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Payable to Philatelic Bureau  
 for the amount of

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 order Account No:

for the Amount of:  F\$

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Card Numbers:

Cardholder's Name:

Cardholder's Signature

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 UK\$1 = F\$2.65 (Approximately)  
 A\$1 = F\$1.50 (Approximately)

### Post Fiji First Day Cover

Official first day covers (with first day cancellations) will be provided by the Bureau at an extra cost of \$2.00 making a total cost of \$9.39 for each cover.



### Methods of Payment

Remittance should be done by Bankdraft or British Postal Order payable to Manager Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O. Box 100, Suva, Fiji. Personal cheques will not be accepted. The Bureau also accepts payments through Mastercard, VisaCard and Diners Club. A customer desirous of taking advantage of this system is requested to advise card number and the expiry date shown on the card. It is imperative one provides this information otherwise the order will not be processed. Please send remittance under registered cover. The Bureau will not be responsible for the loss of bank notes etc. enclosed in mails.

### Terms of Payment

If you do not have a Philatelic Bureau Deposit Account payment must accompany your order.

### Standing Orders

Standing order accounts may be opened for regular supplies of new issues, minimum deposit required is \$F50.00. If you have an existing standing order for Fiji special issue stamps with the Bureau, do not send this order unless additional stamps are required.

### Period of sale

Unless stocks are exhausted earlier the stamps will remain on sale at the Post Office and Philatelic Bureau until 27 September, 2019.

### Forth Coming Issues

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**Fiji**

# Sand Dunes of Fiji

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## FIJI'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK: SIGATOKA SAND DUNES NATIONAL PARK



In a country blessed with scenic beauty, the Sigatoka Sand Dunes stand out as one of the more unique wonders of Fiji.

Dune systems are rare in Remote Oceania and the Sigatoka Sand Dunes are, to date, the biggest in the region. This distinctive landscape covers an estimated area of 650 acres and comprises a series of parabolic dunes of various ages and activities.

The Dunes are located directly west of the mouth of the Sigatoka River, the second largest river system in Fiji. They are the product of fluvial erosion in the coastal hinterlands and coastal dune forming processes.

In 1988, 390 acres of the Sigatoka Sand Dunes became Fiji's first National Park making it an important milestone for conservation in Fiji. Its management was then handed to the National Trust of Fiji.

The National Trust of Fiji is a statutory organisation, under the administration of the Ministry of Education, Heritage & Arts and the National Archives of Fiji. It's tasked with the conservation of Fiji's natural and cultural heritage and has existed since 1970.

In 1997, the National Trust of Fiji built a Visitor Information Centre and walking tracks and opened the Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park to the people of Fiji and her visitors from abroad.

Why protect this unique national heritage?

The Sigatoka Sand Dunes are well known for their rich historical



treasures including clues to man's first arrival in Fiji millennia ago. Evidence of the past, clearly visible throughout the dune system as pottery shards, stone tools, human remains and middens, continue to be unearthed by natural processes. The Fiji Museum has over the years done many archaeological digs and have in their possession old artefacts from different periods in the Dunes' history.

The Dunes are a haven to a myriad of native and introduced flora and fauna. A thriving ecosystem that houses many native birds, insects, skinks, snakes and fruit bats. A walk through the dune introduces one to a living landscape, that changes dramatically from a grassland, to a forest and then to hills of sand.

These Dunes also serve as a natural barrier to the sea, a first line of defence. In the absence of a coral reef, the high sand dunes protect the nearby communities from tsunami, storm surges and king tides. With the advent of Climate Change, they will be important in containing the encroaching sea.

People's fascination with the dunes began a long time ago. The dunes have been many things for people over the years. It has been a place of residency, a place of industry, a place of entertainment, a place of learning, a place of recreation and a place of inspiration, to name a few. Its aesthetic, spiritual, and recreational appeal continue to attract people and inspire community.

In essence, the Sigatoka Sand Dunes exhibits a rich combination of physical, ecological and cultural attributes, making it one of Fiji's readily identifiable landmarks. Today, the Sigatoka Sand Dunes is listed tentatively as a World Heritage Site for Fiji and awaits its inscription.



## Standing Order Application Form

To: The Philatelic Bureau, GPO Box 100, Suva, Fiji Islands

Name:

Address:

Fiji Stamps Qty.

Set of mint

Set of cancelled

First Day Cover

Gutter pair

Pitcairn Stamps

Set of mint

Set of cancelled

First Day Cover

Gutter pair

Sand Dunes of Fiji

Set of 4 Stamps

Set of 4 - CTO

First Day Cover

Annual Pack 2015

Annual Pack 2016

(Annual collection of 2016 stamps)

Total

Price

\$7.39

\$7.39

\$9.39

\$83.00

\$85.00

QTY

Technical Details:

Designer - Pravin Sen

Text - Jason Tutani, Park Manager, Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park

Printer - Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand

Process - Offset Litho

Stamp Size - 40mm x 30mm

Panes - 22.4mm x 25.4mm (including 12mm selvage)

Pane Format - Sheets of 40 stamps (2 x 20 stamps with linking gutter)

Printing - Four Process Colors with Sand Effect

Denominations - 40c, 85c, \$1.14, \$5.00

Paper - Tullis Russell High Reading Yellow / Green Phosphor

Gummed Stamp Paper 104 gram

Period of Sale - 28 September, 2017 for a period of 2 years

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