



French Southern and Antarctic Territories [FSAT], a French Overseas Territory, also known as “**Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises**” [TAAF], was created on 6 August 1955. It consists of the **Crozet Archipelago** [annexed in 1772], the Islands of **St Paul**, **New Amsterdam** and **Kerguelen** [occupied in 1949], all in the Southern Indian Ocean, and **Adélie Land**, part of the Antarctic continent. Before that, the territories were administered from Madagascar, necessitating the use of their postal stationery. From 1948 to 1955, Madagascar stamps served as the postal currency; on 26 October 1948, a 100Fr Madagascar stamp was overprinted to commemorate the discovery of Adélie Land in 1840 by James D’Urville - see below. The impending independence of Madagascar led to TAAF being established as a separate entity; its first stamp was another overprint - see below - of a 15Fr Madagascar stamp. This exhibit looks at the early issues up to currency conversion in 1976. These are particularly attractive issues for four reasons: 1. Nearly every issue reflects some aspect of life in Antarctica; 2. The designs are very clear; 3. All issues are engraved and recess printed; 4. Some positional explain the printing.

Unless otherwise stated, all issues were printed by the French Government Printing Works in Paris.

Earlier Issue
26 October 1948
SG316 [Madagascar]



Overprinted in red
**“TERRE ADÉLIE
DUMONT
D’URVILLE
1840”**

Madagascar SG316
*Design “Flight” (it was
an airmail value)*

The First Issue
2 November 1955
SG1 [FSAT]



Overprinted
**“TERRES
AUSTRALES ET
ANTARCTIQUES
FRANCAISES”**

Madagascar SG324 [1952]

*Showing a long-tailed ground roller ...not exactly native to or
a frequent visitor to Antarctica! But I guess needs must!*

Penguins feature a lot on FSAT stamps - and across the region!

*Estimated 20m breeding pairs
across Antarctica*

Artist’s sunken die-proof of SG4
signed by artist [Pierre Munier]

*It is stated that “very few were produced
as overuse of the die would damage the
quality of the final product”*

These earlier proofs are quite scarce

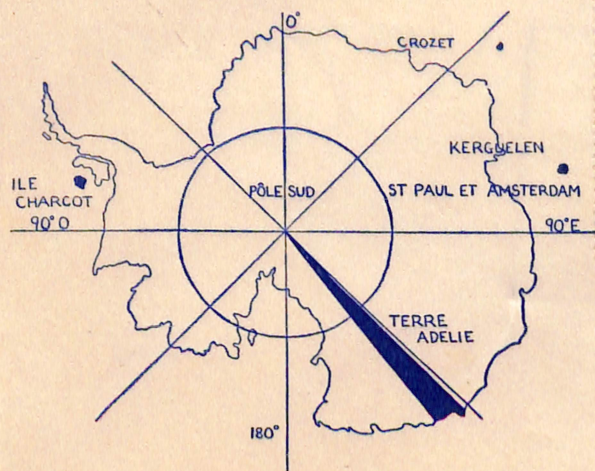
SG4 50c Rockhopper Penguin [1956]
Imperforate Progressive Colour Proof



STRUCTURE OF EXHIBIT

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Annee Geophysique Internationale 1957



Terres Australes et Antarctiques Françaises

J. CARPENTER
32, BROAD LANE
WILMINGTON KENT
ANGLETERRE.



SG1 on commemorative cover celebrating
"International Geophysical year 1957"
Cancelled "TERRE ADELIE 15.1.1958"

The year was chosen to coincide with the maximum sunspot cycle - a period when solar flares and other disturbances are most prevalent and research on the sun was particularly relevant

