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ENDANGERED SPECIES and DEFINITIVE SERIES VIENNA

1. On 29 January 2004, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 12 stamps depicting endangered species of fauna. These will be the twelfth set of stamps in UNPA's multi-year series Endangered Species, which was launched on 3 March 1993 to highlight the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world.
2. UNPA will issue three mini-sheets of 16 stamps, one sheet in each of the three currencies. Four different endangered species will be illustrated on each sheet; hence, 12 species will be covered.
3. The sheets depict the endangered species in the following order :

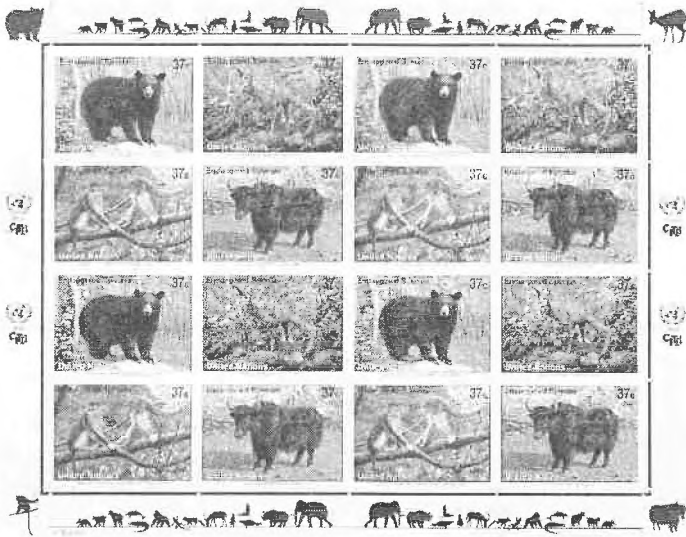
Asiatic Black Bear - Asiatic black bears are distributed through much of South-eastern Asia. Their range is now greatly reduced and fragmented.

Northern Andean Deer - Northern Andean deer are confined to mountains of the northern Andes.

Lion-tailed Macaque - The lion-tailed macaque lives in the evergreen broadleaf forest in the hilly country of the Western Ghats in India.

Gaur - The gaur can still be found in India, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, China (Yunnan only), Lao, Cambodia, Viet Nam and the peninsula of Malaysia.





American Black Bear - The American black bear occurs all over North America, virtually all of Canada, and most of the United States of America into central Mexico.

Musk Deer - Musk deer occur throughout the forested, mountainous parts of Asia and parts of eastern Russia.

Golden Snub-nosed Monkey - The golden snub-nosed monkey occurs in the high mountains of western China, where it lives in mixed conifer and deciduous forests.

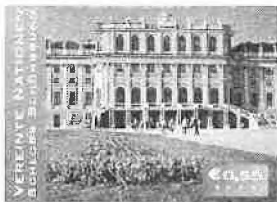
Wild Yak - The wild yak lives in the treeless and shrubless desert plains of northern Tibet.

Sloth Bear Sloth bears can be found in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

Eld's Deer - The Eld's deer is found in Myanmar, Thailand and Cambodia.

Cherry-crowned Mangabey - The cherry-crowned mangabey can be found in swamp or mangrove forests or in dry forests close to water, from Nigeria to Angola.

Wild Water Buffalo - In prehistoric times, the wild water buffalo had a distribution ranging from China to North Africa. Today there are only small herds left in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Borneo and Mindanao.



4. On 29 January 2004, UNPA will issue a new Vienna definitive stamp in the denomination of € 0,55 to meet current and make-up postage rates. The stamp depicts a photograph of the Schloss Schönbrunn in Vienna, Austria, and is credited to Austrian Views.

5. Staff members and mission personnel wishing to procure these stamps, first day covers and postal stationery can obtain them from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on 29 January 2004 at the UNPA sales counter at door 6 of the Palais des Nations.

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

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