

5. COLONIAL COCONUT

All this economic activity did not take place in a political vacuum.

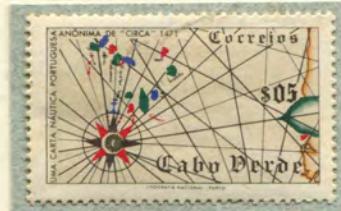
5.1 SPAIN, PORTUGAL & THE NEW WORLD

Both Spain and Portugal recognized the usefulness and economic potential of the coconut in their new colonial empires and introduced it to the New World.

Although the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) established Portuguese rule in Brasil ...



... the Portuguese did not introduce the coconut (coco) to Brasil from their Cape Verde colony until 1553.



Although the fourth largest grower of coconuts in the world in 2009, Brasil has never been a major copra exporter. The coconut is grown and used extensively throughout coastal Brasil.



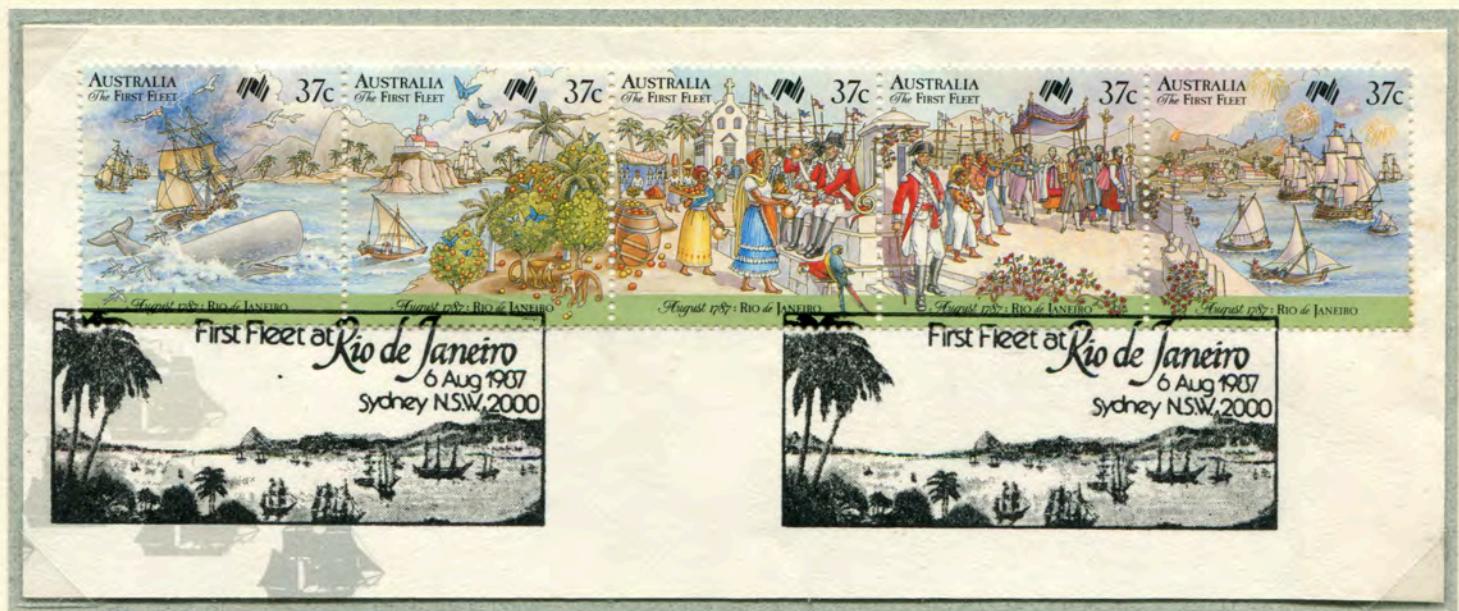
Serpentine Die Cut



Microperf



The coconut palms of Rio de Janeiro were a welcome sight to some other colonists a few hundred years later - British convicts en route to the prison colony of Australia in 1787.



5.1 SPAIN, PORTUGAL & THE NEW WORLD

The Treaty of Tordesillas also established Spanish rule in the rest of tropical America and in the Western Pacific.

The coconut was essential to the Pacific galleon trade as a source of food and especially water.



Several early royal and gubernatorial edicts ordered the planting of more and more coconuts in the Philippines for the galleon trade. Coconuts left after a voyage were planted throughout the Spanish Americas.



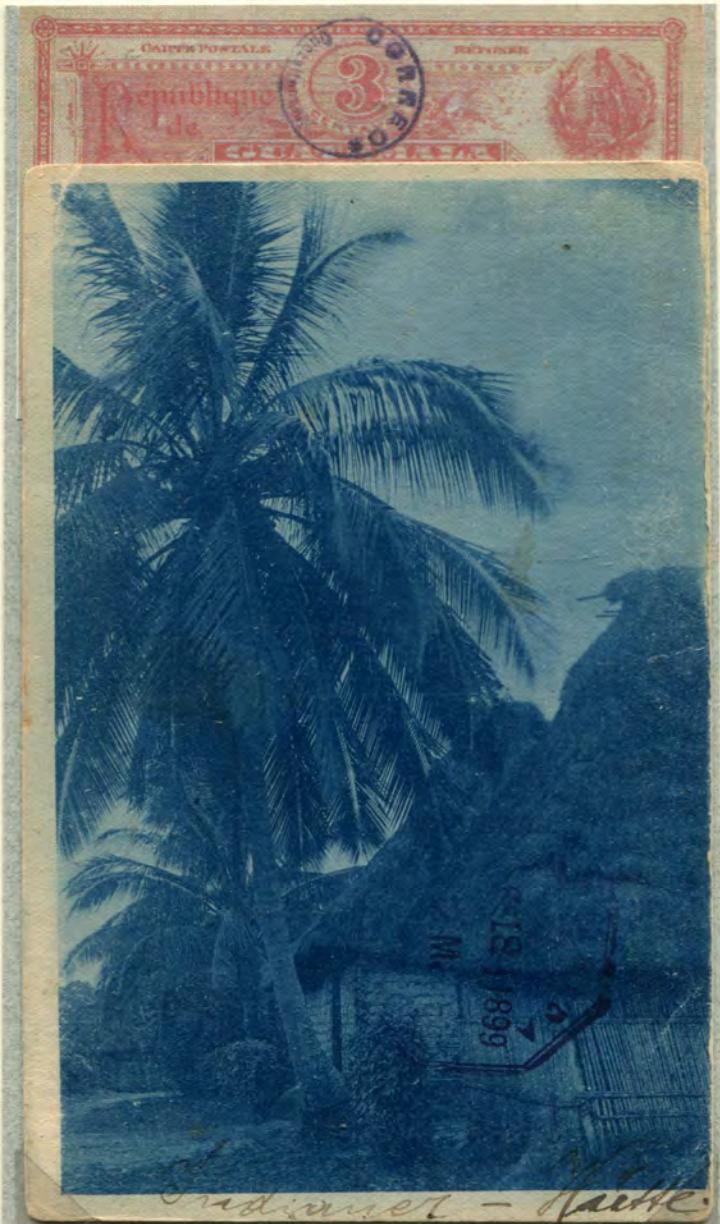
Foreign object on plate



New cultivars, such as the 'Panama Tall' evolved.

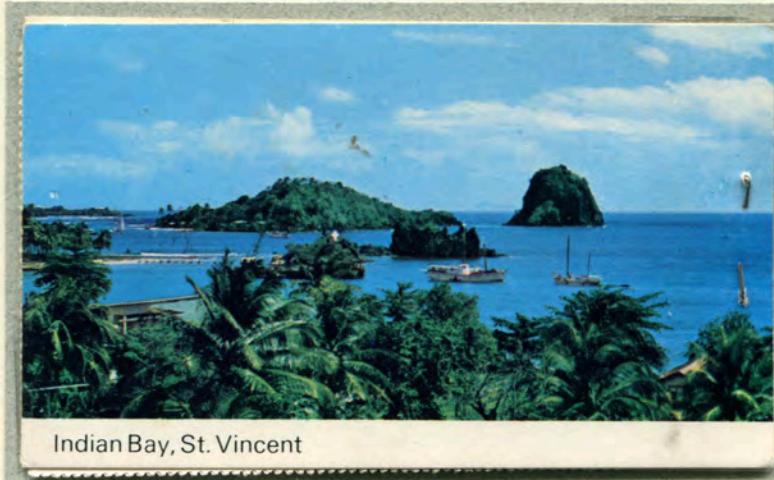
A timeless scene in Guatemala

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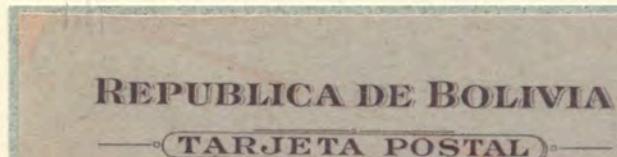
5.1 SPAIN, PORTUGAL & THE NEW WORLD

The coconut thrived for its new colonial masters and can now be found from sea level ...



... to higher altitudes such as La Santissima Trinidad, Bolivia at 237 m above sea level, where today the coconut can be seen in the city's public park - *El Arroyo*.

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Throughout Central America ...



...and the Caribbean islands, the coconut is part of the tropical landscape.



5.1 SPAIN, PORTUGAL & THE NEW WORLD

Native palms such as Royal Palms (*Roystonea* sp.) on the hill side above St. George were not displaced by the exotic coconut at lower elevations such as Grand Anse Beach.



COPY of Tape

The coconut is now a permanent part of the Caribbean landscape.



5.1 SPAIN, PORTUGAL & THE NEW WORLD

Although sugar cane was the dominant cash crop in the Caribbean (and the cause of various wars and slavery), the coconut palm was found on most plantations and by many manor houses.

The Nisbet Plantation



Despite the economic dominance of the sugar trade, a modest but successful coconut and copra industry evolved on many islands.



Older coconut plantations now provide a scenic backdrop for visiting tourists.

To open cut here →

→ First fold here ←



3.7 NEW WORLD - FLORIDA

The coconut is not native to Florida.

Early explorers like Don Hernando Kilowatt did not see any.

The first coconuts arrived on the Gulf Stream from wrecked galleons.



In the late 1800s, thousands of seed nuts were imported from Trinidad to establish plantations in southeast Florida.
- which gave Cocoanut Grove - later Coconut Grove - its name.



COCOANUT GROVE, DADE CTY, 1873-79 and 1884-1925 then COCONUT GROVE STA. MIAMI, FLA.

The coconut palm is now seen throughout tropical Florida.



3 cent first class letter rate + 15 cents registry fee PALM BAY, FLA M.O.B. (Money Order Branch)
Palm Bay is near the northern limit for coconut culture on the East Coast.

5.2 AFRICA - Portugal

The Portuguese developed extensive coconut plantations in their East African colony Mozambique.



Frame, Plate Proof



Waterlow Die Punched File Copies



Plate Proof

One of the many Portuguese firms engaged in the coconut trade.



Gathering coconuts in Zambesia Province.



Cancelled: Lourenço Marques 19 OCT 1949
Posta Aerea, Lourenço Marques 20 OCT 1949
Received: New York Air Mail Field 25 OCT 1949
Registry Div., New York, N.Y. 25 OCT 1949
Times Square Sta., New York, 25 OCT 1949

5.2 AFRICA - Portugal

The coconut palm grew well in most coastal regions of Mozambique ...

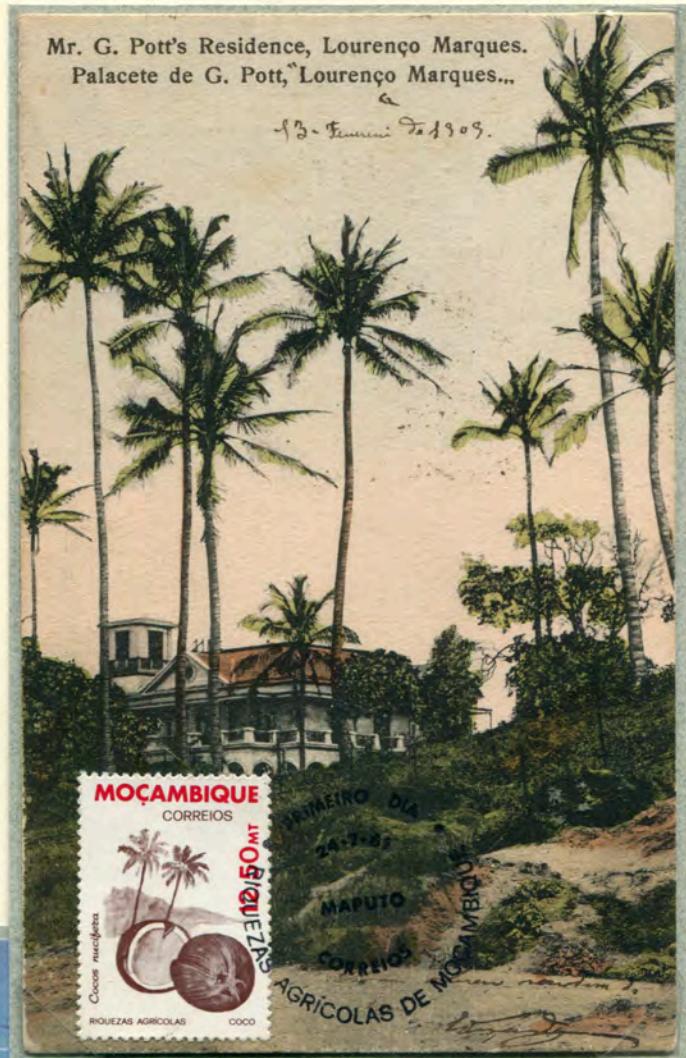
... where coconut palm fronds were used for thatching local huts (*palhotas*)...