The First Definitive Issue: 8 values issued 25 April 1956



SG4 50c



SG5 1f

Both show Rockhopper Penguins



SG8 5f



SG9 5f

SG No	Designs for First Definitive Series
2	Light-mantled Sooty Albatross
3	Great Skuas
4	Rockhopper Penguins
5	Rockhopper Penguins
6	Black-faced Sheathbills
7	Leopard Seal
8	Kerguelen Fur Seal and Settlement
9	
10	Southern Elephant-Seal
11	Kerguelen Cormorants
12	Southern Elephant-Seal
13	Territorial Arms
14	Kerguelen Fur Seal
15	King Penguin
16	Emperor Penguins, Snow Petrel and South Pole
17	
18	Wandering Albatross



SG10 10f



Mint and Used Examples



SG17 100f used example



SG12 15f



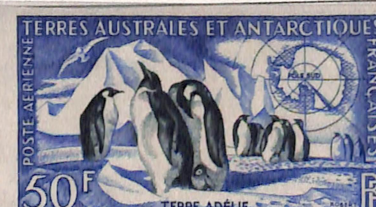
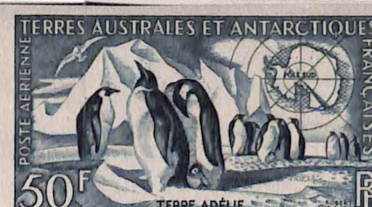
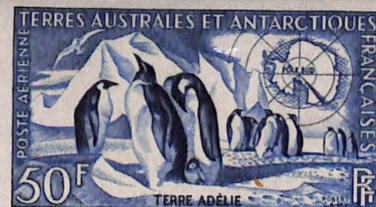
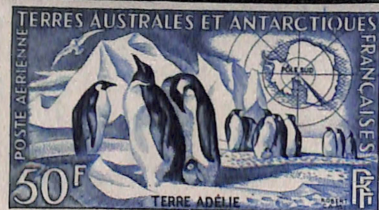
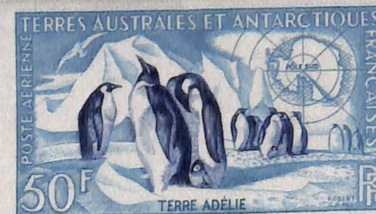
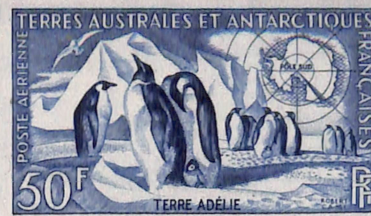
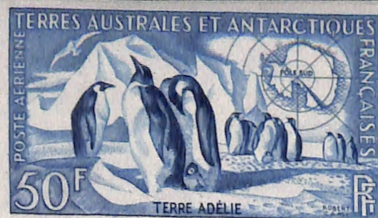
8 values (of the 16) were issued on 25 April 1956

Here on philatelic cover cancelled

"ILES ST PAUL ET AMSTERDAM T.A.A.F. 15 NOV 1956"



