the omission in the past two editions and it also includes a large quantity of entries that have not yet received catalog listing. It is doubtful that Scott will ever list some of these entries because they may have been produced without official sanction by the postal authorities of the country they purport to be from. Nonetheless you can find them in the marketplace, so caveat emptor.]

[Ed. Note: Occasionally in this section and also in the Fungi section, we will note a species that is known to be poisonous by marking it with a (☠) symbol. One should not infer that other species that are not so marked are non-poisonous or safe to handle/eat.]

Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
ASCENSION 2015 October 22 (Bicentennial of British Settlement) (Set/4)				
1146	50p	Green Sea Turtle, <i>Chelonia mydas</i> (coat of arms)	Cheloniidae	S C
1147	56p	Green Sea Turtle, <i>Chelonia mydas</i> (coat of arms)	Cheloniidae	S C
BELARUS 2015 October 16 (Frogs) (Set/4 & SS/4)				
961	(3600r)	European Tree Frog, <i>Hyla arborea</i>	Hylidae	A*
962	(7800r)	European Common Frog, <i>Rana temporaria</i>	Ranidae	A*
963	(9600r)	Pool Frog, <i>Rana lessonae</i>	Ranidae	A*
964	(10500r)	European Fire-bellied Toad, <i>Bombina bombina</i>	Bombinatoridae	A*
964a		SS/4 (Sc#961–64)		
BELGIUM 2015 September 7 (Hot Air Balloons) (MS/5)				
2778	Margin	LL: Stylized turtle-shaped balloon		S C
BHUTAN 2015 February 19 (Year of the Sheep 2015) (MS/12)				
1509f	10nu	Stylized snake		S A
COLOMBIA 2015 July 14 (Endangered Fauna) (Set/7) (s/a)				
1417	200p	<i>Allobates juanii</i>	Aromobatidae	A*
1420	2000p	Orinoco Crocodile, <i>Crocodylus intermedius</i>	Crocodylidae	A*
1422	10000p	Golden Poison Frog, <i>Phyllobates terribilis</i> ☠	Dendrobatidae	A*
1423	20000p	Dahl's Toad-headed Turtle, <i>Batrachemys dahli</i>	Chelidae	A*
FRANCE 2015 May 2 (Europa)				
4803	95c	Stylized toy frog		S C
2015 July 31 (Animal Eyes) (Bklt/12) (s/a)				
4843	(76c)	Red-eyed Tree Frog, <i>Agalychnis callidryas</i> (eye close-up)	Hylidae	A
4846	(76c)	Agama Lizard, <i>Agama agama</i> (eye close-up)	Agamidae	A
4848	(76c)	Fiji Banded Iguana, <i>Brachylophus fasciatus</i> (eye close-up)	Iguanidae	A
4849	(76c)	Giant Wall Gecko, <i>Tarentola gigas</i> (eye close-up)	Phyllodactylidae	A
4852a		Bklt/12 (Sc#4841–52)		
HONDURAS 2015 April 10 (Environmental Protection) (Set/8)				
C1342	10L	Olive Ridley Sea Turtle, <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i> (Cap: <i>Jepidochelys olivacea</i>)	Cheloniidae	A*

IVORY COAST		2013 August 12 (Environment)	
1192	700fr	U/I Sea Turtle (with waterfall)	U B
MONACO		2015 July 1 (Monaco Oceanographic Museum 50 millionth visitor)	
2807	76c	U/I Sea Turtle	U C
NEW CALEDONIA		2015 June 5 (Children's Art) (Single & Horiz pair)	
1194	75fr	Stylized snake ("Wildlife," by Eliot-Louis Hatterer)	S C
1195b	75fr	Stylized snake ("Flower and Snake," by Thomas Bodeouarou)	S B
POLAND		2015 September 23 (Quotations from Polish Literature) (Set/2)	
4189	2.35z	Stylized crocodile balloon (quotation from "Revenge," by Aleksander Fredro)	S B

ISRAEL SEA TURTLES

On 9 February 2016, Israel Post issued a miniature sheet of eight 2.30s stamps with four different designs featuring sea turtle species found in native waters. In fact, each of these species has a worldwide distribution.



Each of the depicted genera is monotypic, meaning the example is the only species in its genus, and all are endangered or threatened due to fishing, pollution, and loss of nesting areas.

The Hawksbill Sea Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) is the smallest of the marine turtles. The heaviest ever captured weighed 280 pounds (127 kg). It is considered the most beautiful due to the brown, black, and yellow scutes tiled on its shell, which were the primary source of tortoiseshell material. It is distinguished by its sharp, curving beak.

The Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) is named for the color of its fat rather than the color of its skin or shell. It is the only herbivorous species of this group. The largest known individual weighed in at 871 pounds (393 kg).

The Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) is the world's largest hard-shelled turtle and can weigh up to 1200 pounds (545 kg). It is the most prevalent marine turtle in the Mediterranean and nests along Israeli beaches there.

The Leatherback Sea Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) is the largest of all living turtles and the fourth largest modern reptile behind three crocodylians. It can weigh up to 2050 pounds (930 kg). It lacks a bony shell and instead its carapace is covered by skin and oily flesh. It is related to the most primitive true sea turtles.

The sheet was printed in four colors by the Dutch firm of Joh. Enschedé using the offset process.