... whose taxes could be paid in coconuts or the cash equivalent.



The progeny of the colonial coconuts now thrive in plantations in Zambezia Province in independent Mozambique.



Maputo 24-7-81
RIQUEZAS AGRICOLAS
(Agricultural Riches) DE
MOZAMBIQUE
Picture Post Card ca. 1909



COPY

5.2 AFRICA - German East Africa

Although Germany was a late entrant in the race for overseas colonies, it expanded the existing coconut plantations and developed new ones in East Africa.

A grove of coconut palms outside Mombassa, German East Africa.



COPY



Printed to Private Order, Real Photo Postal Card
From the Series *Unsere Kolonien* published by Nueun Photographischen Gesselschaft A.G. Steglitz, Berlin

Coconut exports were an important part of the economy...



COPY



Printed to Private Order Postal Card
#5 from a series published by Deutschen Kolonialhauses, Berlin

...until Germany lost possession of East Africa to Britain after World War I.

5.2 AFRICA - German East Africa

The coconut grew well in both the coastal areas of the colony ...



Printed to Private Order Postal Card No.4 in a series Published by Deutsche Kolonialhauses, Berlin C-19.
Cancelled: PANGANI, 5-4-1898 Transit: TANGA 8-4-1898 Received: (Berlin) 1-5-1898

... and to a lesser extent in more inland areas.



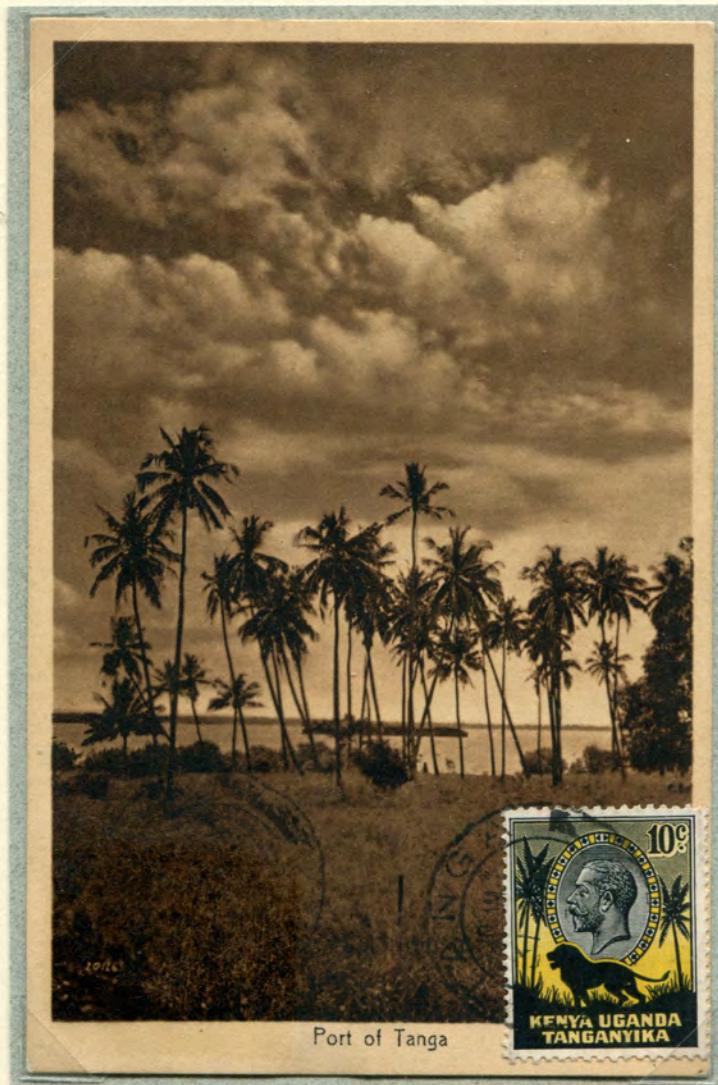
Printed to Private Order Postal Card No.6 in a series Published by Deutsche Kolonialhauses, Berlin C-19.
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5.2 AFRICA - Great Britain

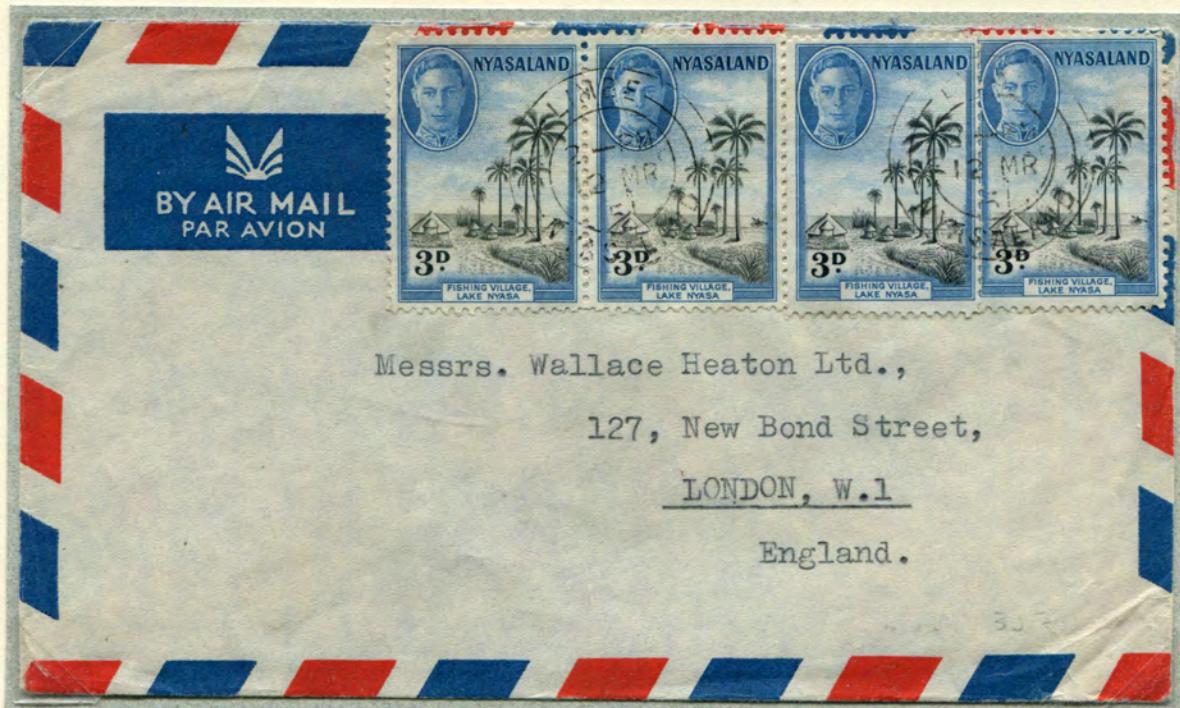
The British exploited the coconut in their newly acquired and older tropical African colonies.

The kokonut in Tanga became coconuts and grew equally well for their new British masters and framed the portrait of their new monarch.

Cancelled: Tanga, 31 ? 1935



The coconut also grew well inland - as in this fishing village on Lake Nyasa.



Cancelled: Limbe, Nyassaland 12 MR 1951

5.2 AFRICA - Cameroun

Germany aggressively developed the agricultural potential of its new West African colony.



PLANTATION, KAMERUN 2 OCT 1906 Received: Frankfurt (Main) 1 DEC 1906
Named for the numerous coconut, coffee and rubber plantations established by German colonists.

A recently established coconut plantation in Kreigshafen.

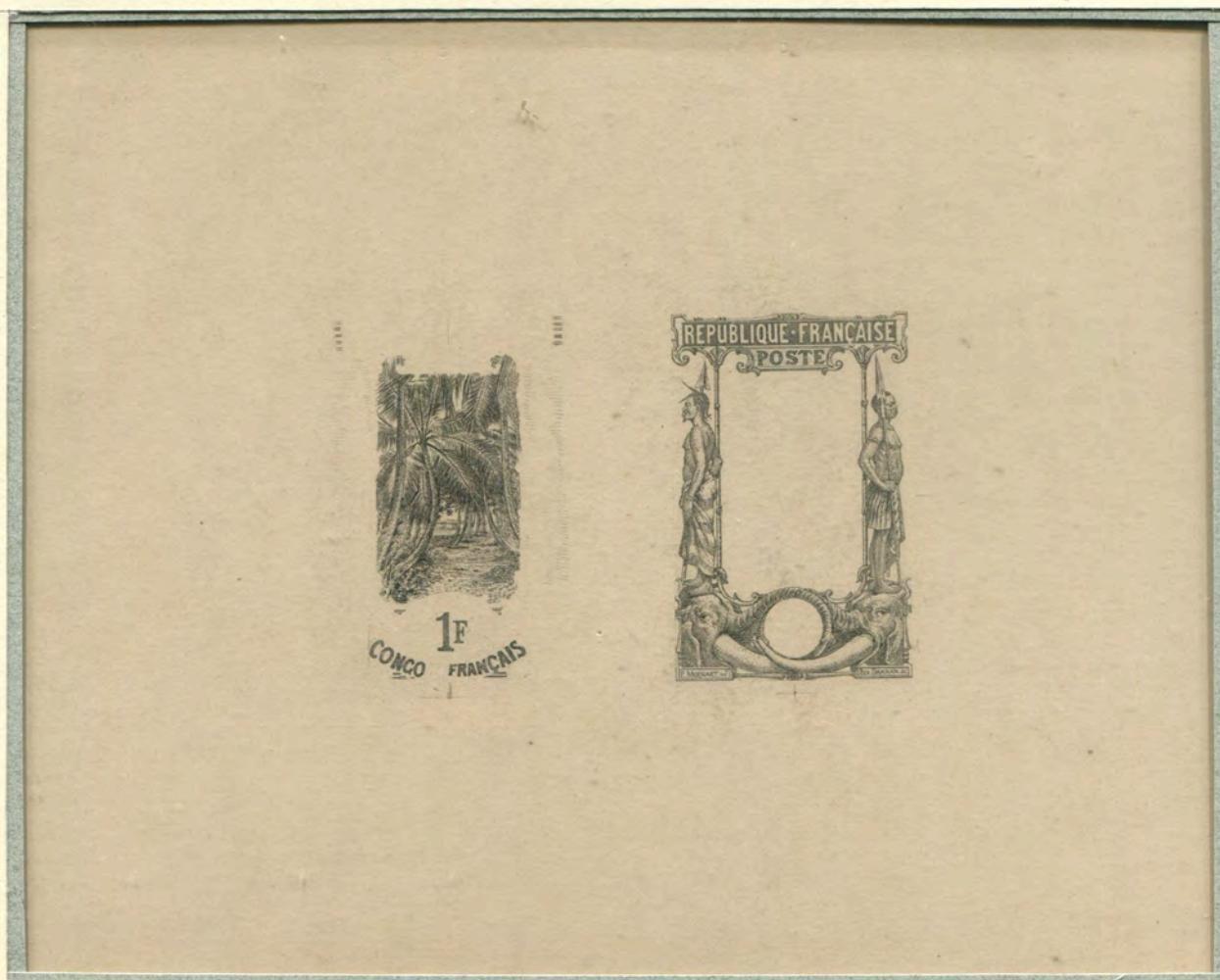


Printed to Private Order Postal Card No. 2 of a Series Published by Deutschen Kolonialhauses, Berlin C-19

The colony was occupied by the French during WWI; these French Congo coconuts were overprinted for postal service.

5.2 AFRICA - French Congo

The French spent more time preparing stamps for the French Congo than they did in developing the coconut plantations. A brief philatelic study ...



