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The Bureau of Posts issues today, October 19, 1970 the Philippine Shell Stamps with the following particulars:

Kind of Issue: Special
Size: 30x33 mm perforation to perforation without marginal space
Denomination: 5-sentimo - 1.000.000
and 10-sentimo - 1.000.000
Quantity: 20-sentimo - 1.000.000
40-sentimo - 1.000.000
Sheet Composition: 50
Printing Process: Heliogravure (multicolor)

5-sentimo - Scaled Tridacna (Tridacna Squamosa)

This is an attractive shell having on its surface very broad and stout radiating ribs, set with large distantly placed scales. Narrow radial ribs are situated between larger ones. The umbo or peak of the shell is situated near the middle of the dorsal margin and there opens a large posterior gape.

10-sentimo - Royal Spiny Oyster (Spondylus Regius)

This splendid shell is large, ovate, ventricose and almost equivalved. The surface bears a few broad, prominently elevated, radial ribs and numerous minutely serrated ridges. The ribs bear prominently long, erect, solid spines, which are purple rose, with the spines sometimes whitish ivory in color.

20-sentimo - Venus Comb (Murex Pecten)

The outer surface of this extraordinary shell is purlish white. Both long and short spines are evenly distributed on the varices of the shell. The nucleus of its operculum is somewhat shifted from the center to the columellar side. The appearance of the shell is very similar to a comb, hence the name Venus Comb.

40-sentimo - Glory of the Sea Cone (Conus Gloria Maris)

This glorious shell is characterized by its fine network of tent-like designs scattered around the body, with an elevated spire, almost one-third the length of its body. The body is slender, almost straight but attenuating gradually to its spire. It attains the size from four to five inches in length with graceful outlines of whorls and the slightly deflected aperture.