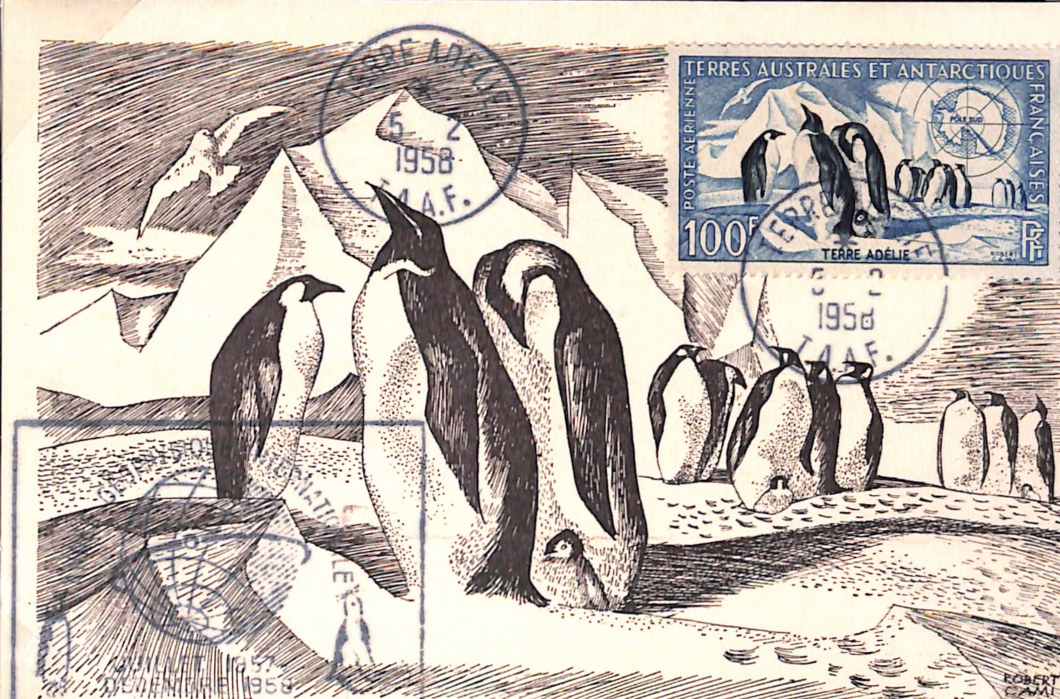
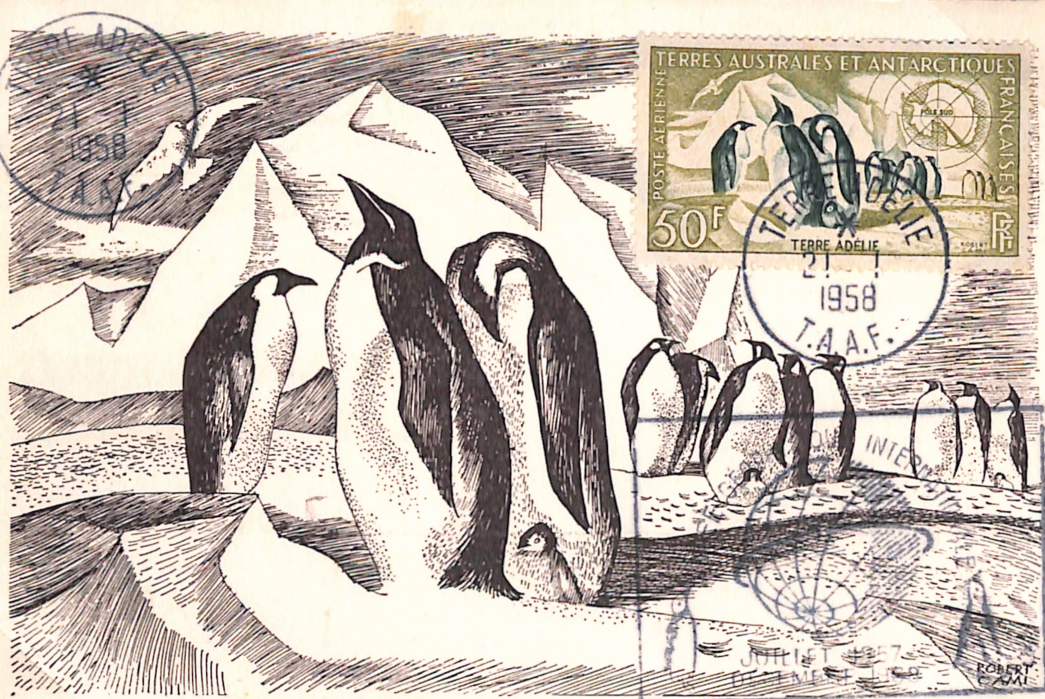
Trial Colour Plate Proofs (Scarce) SG16 and SG17 (both issued 25 April 1956) on two postcards drawn by Robert Cami (who designed these stamps), replicating the designs of the stamps. Cards issued for the French Antarctic Expedition for the International Geophysical Year (1/7/1957-31/12/1958) Cancelled "TERRE ADELIE 21.1.1958" (SG16) and "5.2.1958" (SG17) "ANNEE GEOPHYSIQUE INTERNATIONALE ... DECEMBER 1958"