Large Die Essay of Frame and Vignette on Heavy (approx. 1mm) Card Stock



Trial Color Essay



Plate Proof on Card



Final Product

5.2 AFRICA - French Congo

More trial color essays ...



Trial Color Essays Mounted on Heavy (approx. 1mm thick) Card Stock

The production process had numerous problems.



Extra Perforations



Inverted Center



Plate Proof on Card



Inverted Center



Watermark Reversed



5.2 AFRICA - Middle Congo

When French Congo (Congo Français) was reorganized on 1 July 1904, the central portion was renamed Middle Congo (Moyen Congo). Existing French Congo designs were used for the new Middle Congo stamps but in a reduced size.

Same coconut palms regardless of the political reorganization.



Die Proof
Blank Value Tablet
Trial Colors



3 Values Issued
1, 2, & 5 francs



Cancelled: GAMBOMA, MOYEN CONGO 3 OCT 1922 Transit: BRAZZAVILLE, CONGO FRANÇAIS 13 OCT 1922
Received: PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI 25 NOV 1922

5.2 AFRICA - Belgian Congo

Belgium's demands for plant derived oils, fats and glycerines...



were met by exports from the Belgian Congo of both ...

the coconut palm (*Cocos nucifera*)

and the African Oil Palm (*Elaeis guinneaensis*).



Mature and young coconut palms along the Banana River



COPY
Matadi 23 AUG 1920

The African Oil Palm became a major direct competitor to the coconut palm during and especially after WWII ...



... and is now cultivated extensively in West Africa.



5.3 SOUTHERN ASIA - Ceylon / Sri Lanka

Under the Dutch and then the British, Ceylon became a major exporter of coconut products.

The Ceylon Coconut Company was a major grower and exporter.



Card uprated with 2 cent CCC perforated initial stamp.
Cancelled: COLOMBO 11 NOV 15



The coconut palm thrived in coastal regions.



Cancelled: ANURADHAPURA, 22 DE 1936
Received: LONDON, 2 JAN 1937 Internally Redirected to Bath

5.3 SOUTHERN ASIA - Malay Peninsula

The coconut grew well on the tropical Malay peninsula and its coastal islands.



During World War II the invading Japanese made good use of the coconut and other natural resources.



Postal Savings Card, 100 cents Japanese Occupation of Malaya,
Cancelled: 17-March 1945

Watch the coconut grow and mature alongside various modern Malay princes.



5.3 SOUTHERN ASIA - Indonesia

The coconut has been of economic importance to this island nation regardless of who ruled it ...

...colonial Dutch...



... whose families back home were given half-off to call the N. Indies.



... or the Japanese in World War II who, with the conquest of many Indonesian islands, controlled much of the world's supply of copra and coconut oil.



5.3 SOUTHERN ASIA - Indonesia

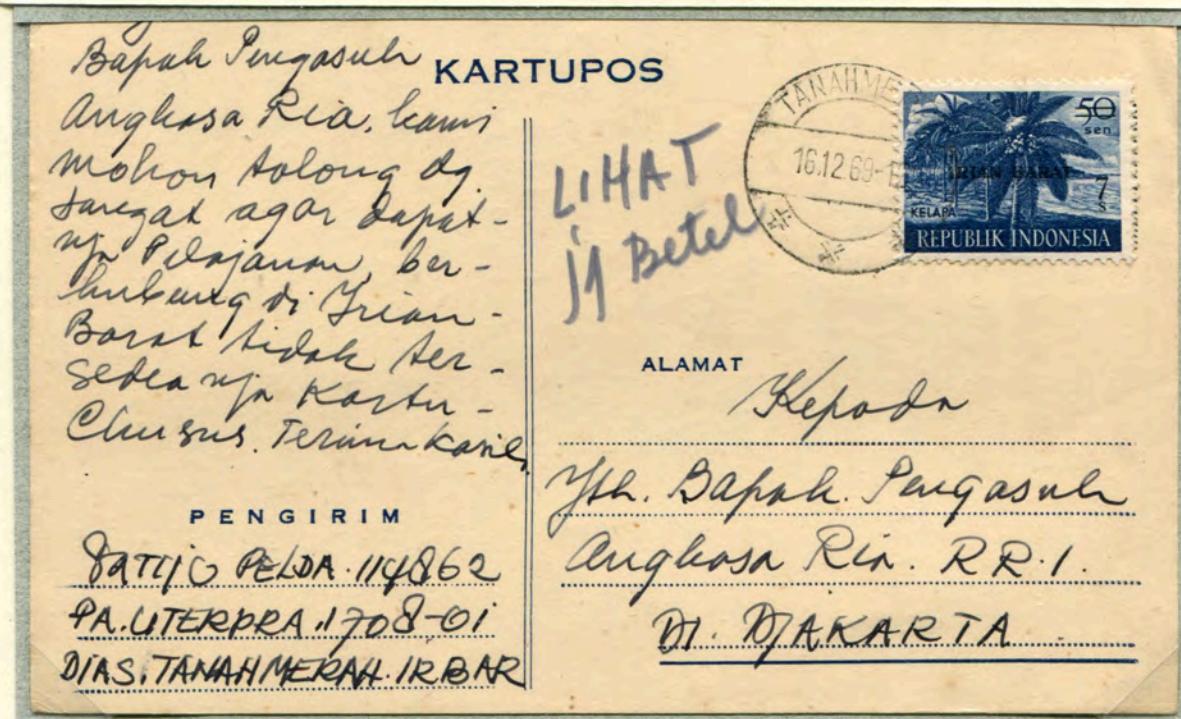
Post-war independence brought new problems.

Het Copra Fonds was a copra trading monopoly established by the Dutch in 1940, was renamed by the Japanese, and was back in business after the War, and during the early years of Indonesian independence.



Note the new Indonesian name of Djakarta instead of the Dutch name of Batavia.
Metered and cancelled 6 Feb 1950 - some 40 days after independence on 27 Dec 1949.

The coconut (*kelapa*) remains an important agricultural product in modern Indonesia despite new extensive plantings of the African oil palm (*Elaeis guineensis*).



IRIAN BARAT overprint for West Irian province

Cancelled: 16 DEC 1969 Tanahmerah

The Indonesians' former colonial masters maintain an active interest in the coconut through the Royal Institute of the Tropics.



5.4 PACIFIC - Germany

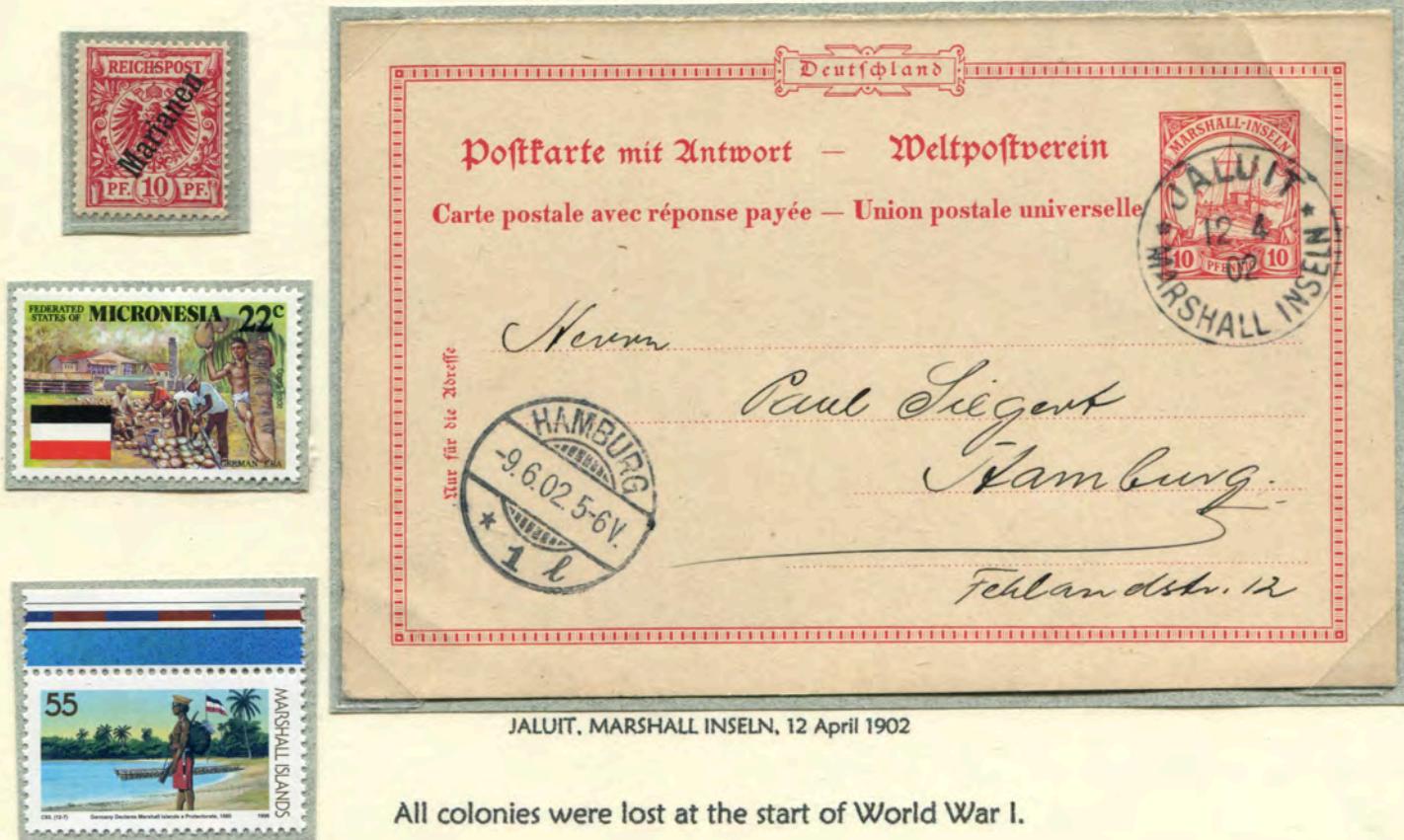
Imperial Germany acquired its coconut producing Pacific colonies starting with Deutsche New Guinea in 1884 ...



COPY

Printed to Private order postal card, No.9 of a series published by Deutschen Kolonialhauses, Berlin
BERLINHAFEN DEUTSCH-NEU GUINEA 22 May 1898

... followed by the purchase of the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands.



All colonies were lost at the start of World War I.

5.4 PACIFIC - Japan

Japan acquired the German colonies in the central Pacific under a League of Nations Mandate ...



... and began enlarging the coconut plantations and fortifying the islands for the inevitable war with the U.S.A.



PULAU 29 JAN 1936

Coconut palms in the occupied islands.



COPIES of Indicia

Free Frank Postal Cards issued for use by Japanese Army during WWII.

5.4 PACIFIC - Great Britain

The British exploited the coconut on almost every tropical island they controlled in the Pacific.

... like Aitutaki in the Cook Islands,



AITUTAKI, N.Z.
5 MY 1931 >
1d Surface Rate



... and especially on large islands in the Solomon Islands - which made them very attractive to the Japanese in WWII.



