

## Sea Life Ten new stamps capture the wealth



### Technical details

**Designer** Andrew Ross

**Printer** Cartor Security Print

**Process** Litho

**Stamp size** 35mm square

**Sheets** PO branches will hold sheets of 30. Sheets of 60, with gutter margin, available from Tallents House and from selected PO philatelic outlets

**Perforation** 14.5

**Phosphor** Two bands

**Gum** PVA

**Gutter strips** Horizontal

THE FIRST of two special issues in February will feature Sea Life. The set to be issued on 1 February (brought forward from the originally announced April date) comprises 10 1st class stamps printed as a se-tenant block. The stamps depict: Moon Jellyfish, Common Starfish, Sea Anemone, Bass, Thornback Ray, Octopus, Mussels, Grey Seal, Shore Crab, and Common Sun Star. The name of each subject and the year '2007' are positioned on the left side of each stamp.

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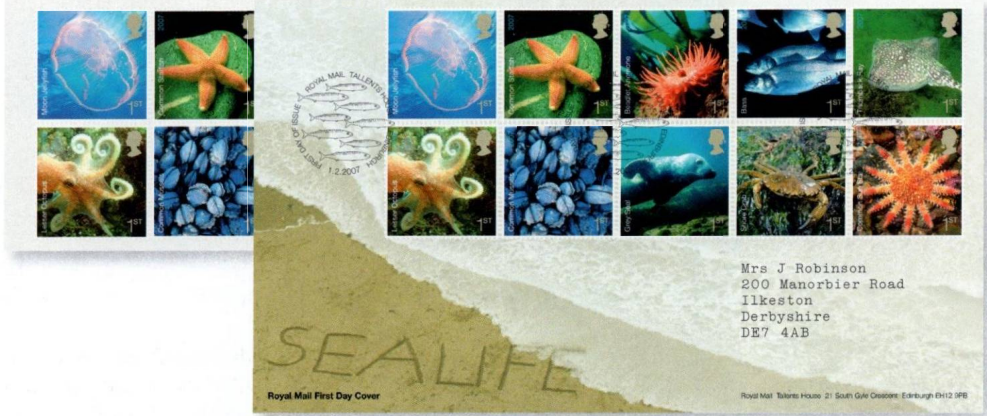
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**PHILATELIC PRODUCTS** A well-illustrated pack was written by Jack Sewell and Steve Hawkins of the Marine Life Information Network and designed by Andrew Ross. Amongst the creatures featured are Limpets, Basking Shark, Lion's Mane Jellyfish, and Gannets.

# of species to be found living in British waters



Sea Life prices	
Set of stamps	£3.20
Presentation pack	£3.70
FDC envelope	£0.30
Serviced first day cover (UK customers)	£4.24
Serviced first day cover (overseas customers)	£3.61
Stamp cards set (set)	£3.00



**SEA LIFE ON STAMPS** This is the first issue devoted to this topic, but earlier issues are relevant to this theme. The 1988 Linnean Society 18p features a Short-spined Sea scorpion ('Bull-rout'), and a starfish is shown on a 1992 greetings stamp. Marine Life featured on 50p and £1 stamp book covers in 1988-89: Parasitic Anemone on Common Whelk shell and Umbrella Jellyfish; Common Hermit Crab, Bladder Wrack and Laver Spire Shell; and Edible Sea Urchin, Common Starfish and Common Shore Crab ●