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26.3.56





SG7 4f Die Proof in Brown, signed by C Darren's, the Designer and Engraver
Stamp issued in Purple-Brown, Deep Green and Blue

Issued 20 November 1960



SG6 2f



SG14 25f



SG7 4f



SG15 85f



SG16 50f; SG17 100f Issued 25 April 1956



Issued
7 December
1959

SG2 30c



SG3 40c

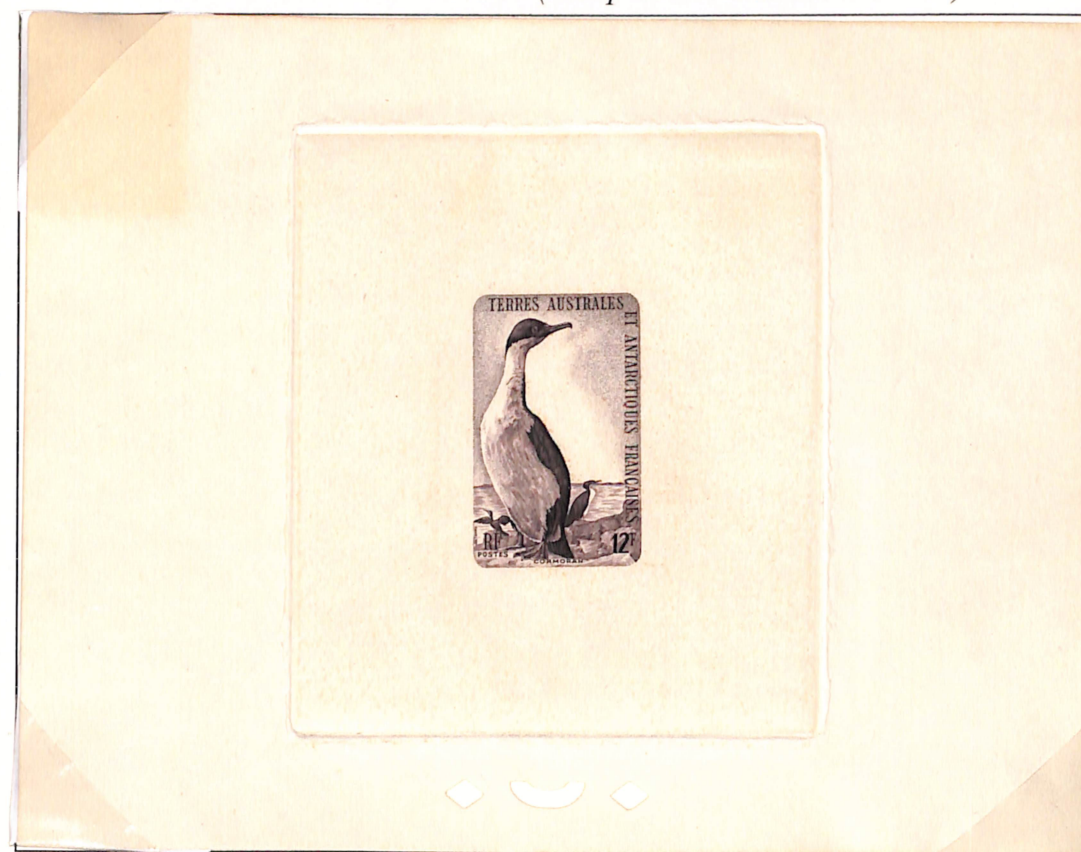


SG11 12f



SG13
20f

SG11 12f Die Proof in Brown (stamp issued in Black and Blue)