Philatelically contrived cover prepared less than one year after Japanese were expelled after some of fiercest combat in the Pacific.
Cancelled: LUNGA, BRITISH SOLOMON IDs 25 JY 1944

5.4 PACIFIC - Great Britain

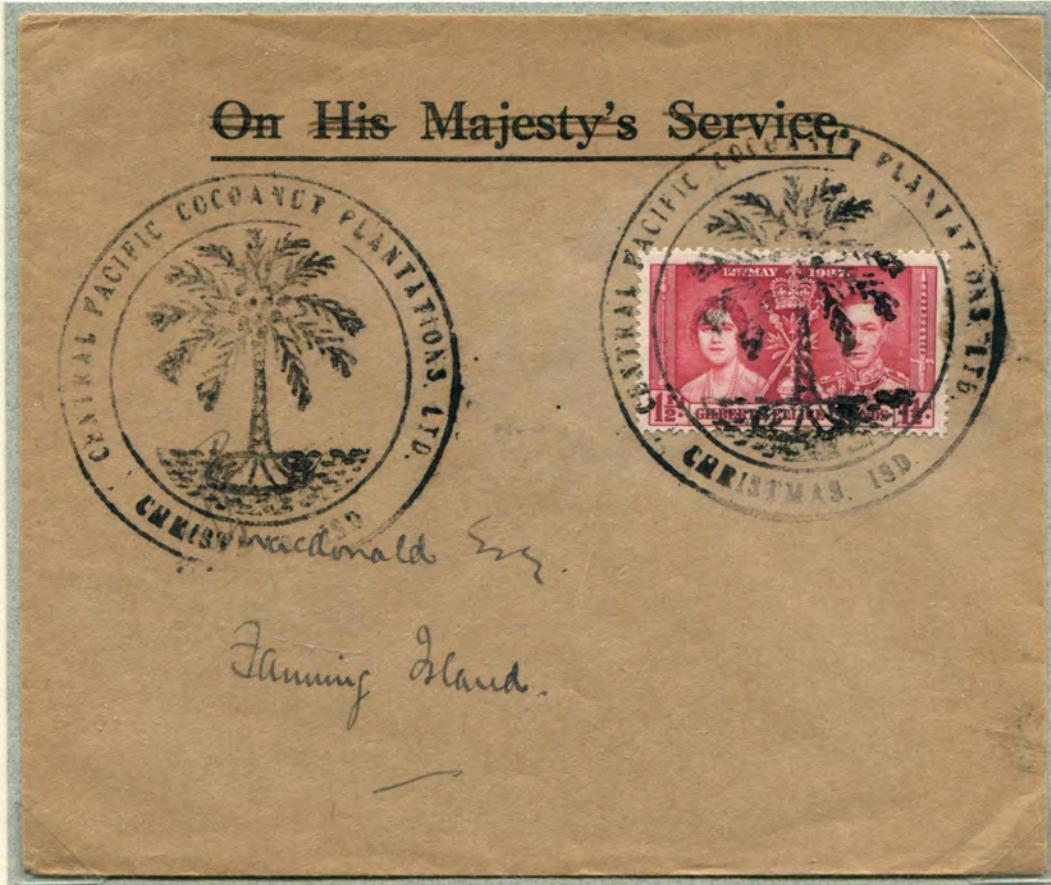
The Empire reached far into the remote Line Islands in the eastern Pacific.

Although better known for its local stamps, issued to transport mail to Tahiti and to raise revenue from philatelists, Christmas Island shipped 500 tons of copra per year to Tahiti.



Privately issued in panes of 8 for letter transport by ship to Tahiti.

Scheduled mail service between islands was slow to infrequent at best.



Christmas Island to Fanning Island, carried outside regular mails in 1939.
Addressee was assigned to Fanning 'district' to re-establish post office;
Fanning was shipping almost 7000 tons/yr of copra by then.

5.4 PACIFIC - Great Britain

Remote Fanning Island, inhabited from approximately 800AD to 1400AD, was uninhabited when rediscovered by Capt Edward Fanning in 1798. The island passed through several private owners until sold to the Republic of Kiribati in 1983. Major exports were guano and copra.



Cancelled: Fanning Island, June 3, 1925

Transit: Vancouver, B.C. June 12, 1925; Seattle, WA June 19, 1925

Received: Manila, P.I. Registry Section, July 11, 1925

The island was occupied and fortified by the U.S. during WWII due to a cable and wireless station for a Trans Pacific telegraph. Based upon the Registry Receipt number & the Registration number on the cover, U.S. forces generated one registered letter per day in 1944.

Cancelled: Fanning Island, 11 SEP 1944

Carried by military transport plane.

Received: San Francisco, Calif. 15 SEP 44.



5.4 PACIFIC - Great Britain & France

Anglo-French co-operation is evident in their joint administration of the coconut producing New Hebrides.



Two coconut palms grace the coat of arms of the Anglo-French Condominium of the New/Nouvelles Hebrides.

French

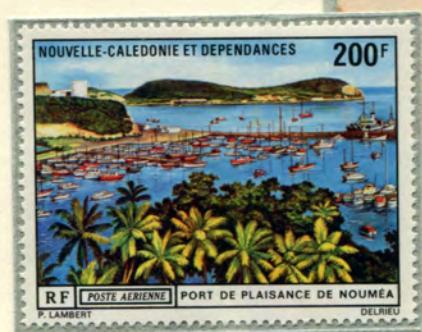


English



France

New Caledonia, better known for its chromium and nickle mines, was a steady producer of coconuts primarily for local consumption.



Monsieur P. Benigues
a Joneva Houailou

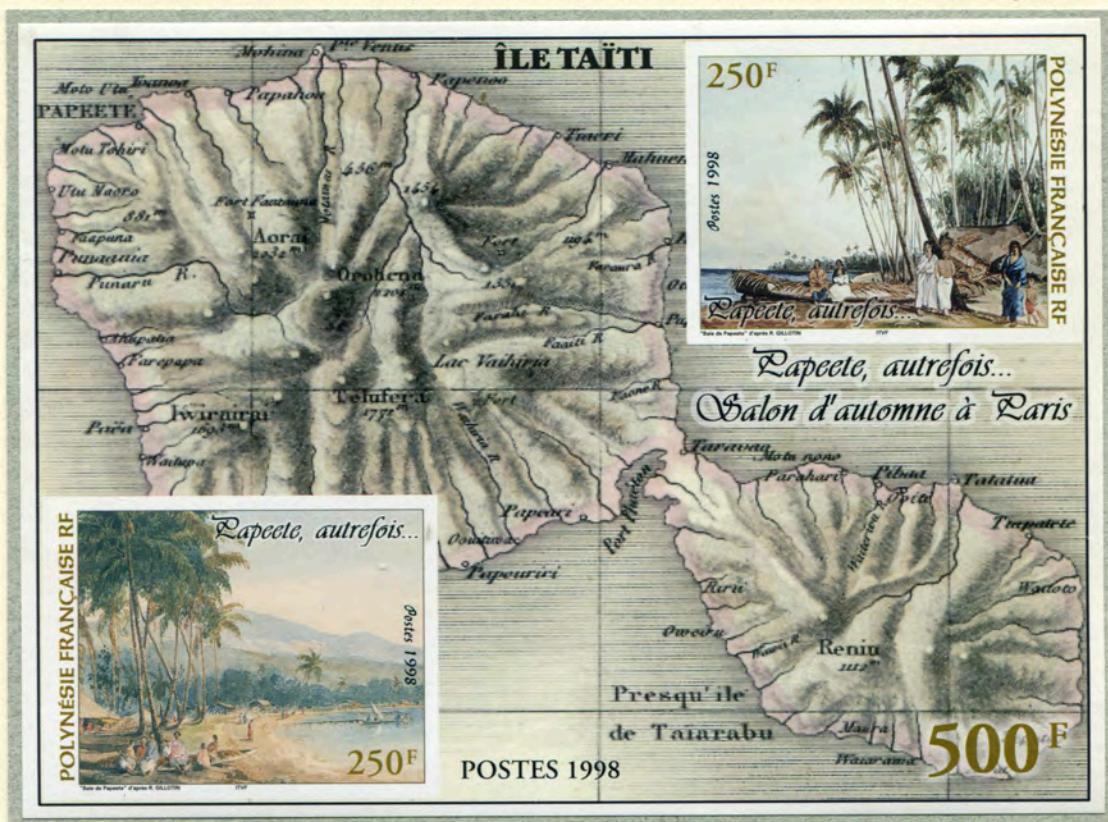


Cancelled: KAALA-GOMEN 19 OCT 1943 then along the south coast of New Caledonia
Via: VOH 19 OCT 43; KONE 21 OCT 43; POUEMBOUT 21 OCT 43; POYA 21 OCT 43; BOURAIL 21 OCT 43
Then across the island to HOUAILOU (no receiving mark)

5.4 PACIFIC - France

France did not exploit the coconut resources of its Pacific colonies with enthusiasm of the British or Germans.

The mountainous terrain of many volcanic islands limited the coconut to the coastal plains.



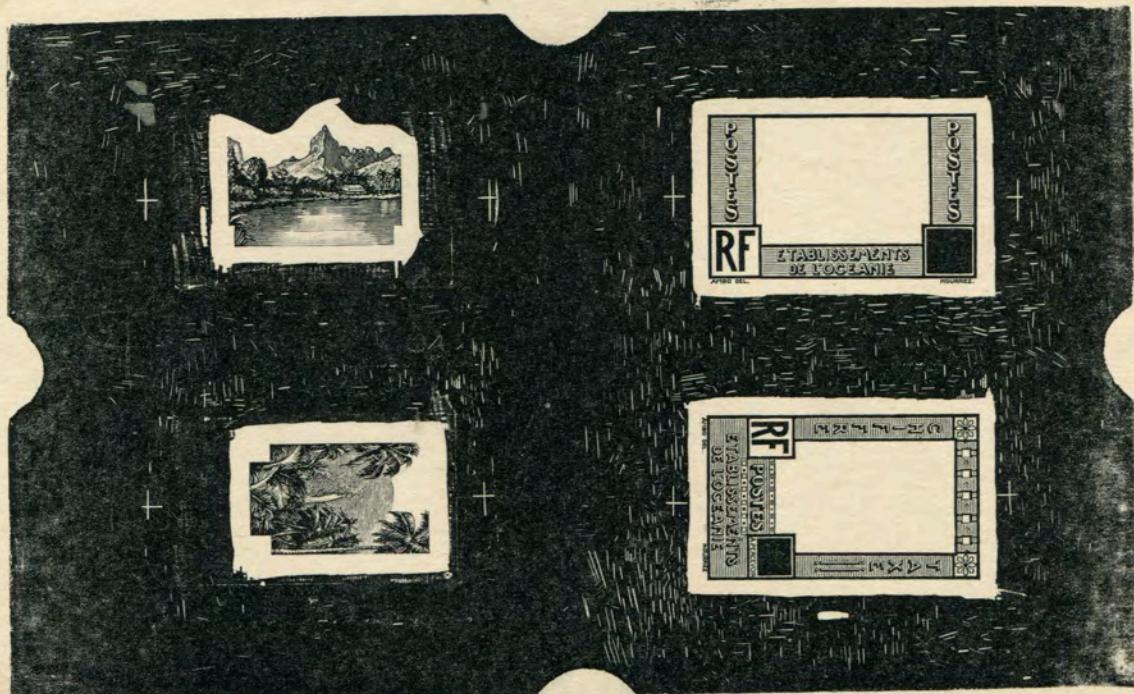
Deepwater ports such as Papeete, Tahiti served as collection point for copra (and mails) from smaller islands and as a shipping port to world markets.



N.Z. MARINE POST OFFICE - R.M.S. TAHITI 14 DEC 26

5.4 PACIFIC - France

The coconut also thrived along small coastal beaches and in large inland valleys.



Die Proof

Top - Papetoai Bay, Moorea

Bottom - Fautaua Falls

The islands of the tropical French Pacific are almost synonymous with the coconut palm.



5.4 PACIFIC - Samoa

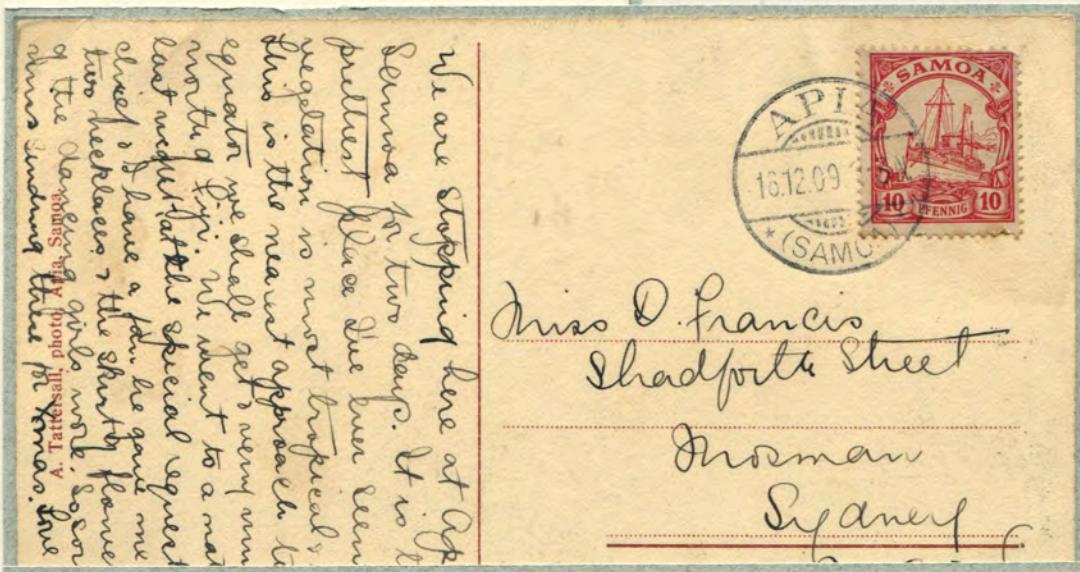
The coconut has been an important part of island life from the earliest settlements around 3000 BCE ...

... and remained so into the period
of the independent kingdom ...

