

International Year of Biodiversity

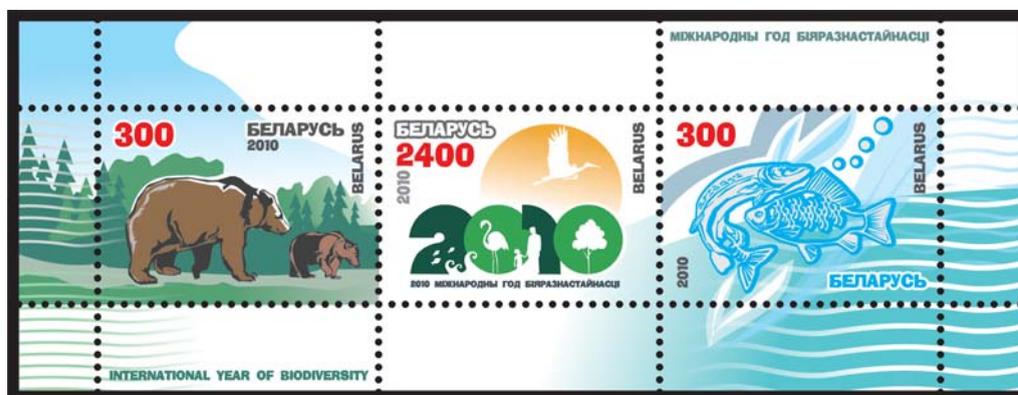
On April 23, 2010 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue a souvenir sheet "International Year of Biodiversity".

Designer: Maria Plakhotnyuk. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** comb 13^{3/4}:13^{1/2}. There are 3 stamps in the souvenir sheet. **Size** of the stamps: 37x26 mm. **Size** of the souvenir sheet: 132x49 mm. **Print quantity:** 25.000 souvenir sheets.

There are elements of protection on the stamps.

Historical reference: On December 20, 2006 the United Nations General Assembly declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. The aim is to attract greater international attention to the continuing loss of the diversity of life on Earth. For celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in our country the Ministry of nature resources and environmental defence worked out a special plan of activities: enlightenment actions and educational seminars, photo and books exhibitions, ecology conferences, forums, competitions and festivals, demonstration of documentaries and social video clips on this subject.

Souvenir sheet No. 76



No. 824
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 vegetable world
300 BYR

No. 825
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 of Biodiversity
2400 BYR

No. 826
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 and its inhabitants
300 BYR



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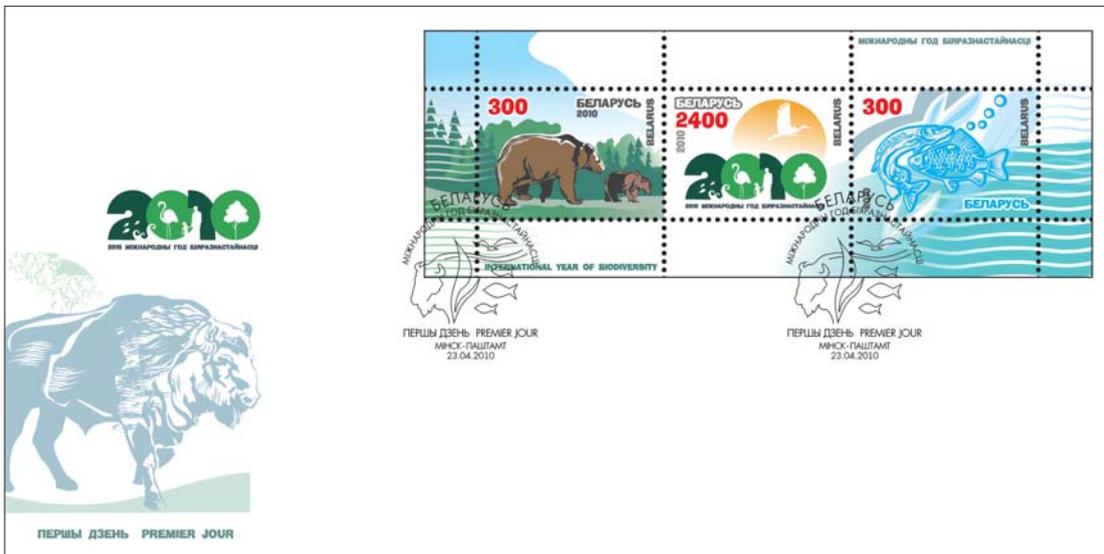
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April 19, 2010



Colour of the postmark — black.

Special **postmark and FDC** designed by M. Plakhotnyuk.



A special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Main Post Office in Minsk on the souvenir sheet issuing day.