SG3 40c Die Proof in Brown



SG18 200f 'Airmail' Stamp

SG3 & SG18 Issued
7 December 1959

SG2 - SG18 All Recess Printed

Designers and Engravers:

SG2 R Serres; SG3 R Cottet

SG4, SG5 P Munier

SG6, SG10, SG11, SG12, SG15 G Bétemps

SG7 SG14 C Durrens; SG8 SG9 H Cheffér

SG13 Des S Gauthier, Die Eng A Barre

SG16 SG17 R Cami; SG18 C Hertenberger

The First Commemorative Issue
International Geophysical Year
14 November 1957
SG19-SG21

Recess Printed

Designer and Engraver: C Hertenberger
Design shows Polar Camp and Meteorologist

The International Geophysical Year (IGY) was an international scientific project that lasted from 1 July 1957 to 31 December 1958. It marked the end of a long period during the Cold War when scientific interchange between East and West had been seriously interrupted. Sixty-seven countries participated in IGY projects. Belgian Marcel Nicolet was Secretary General.



SG19 5f



SG20 10f



SG21 15f

SG22 2 February 1959



SG22 10f
Multicoloured
Shows Pringlea

Pringlea antiscorbutica, commonly known as Kerguelen cabbage, is a flowering plant. Its common name comes from the archipelago of its discovery, the Kerguelen Islands, and its generic name derives from Sir John Pringle, president of the Royal Society at the time of its discovery by Captain James Cook's Surgeon, William Anderson, in 1776.



Between 1960 and 1975 (new currency was introduced 1 January 1976), FSAT issued 75 stamps, from SG23 to SG97. We have adopted a thematic structure - sorting them by 1. Fauna and Flora, 2. Historical Figures, 3. Geography, 4. Historical Events, 5. Science and Technology

1. Fauna and Flora

SG26-34: Definitives 1962-1972 D/E: P Béquet / A Frères (26), M Monvoisin (29), P Béquet (others)



SG26 23 December 1966
Showing Blue Whale



SG27 24 December 1962
Showing Southern Elephant-
Seals in combat



SG28 5 January 1969
Showing Pintado Petrels



SG29 5 January 1969
Showing Phylica Tree,
New Amsterdam Island



SG30 24 December 1969
Showing Killer Whale,
Crozet Islands



SG31 31 January 1968
Showing
Black-browed Albatross



SG32 30 December 1972
Showing Kerguelen
Cabbage



SG34 Airmail
24 December 1962
Showing Adélie Penguins

Native Plants



SG83/SG84 Issued 13 December 1973
D/E: P Béquet / C Haley
SG83 61f shows Azorella selago
SG84 87f Acaena ascendens



Antarctic Fish D/E: C Haley



All issued 1 January 1971 SG61 5f Long-nosed icefish; SG 62 10f Marbled Rockcod;
SG63 20f Antarctic Rockcod; SG64 22f Hanson's Rockcod; SG65 25f Orange-throated Rockcod;
SG66 30f Blue-gilled Rockcod; SG67 35f Bernacchi's Rockcod; SG68 135f Spiny Pigfish

1. Fauna and Flora (Cont)

Antarctic Insects D/E: C Haley



Issued 2 January 1972 (25f, 40f and 140f)
16 December 1972 (15f, 22f and 30f)
SG72 15f *Christiansenia dreuxi* (weevil)
SG73 22f *Phitrocoris antarcticus*
SG74 25f *Microzetia mirabilis* (midge)
SG75 30f *Antartophytosus triceps*
SG76 40f *Paractora dreuxi*
SG77 140f *Pringleophaga kerguelensis*

2. Historical Figures

25th Anniversary of
Disappearance of Jean Charcot

SG24 19 December 1961 Designer/
Engraver: P Gandon

Jean Charcot, Compass and Pourquoi Pas?