Apia, Samoa SEP 1 1899 >
N.Z. MARINE P.O. 8 SEP 1899
R.M.S. MARIPOSA

... which attracted the attention of
German planters and colonists ...

APIA, SAMOA 16 DEC 1909 ✓



APIA 20 FB 1919

... who were expelled by the New Zealand Army at the start of WW I ...

... who were just as brutal, if not more so, than the Germans, despite the new colonial name Western Samoa.



APIA, WESTERN SAMOA 14 JE 1945

CENSOR TAPE
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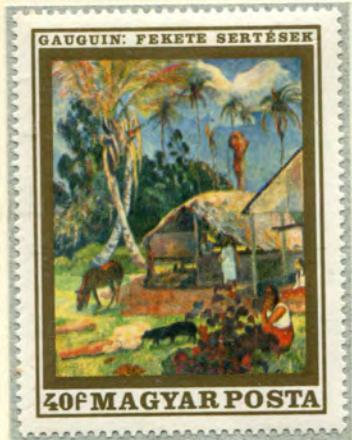
6. DECORATIVE, CULTURAL & LANDSCAPE

6.1 DECORATIVE AND VISUAL ARTS

Coconut palms enhance the portraits of queens, sheiks, and kings...



The coconut is featured in works by Paul Gauguin and ...



by lesser known artists such as this...

traditional

modern

and abstract.

disabled artist

and
working
in
styles ...



A skilled wood carver can fashion a coconut trunk into a wide variety of utilitarian and artistic works.



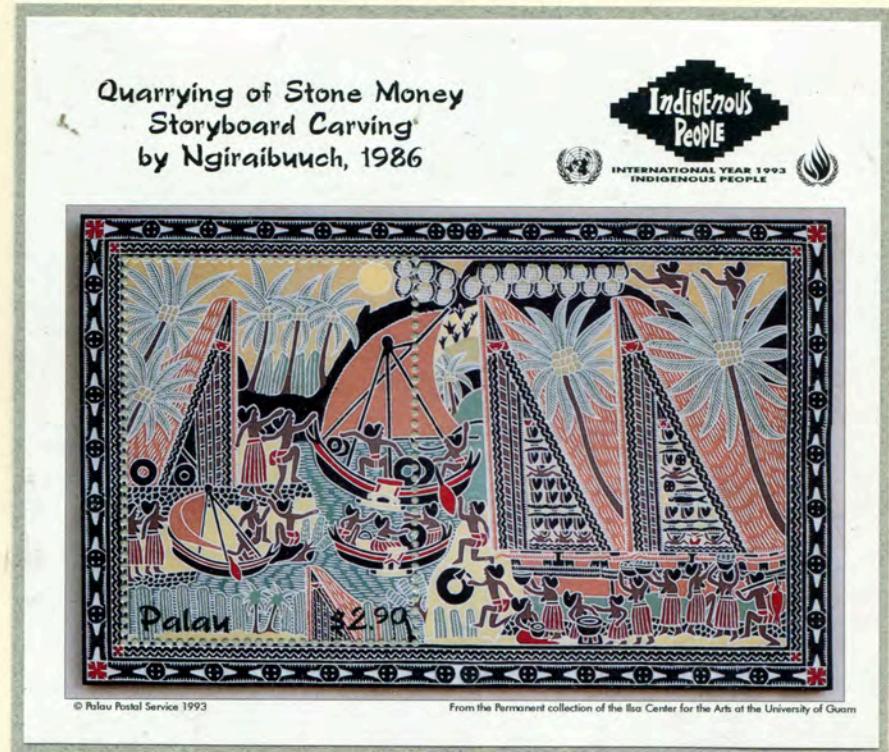
6.1 DECORATIVE AND VISUAL ARTS

The coconut is featured in such various artworks as ...

a surrealistic painting ...



... a storyboard carving ...



embroidery ...



... ethnic photography circa 1900



... and the usual children's paintings from around the tropics.



6.2 COCONUT IN CULTURE - RELIGION

The coconut is used in religious ceremonies in the West and East.

Chalice
Coconut with gold trim
Hungary, 1600



The *kudam*, a bronze vase or container with a coconut on top, is an important feature in Hindu wedding ceremonies.



The three 'eyes' on a husked coconut are symbolic of the three eyes of Lord Shiva.



Old coconuts are smashed as an offering to Lord Murga during Thaipusam.



A coconut is often broken as an offering to various gods for a new house, factory, etc.



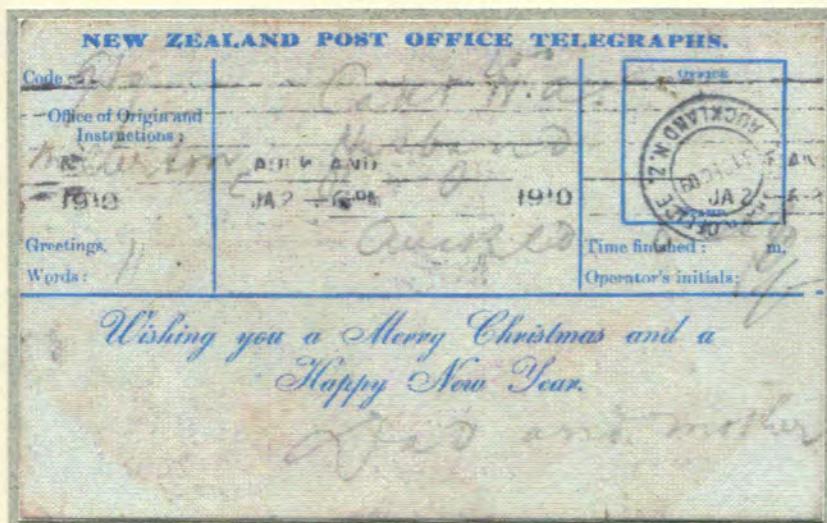
Lord Ganesh is frequently shown holding one or more coconuts in one of his many arms.



Dutia State Stationery Envelope with blue validation stamp.

6.2 COCONUT IN CULTURE - COCONUTTY CHRISTMAS

New Zealanders could send Holiday greetings with this telegraphic postal card that pictures a native of Mangaia with his basket of coconuts and a stalk of bananas. Mangaia, the southernmost of the Cook Islands and geologically the oldest South Pacific Island, was administered by New Zealand. (pronounce ManEyeUh).



Telegraph Office Auckland, NZ 31 DEC 09
Auckland JA 2 6PM 1910 Roller Cancel
(COPY) 75% Reduction

Nothing like Christmas dinner on the beach
in the shade of a coconut palm ...
with family... .. and friends.



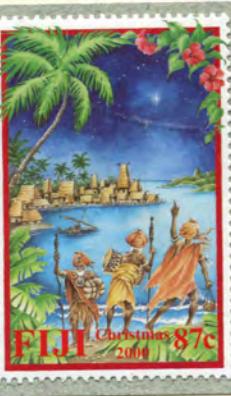
On Fiji, the Magi or Three Wise Men must travel...

by outrigger boat...

along the beach...

on palm-lined trails...

to find the Christ child in a thatched hut.



6.2 COCONUT IN CULTURE - COCONUTTY CHRISTMAS

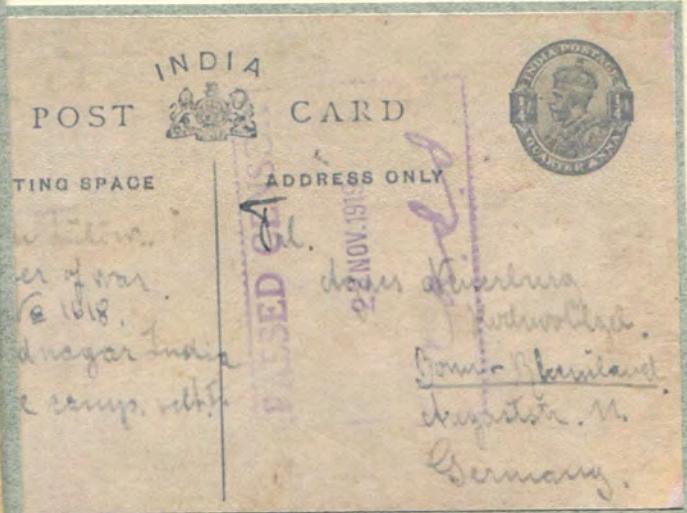
Since Christmas is a special time of the year,
as the old song goes, "How'd you like to spend Christmas on Christmas Island?"



Christmas Island, Cocoanut Plantations Ltd., Local Post from Christmas Island to Tahiti.
Almost all mail is philatelically inspired or contrived - even if addressed to the head of the Guard Civil.



Unless you are a German POW sitting
glumly by a highly stylized coconut palm
while dreaming of a Christmas back home.



COPY - 75% Reduction

Printed to Private Order Postal Card
Docketed Amudmayar, India Parole Camp
Censored: 22 NOV 1919

6.2 COCONUT IN CULTURE - COCONUTTY CHRISTMAS

Coconut palms in the tropics are an excellent substitute for the traditional northern fir trees.



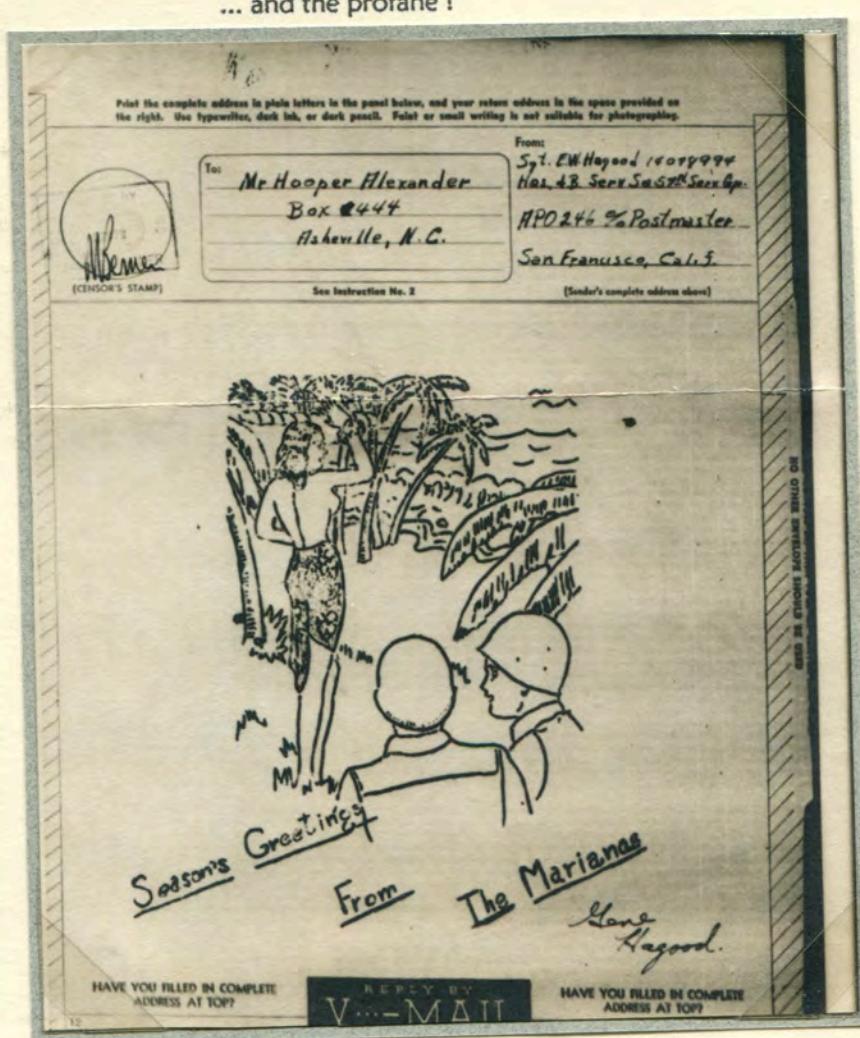
Tropic Traditional



Wrong Tree!



Better!

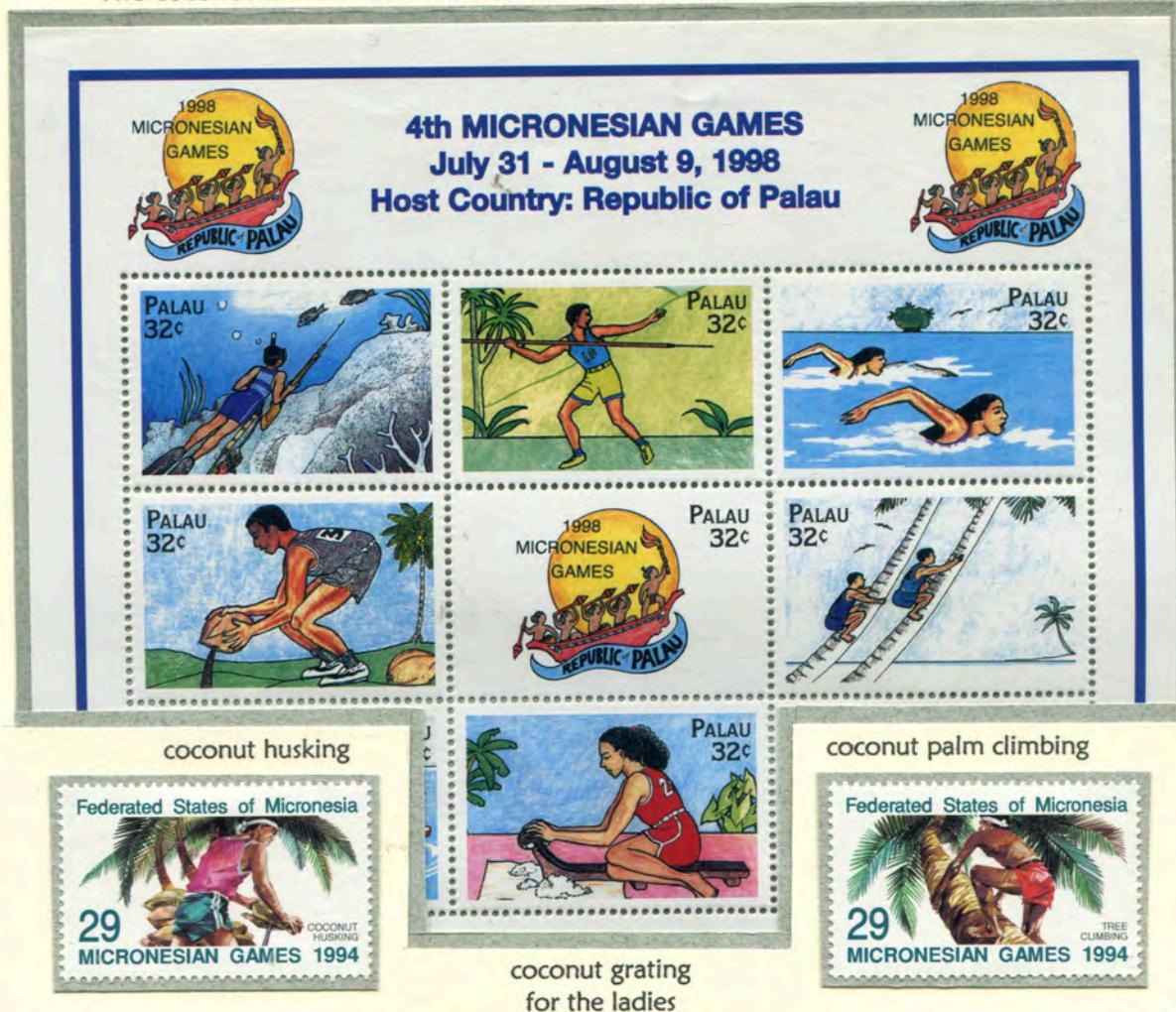


... and the secular.



5.6 THE ATHLETIC COCONUT

The coconut is featured in several athletic activities at the Micronesian Games.



The coconut palm promotes the 2007 World Cricket Cup.



The coconut is featured on the logo of ESMERELDAS '96, the VIII National Games of Ecuador



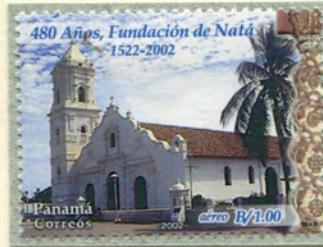
6.3 COCONUT IN THE LANDSCAPE - PLACES OF WORSHIP

The non-denominational coconut grows well around many houses of worship in the tropics ...

from the first Mass and Baptism
in the Philippines in 1565



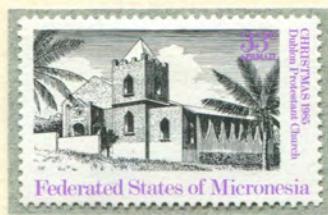
a 16th century church in
Nata, Panama



a Protestant mission church in
Libreville, Gabon



the Protestant Church at
Dublon, Truk, Micronesia



a small wood and thatch
church in the Marshall Islands



the Temple of the Tooth
Kandy, Ceylon



the Temple of Kali, Pondicherry, French India.

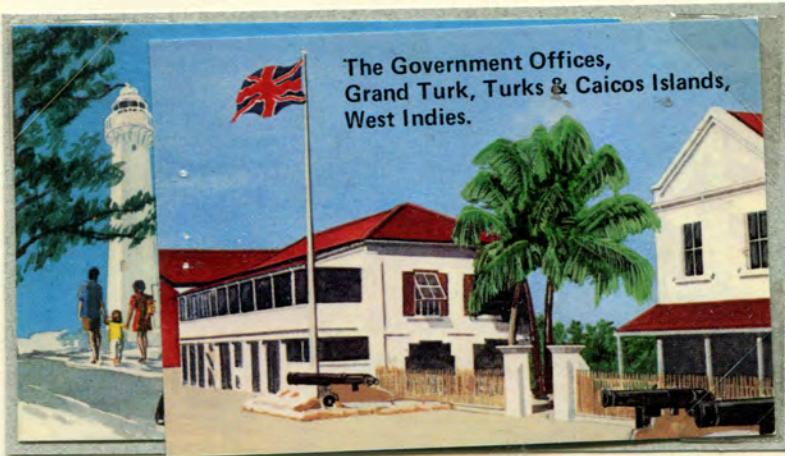


6.3 COCONUT IN THE LANDSCAPE - THE POST OFFICE & CUSTOMS HOUSE

From the Caribbean to the Pacific,

the coconut palm shades the post office and its patrons.

Get your philatelic souvenirs at the
Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau on Funafuti.



... or visit Palmdale, Florida for a special coconut palm cancel.



Unusual use of bi-color fancy cancel on un-registered letter.

6.3 COCONUT IN THE LANDSCAPE - THE POST OFFICE & CUSTOMS HOUSE

Post offices and custom houses throughout the tropics are surrounded by coconut palms.



Just watch for falling coconuts or you maybe in the next subchapter!

Customs House, Sao Tome



6.3 COCONUT IN THE LANDSCAPE - THE HOSPITAL AND CLINIC

Many hospital, clinics, and dispensaries are located among stands of tall coconut palms.



But watch for falling coconuts!



Indicium
(COPY)



Leper colonies are frequently found among the coconut palms.

However, American doctors would prefer to party among the coconut palms at their annual meeting in Miami Beach, Florida.



7. VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

Coconut palms are almost synonymous with vacations and holidays on idyllic tropical beaches.

7.1 PREPARATION

A few tips to help you prepare for that tropical vacation ...

Plan ahead and save ...



or go now and pay later ...



but see your travel agent ...



or check out the special travel offer described in this booklet.



7.1 PREPARATION

Get ready to decompress and relax in a hammock strung between two coconut palms.

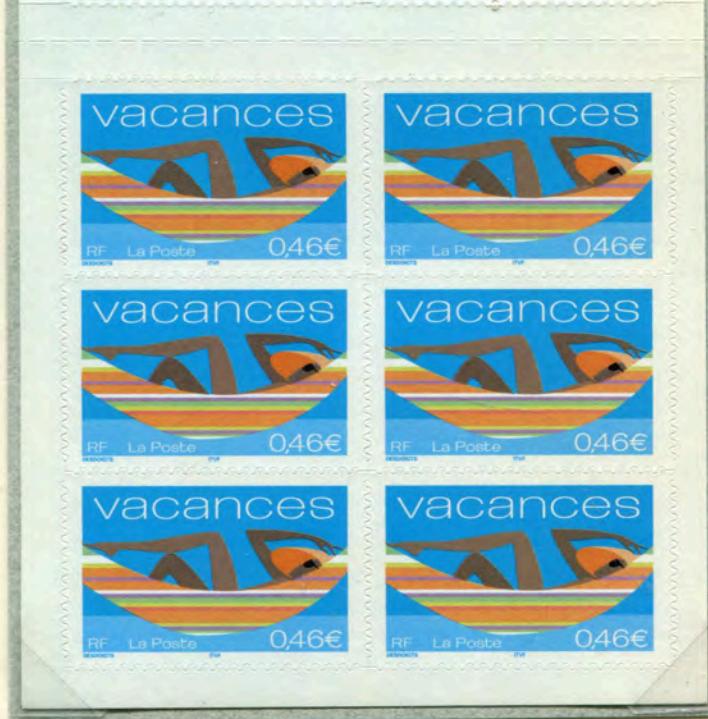


Self-adhesive

Water Activated Gum



Bring a good book to read - like Tales of the South Pacific by James Michener



7.1 PREPARATION

Before you depart on your tropical holiday, check out these nostalgic vacations.

Fly the Graf Zeppelin to Brasil and land among the tall coconut palms at Recife-Pernambuco.



Fly a Pan American clipper to gay Havana ...



... or take a leisurely cruise to
Charlotte Amalie, VI or San Juan, PR



on the S.S. UNITED STATES or S.S. AMERICA.



7.2 THE CARIBBEAN

Spend your vacation in Jamaica under the tall coconut palms ...
... but please use correct postage!



Swim and play at Puerto Seco under the coconut palms.



Be forewarned, the taxman will get you even in Jamaica.



7.2 THE CARIBBEAN

Coconut palms and warm weather have lured cruise line passengers for many years.

Sail the Ingres Nassau Line to the Bahamas ...



... or relax on a French Line cruise to Guadeloupe ...



... or visit Caribbean isles on a Canadian Pacific cruise.



7.3 THE TROPICAL PACIFIC - HAWAII

Coconut palms lined the beaches from Waikiki to Diamond Head ...

... and the coconut was a vital part of Hawaiian life and culture long before the tourists arrived.



Cancelled: AUG 6, 1894 Wailuku, Maui (Hawaiian Republic)
 Transit: AUG 7, 1894 Honolulu, Hawaii AUG 22, 1894 San Francisco, Cal.
 Received: AUG 28, 1894 Philadelphia, Pa.
 10 cent UPU Letter Rate + 10 cent Registry Fee + 10 cent Advice of Receipt Fee



Aloha!



to our Fiftieth State.



or PanAm clipper ...



Check into your hotel on Waikiki Beach.



7.3 THE TROPICAL PACIFIC

Many government tourist ministries use the coconut palm to promote their friendly peoples and splendid scenery.

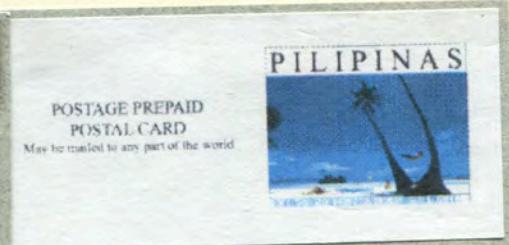


Boracay Beach in the Philippines and other coconut palm lined beaches have a strong appeal in the winter.

Warm Over Winter

Boracay Beach in the Province of Aklan, voted as one of the best beaches in the world.