Commemoration of Dumont
D'Urville, French Explorer

SG44 30f 20 January 1968 D/E: P Béquet
Showing D'urville, L'Astrolabe and Zélée

First Anniversary of
Death of General De Gaulle

SG80/81 1 February 1972

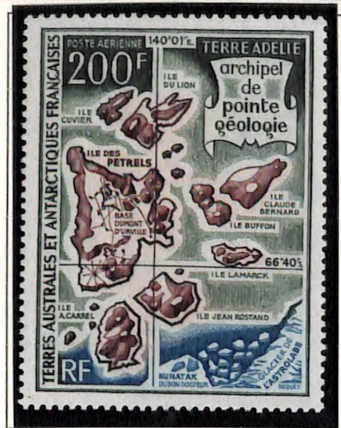
D/E: P Bèquet

Shows De Gaulle in uniform (50f)
and De Gaulle as President (100f)



3. Geography

Maps and Arms of the Territory



Airmail issues 24 December 1969 SG54 50f Possession Island, Crozet Archipelago; SG55 100f Dated Block Relief Map of Kerguelen; SG56 200f (1 January 1971) Cape Geology Archipelago Map; SG57 500f Territorial Arms D/E: P Béquet (500f Cauthier)

Kerguelen Islands (also known as the Desolation Islands) are among the most isolated places on Earth, 3300 km from Madagascar

Crozet Archipelago



SG35 16 December 1963
D/E: P Bèquet / J Miermont
Shows Crozet Archipelago



21 January 1968
D/E: P Béquet / M Monvoison
SG45 40f
Épreuves de luxe
Aerial view of St Paul Island
SG46 50f
Port-aux-Français, Kerguelen



SG40A Airmail 2 May 1966
Strip of SG40 + SG41 + Label
SG40 25f Rocket SG41 30f Satellite A1
Label: "MISE SUR ORBITE DU
PREMIER SATELLITE FRANCAIS
26 NOVEMBRE 1965"

IMPRIMERIE DES TIMBRES-POSTE - PARIS



4. Historical Events

Discovery of Kerguelen Archipelago



SG23 19 November 1960
Designer/Engraver: C Durrens
Shows Yves Joseph Kerguelen-
Trémarac and Dauphine

Launching of First French Satellite

4. Historical Events (Cont)

Centenary of I.T.U.
(International

Telecommunications Union)

SG39 30f Airmail 17 March 1965
Mint stamp and signed Die Proof20th Anniversary
World Health Organisation

SG49 30f 4 May 1968

Showing bouquet sun and emblem

SG71 22 December 1971

D/E: P Bèquet

Shows Treaty emblem

French Polar Exploration 1968 Human Rights Year



SG52 17 March 1969

D/E: C Durrens

Shows Antarctic scene

Discovery of Adélie Land
in 1840

SG38 50f Airmail

20 January 1965 D/E: P Bèquet

Showing landfall of
Dumont D'Urville50th Anniversary of International
Labour Organisation

SG58 20f 25 December 1969

Building, Geneva

First Flight of Concorde

SG53 2 April 1969

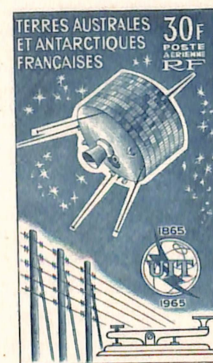
Shows Concorde in Flight

Antarctic Voyages of the
Galliéni Supply Ship

SG82 25 January 1973

D/E: P Bèquet / C Haley

Shows Galliéni



Showing satellite, pylons and morse key

New UPU Headquarters



SG60 50f 20 May 1970

New building, Bern

20th Anniversary of Port-aux-Français, Kerguelen



SG69a Horizontal pair with label [SG69 40f and SG70 50f]

Airmail 9 March 1971

Showing Port-aux-Français (1950 - 40f), Port-aux-Français [1970 - 50f]