WOWPHILIPPINES
more than the usual
www.wowphilippines.com.ph

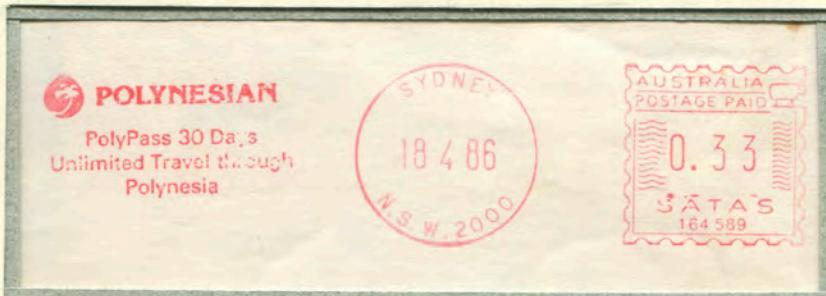


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7.3 THE TROPICAL PACIFIC

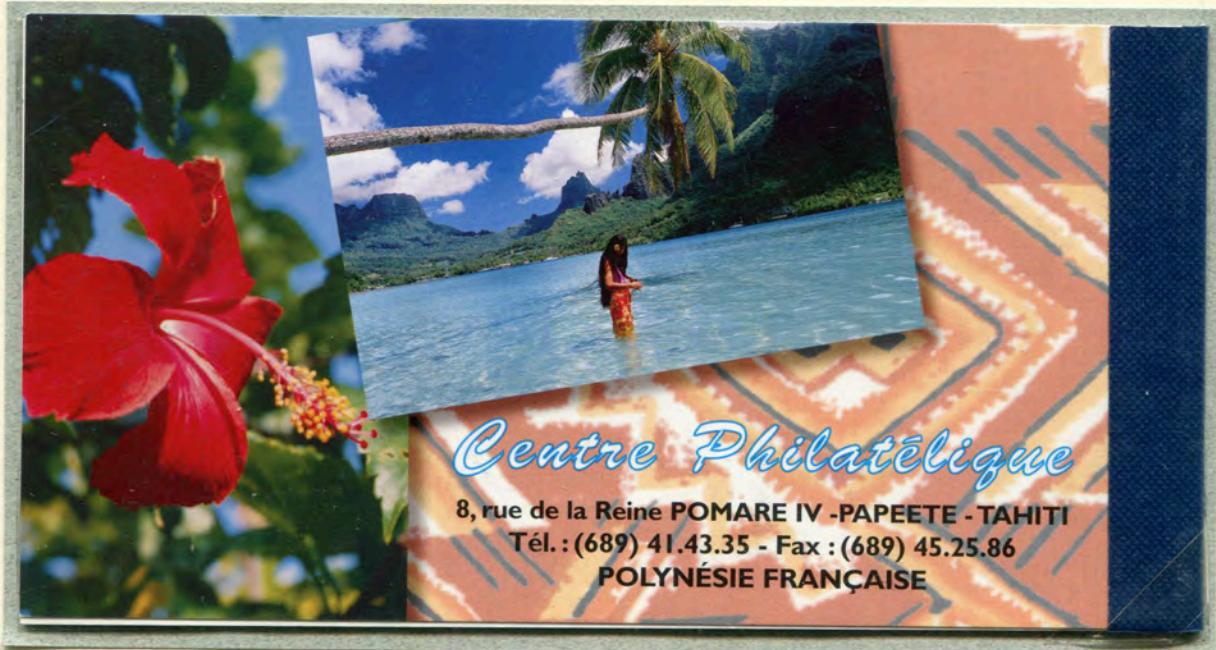
Fasten your seatbelts as we fly to Polynesia to check out the coconut palms and other sights.



Coconut palms where ever you look ...



... especially around a quiet lagoon.



7.3 THE TROPICAL PACIFIC

Join us on a South Seas cruise from Burns, Phelps & Company of Adelaide ...

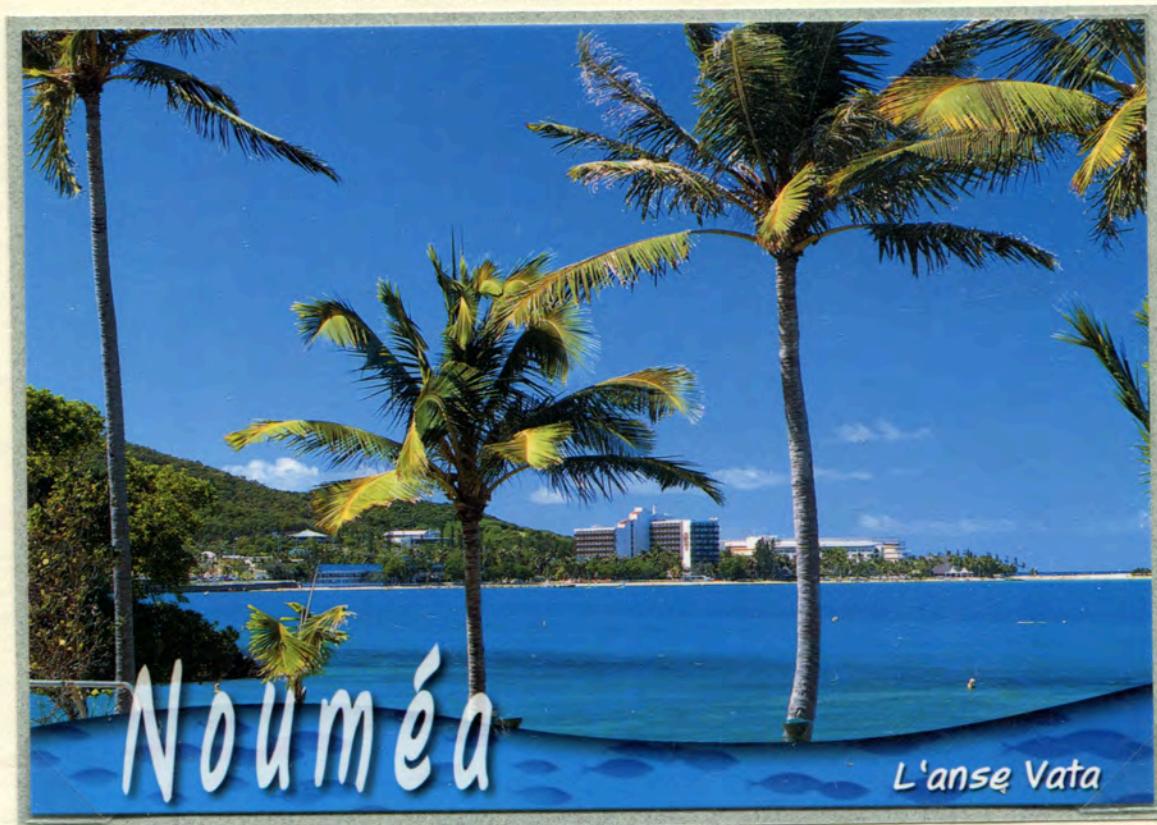


Printed to Private Order window envelope; sent unsealed at 1-1/2 d printed matter rate.

Cancelled: 25 JAN 1951 Adelaide PAID Slogan cancel

- applied in error since PAID cancels should be applied only to unfranked mail

... as we sail to Noumea, New Caledonia. Relax at L'anse Vata Beach.



Undenominated Postal Card, PrePaid Worldwide Delivery

7.4 AFRICA

Although not popular in the west, the coconut palm-lined beaches of Africa offer an adventurous setting for the tourist and local guests alike.
An umbrella like coconut palm serves as a shade umbrella.



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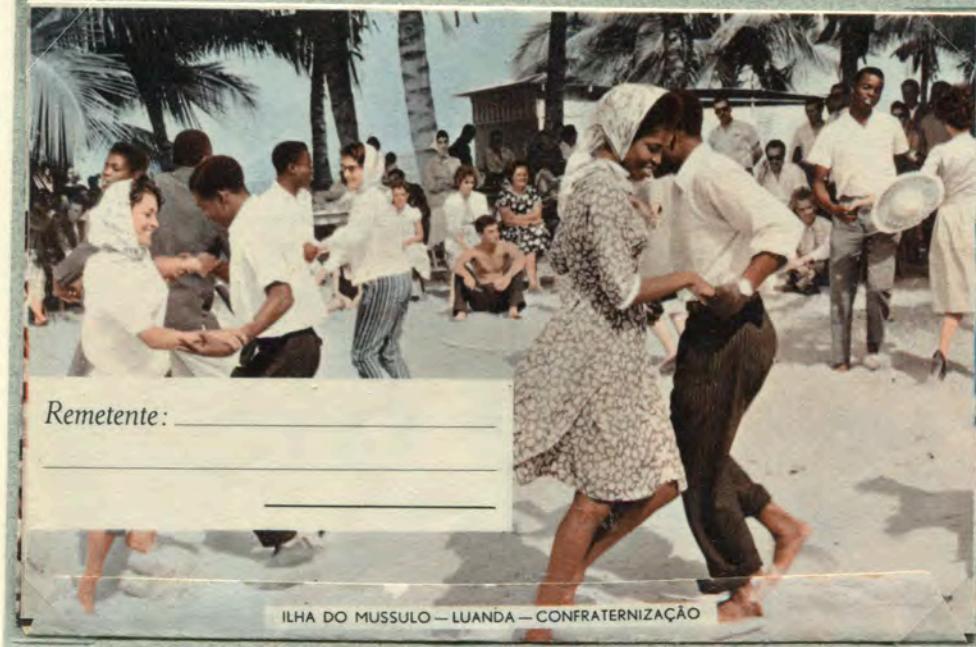
On the beach in
Mozambique.



Reverse: Regard sur le cocotier en "parapluie"

Join the local residents in a dance
under the coconut palms on the
sandy beach in Luanda, Angola ...

...or watch the local fishermen
in Senegal while staying at the
four star Hotel Palm Beach >



2\$50 Aerogramme



7.4 AFRICA

Douala, Cameroon welcomes us at the Hotel des Cocotiers.



Lolodorf, Cameroon 14-7-1964 205f Postage + Registration Fee for a 30 gram film canister.

May we suggest a happy holiday under the coconut palms on Lake Nyasa (now Lake Malawi).



7.7 TOURISTS

The slogan below says it all ...



Nothing like mailing a souvenir coconut to the folks back home...



West Palm Beach, FL to Philadelphia, PA. Distance under 1000 miles - Parcel Post Zone 5 - 3 pound coconut.
Mailed between 15-May 1925 and 1-July 1928 at rate of 10 cents for first pound and 6 cents for each add'l pound

Coconut fiber, from the base of the petioles, carries the mail from Pitcairn Island.



8. SUNSET

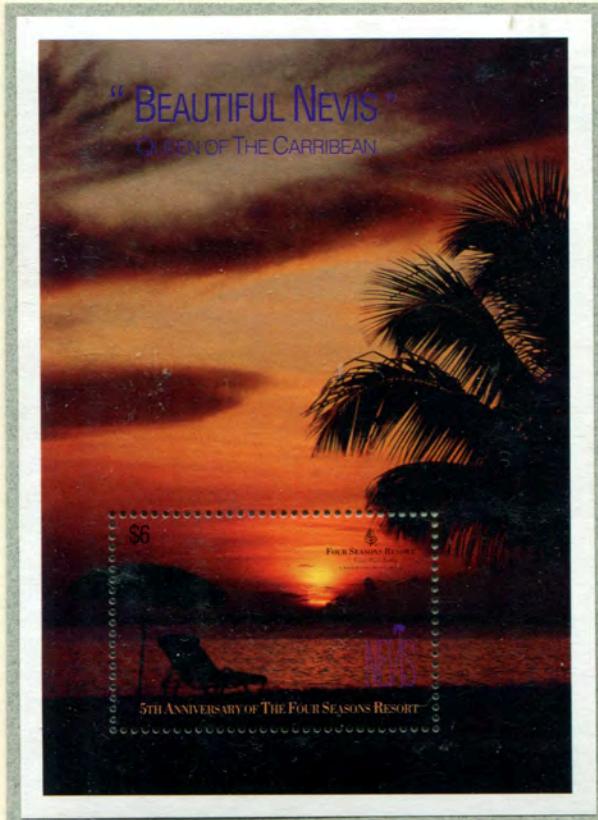
Let us end our study of the coconut palm with a tropical sunset and aloha in the Pacific ...



Cartor Printing



Delrieu Printing



.. and two beautiful Caribbean sunsets ...



...and at the right time of month, we can observe moon rise in the East.

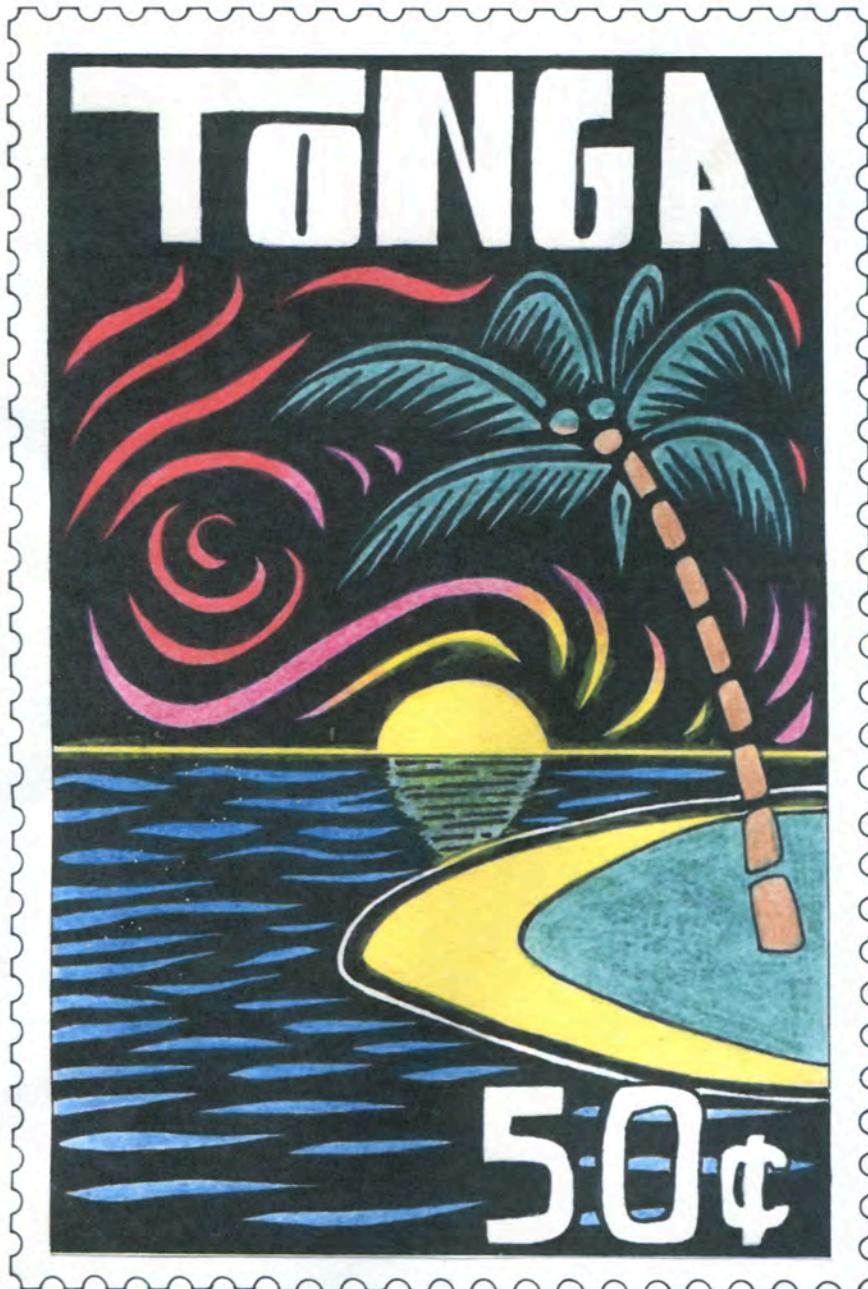


8. SUNSET AND ALOHA

However, on the coconut producing island nation of Tonga, one would say 'Alua' as we depart at sunset.

Original artwork at left by Peter and Kiley Moala and reduced copy at lower right as submitted for 1993 Royal Stamp

Sample layout showing suggested size for artwork



4 x Size (inner box indicates illustration area)

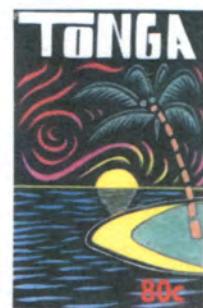
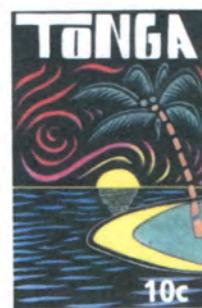
Project Information:

In the Pacific
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sun set or see th
swaying in the b

Name: Peter Moala
Kiley Moal
School: Tonga High

Design Challenge. Artwork slightly modified to produce two stamps of 10 cent and 80 cent values - on Chromalin Proofs.

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Actual Size



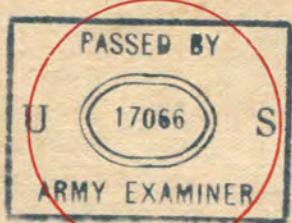
Vava'u, Tonga to Nuku'alofa, Tonga - Official Use

8.1 LAST LAUGH

Stewed GI under the coconut palm ...

Print block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space
below. Use ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.



[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To

Mrs. James A. Martin
405 First St.
Jackson, Tenn.

From

Pfc. James A. Martin
(Sender's name)

1124 MP Co. (Aug 81 ADGT.)
(Sender's address)

APO 322 Unit 1

4 P.M. San Francisco Cal.
(Date)

NOT SUITABLE FOR FILMING

Probably due to brown crayon coloring on native lady's skin.



V--MAIL

5.4 PACIFIC - Samoa

The coconut grew equally well in American Samoa - created by the Tri-Partite Act of 1899 and consisting of the islands of Tutuila and Manu'a - but was quickly surpassed in economic importance by the U.S. Navy.



U.S. domestic & international rates were and are in use ...

2 cent domestic rate
Leone to Fagatogo



5 cent U.P.U. letter rate +
10 cent Registry fee

Pago Pago, Samoa
JAN 30, 1915
Received: Auckland, N.Z.
16 FEB 1915

The coconut palm -
on postage stamps -
moved the mails
from Western to
U.S. Samoa

3 penny U.P.U. letter rate



5.3 SOUTHERN ASIA - Ceylon / Sri Lanka

Under the Dutch and then the British, a plantation system was introduced and Ceylon became a major exporter of coconut products.

The Ceylon Coconut Company was a major grower and exporter.



Card uprated with 2 cent CCC perforated initial stamp.

Cancelled: COLOMBO 11 NOV 15

One unfortunate result of the plantations, coconut, tea, and coffee, was the introduction of chattel slavery. After a minor slave revolt, slaves in Colombo were confined at night to an island in Beira Lake, a suburb of Colombo. The name, Slave Island, continues to this day.



Cancelled: SLAVE ISLAND, 26 AU 1948

Received: NEW YORK, N.Y. A.M.F. TOUR SEP 3, 1948
NEW YORK, NY REG'D DIV. 9-3-1948

4.2 PALM OF COMMERCE - COPRA

When the nuts have matured - usually a golden brown color ...

Trail color impressions from Courvoisier Archives .

Ceylan / Timbres-poste «Coconuts» 1954

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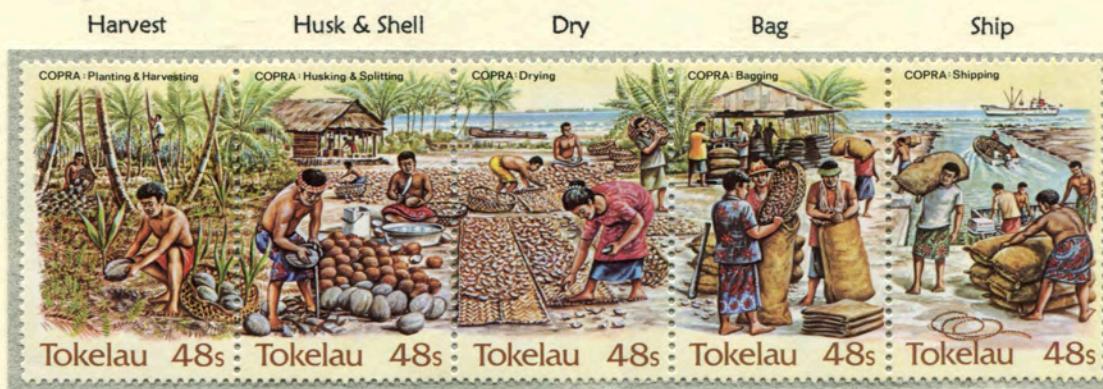
Dessins: Courvoisier S.A.

Phases d'impression

Actes N° 563.8.9 du 21.6.54

4.2 PALM OF COMMERCE - COPRA

The local production process is neatly summarized in this strip.



From smaller islands and plantations, the copra is loaded onto and carried on small ships ...



... unless the small ship explodes and sinks - which happened to the M/V VASU on 14-June 1956 in Tongan waters while en route from Suva to Western Samoa.



Cancelled: 28 May 1956, Suva, Fiji
Salvaged mail sent to Apia, W. Samoa where auxiliary marking applied.

M/V VASU, ex Italian cargo ship ADA. 1952 purchased at La Spezia by Island Shipping Co. Acquired by Burns Philp of Suva in foreclosure sale; wood construction, 299 GRT, powered by 300HP Ansaldo diesel.

4.2 PALM OF COMMERCE - COPRA

From the smaller islands, the copra is consolidated in larger ports for shipping to world markets.



Plate Proof

Vavau Harbor at Nukualofa, Tonga was a favorite port for larger ships such as the M/V TOFUA around 1910.



Tongan Postal Card, King George indicium, written at sea, 1d add'l postage; cancelled 15-Dec 1917, Suva, Fiji

Trade increased and the pier in Vavau Harbor was extended.



Vavau Harbor



Trial Color Proof



← 1d Postal Card
Orange Tree Indicium

4.3 PALM PRODUCTS

More and more coconut oil is being produced from copra in the country of origin for both domestic use and export.

Sedawatte Mills, Ltd. produces Diamond Brand Coconut Oil in Ceylon.



After the oil is extracted from the copra, the remaining product called *poonac* or coconut cake or copra meal can be used for livestock feed...

...and what comes out the back end of the livestock can be used to fertilize the coconut palms.



California was one of the few states to tax imported animal feed.

Little else of the coconut was wasted. Empty shells are used for ...
a mild abrasive to internally
clean jet engines ...

sake flasks



collecting latex



... or are pulverized into a powder and used as an inert filler in plastics.



4.3 PALM PRODUCTS

husking

String or twine from coir is made in the traditional manner by ...

retting

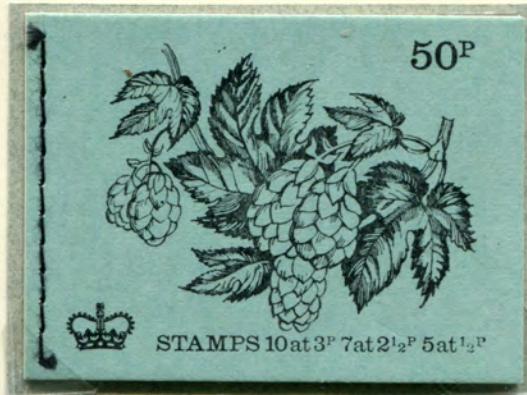
hackling

hand spinning

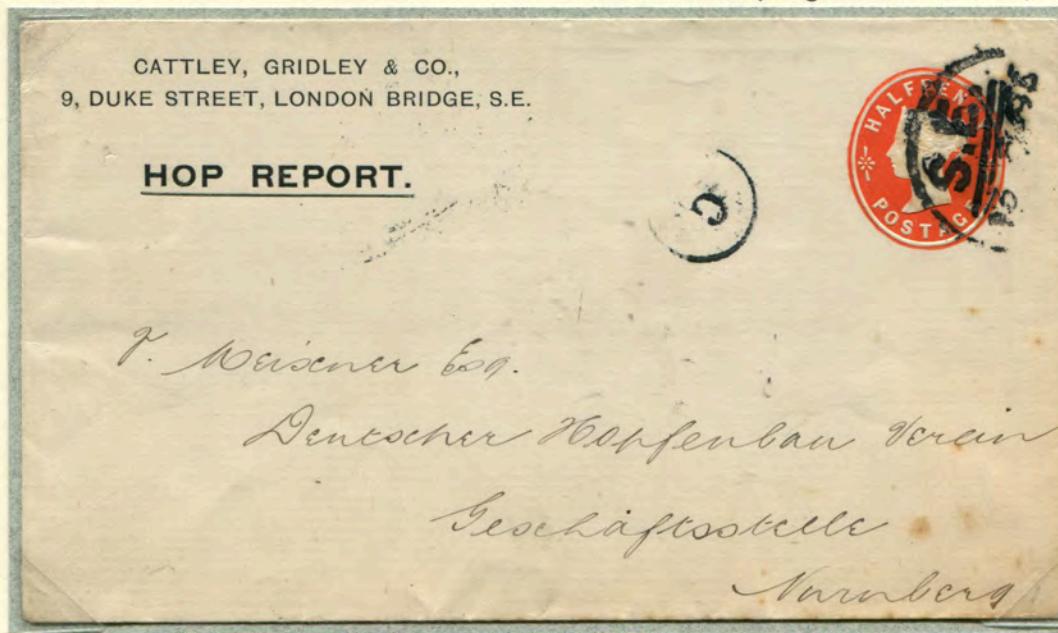


A hand-driven spinning wheel for coir fiber is popular in rural India.

Coir string has proven superior to synthetic cordage for growing hops (*Humulus lupulus*). The female flower is used for flavoring beer.



Hops and copra were big business in late 19th century England and Germany.



Printed to Order Stationery London (13-5-95) to Nurnberg (15-5-95)

4.3 PALM PRODUCTS

Activated charcoal, made from coconut shells, was the primary filtering agent in protective (gas) masks.
for military ...



19 June 1928
Commemorating the military exercises
of the Special Forces in Taiwan.



Activated charcoal is no defense
against carbon monoxide (CO)
found in engine exhausts.



Tender Coconut Water (TCW), now a popular, refreshing, and healthy beverage, has been used as a blood plasma substitute since it is sterile, has the proper electrolytes and pH.



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椰牛 Yeniu

恭賀新禧

海南新大食品有限公司
Hainan xinda food CO., LTD.

Peoples Republic of China, 2009 Lottery Postal Card
Yeniu brand tender coconut water; ni is the Polynesian root word for coconut