20th Anniversary of
Meteorological Station,
New Amsterdam Island

SG59 30f 27 March 1970

D/E: P Bèquet / C Haley

Shows relief Map of
New Amsterdam IslandFifth Antarctic Treaty
Consultative Meeting
Paris

SG51 Airmail 13 January 1969

D/E: P Bèquet

Shows Eiffel Tower, Badge of
Paris and Ship in Antarctica



4. Historical Events (Cont)

Bicentenary of Discovery of
Crozet Islands and Kerguelen

SG78/79 D/E: P Bèquet

SG78 Issued 24 January 1972 Shows Landing on Crozet Islands

SG79 Issued 13 February 1972

Shows Hoisting the flag on Kerguelen

Sheet of 10 with date of printing 23.11.71

Antarctic Ships Airmail Issue Issued
13 December 1973; D/E: P Béquet

SG85 120f shows Mascarin (1772)

SG86 145f shows L'Astrolabe (1840)

SG87 150f shows Roland (1774)

SG88 185f shows Vitoria (1522)



4. Historical Events (Cont)

Tenth Anniversary of Alfred Faure Base, Crozet Archipelago

SG89a Horizontal strip of 3 SG89, 90, 91

75f / 110f / 150f Airmail

7 January 1974

D/E: C Haley

The three stamps together form a triptych forming a composite view of the base

25th Anniversary of Postal Service



SG95 75f Airmail Showing Mail ship Sapmer

31 December 1974 D/E: C Haley

Celebrating Centenary of Universal Postal Union



IMPRIMERIE DES TIMBRES-POSTE - FRANCE

SG92 150f Airmail 9 October 1974

D/E: P Béquet

Showing Emperor Penguin, Globe and Letters



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T.D.3-12

16.10.73

5. Science and Technology

First Transatlantic Television Satellite Link



SG25 24 December 1962

Airmail stamp

Shows Telstar satellite

Ionospheric Research



SG33 25f Airmail

23 December 1966

*Ionospheric Research pylon,
Adélie Land*

International Year of Quiet Sun; 16 December 1965

D/E (20f): R Serres / C Mazélin; D/E (100f) P Béquet



SG36 20f Postage

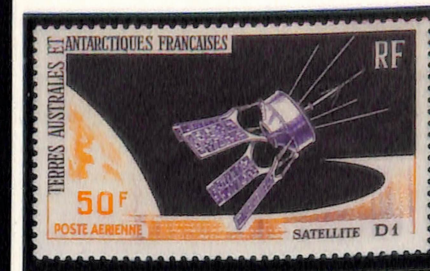
Observation Station



SG37 100f Airmail Mint & Used

*Pylons and Adélie Penguins
with Antarctic Map logo*

Launching of Satellite 'D1'



SG42 50f Airmail

27 March 1966

satellite 'D1'

Launching of First French Satellite



SG40a Horizontal pair with label [SG41 25f and SG42 30f]

Airmail 2 May 1966 Showing Rocket (25f), Satellite A1 (30f)

Launching of 'Dragon' Space Rockets



SG47a Horizontal pair with label [SG47 25f and SG48 30f]

22 April 1968 Airmail

*Showing Kerguelen and Rocket (25f), Adélie Land and Rocket (30f)
Label reads: "ÉTUDE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT SPATIAL PAR FUSES
SONDES IONOSPHERIQUES DRAGON 1967-1968"*

Launching of First Space Probe Adélie Land



SG43 20f 4 March 1967

D/E: J Combet

Showing Space Probe

'ARAKS' Franco-Soviet Magnetosphere Research Project



SG96a Airmail Horizontal pair with label [SG96 45f and SG97 90f]

31 December 1974

Showing Rockets over Kerguelen Islands [45f] and Map of North Coast of USSR [90f]

Charcot's Antarctic Voyages



SG93/94 Airmail 16 December 1974 *D/E: P Bèquet*

SG93 Français (1902-05 voyage); SG94 Pourquoi Pas? (1908-10 voyage)