Native Women

Colonial pressure for distinctive pictorial stamps resulted in the printing of the Native Women issue in 1907. Puyplat, who prepared the final designs, selected seven formats with the lower values sharing two designs.

Although not well received in general, the same basic stamps, with modifications, remained in use until 1927.
Native Women

CAMBODIAN WOMAN

CAMBODIAN WOMAN

ANNAMITE WOMAN

MUONG WOMAN

LAOTIAN WOMAN

TONKINESE WOMAN
Native Women
Design Subjects

The low values of the definitive stamps picture an Annamite woman. The young lady shown on this postcard bears a striking resemblance to the portrait found on the low value stamps.
Engraver Puyplat, who was based in Paris, took his inspiration for the Native Women designs from contemporary postcards. The 75 centime value demonstrates how he created a brand new background around a central figure.
The Native Women stamps were regarded as emblems of an exotic and far away land. A combined photography and philately exposition in 1911 was promoted with postcards that overlaid a replica of the 1 franc Native Woman value on a panorama of Dijon.
Native Women
Design Subjects

For the 2 franc value, the designer did not attempt to relay the elaborate detail of the Muong woman's dress in the small postage stamp format.
Another period postcard provides a more detailed look at the Muong woman who ultimately became the subject depicted on the 2-franc value.
Native Women
Design Subjects

The enclosure that the Laotian woman was leaning against was transformed into a fence for the 5 franc value.
Native Women
Design Subjects

A turn-of-the-century photograph served as the inspiration for the design of the 10-franc stamp. In the photograph, the seated woman holds the shaft of a large umbrella. In the stamp, the umbrella became a large hat on the head of the standing woman.
Native Women Labels

Tourism labels depict the ethnic diversity among Indochinese women.
Native Women
Annamite Proofs

EMPTY VALUE PLUG

FILLED VALUE PLUG

DESIGN USED ON CIGARETTE CARD
Native Women
Cambodian Proofs

FILLED VALUE PLUG

EMPTY VALUE PLUG

WITH VALUE PLUG

EMPTY VALUE PLUG
Native Women
High Value Proofs
Native Women
Proof of 1 franc

An imperforate proof shows the design’s as-issued colors of red and black.
Native Women
Perforation Varieties

ZIGZAG

IMPERFORATE
Native Women
Printing Varieties

NORMAL “c”

PARTIAL “c”

FLATTENED “c”

“BLIND EYE”
Native Women
Color Shades
Native Women
Color Shades
Native Women
Printing Registrations
Native Women
Printing Registrations
Native Women
Millesimes
Native Women
Millesimes
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

ANNAM

BA-DON
BANMETHUOT
BINH-DINH
CUARAO

DALAT
FAIFO
HUE
PHANRANG

PHANTIET
QUANGTRI
QUANG-NGAI

QUINHONE
THANH-HOA
TOURANE
VINH
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

CAMBODIA

BATTAMBANG
KOMPONG-TIAM
PNOMPENH

SIEMREAP ANGKOR
STUNGTRENG
TAKEO

CHINA

C. CANTON CHINE
MONGTSEU
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes
COCHINCHINA

BACLIEU  BATRI  BIENHOA  CAIBE

CAIRANG  CAMAU  CANGIOC

CANTHO  CAP ST. JACQUES  CHOLON  CHOLON-BINHTAY

LOCNINH  CULAOGIEN  GIADINH
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

COCHINCHINA

LONGXUYEN
MYTHO
RACHGIA
SADEC

SAIGON-CENTRAL
SAIGON-PORT
TANCHAU

TAYNINH
THOI THUAN
TINH-BIEN
TRAON

TRAVINH
VINHLONG
VUNGLIEM
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

TONKIN

BAC-LE   BAC-NINH   BAOLAC   CHAPA

CHIEMHOA   DAPCAU   DONG-DANG

HAIDUONG   HAIPHONG   HANOI   HANOI-GARE

HON-GAY   HONG-HOA   KHAO-SON
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

TONKIN

KIEN-AN  LACQUAN  LANG-SON  LAOKAY

NGUYEN-BINH  PHAT-DIEM

NAM-DINH  NINH-BINH  NUI-DEO  PHUC-YEN

PHU-DOAN  PHU-LANG-THUONG  PHU-THO
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

TONKIN

PHU-LY
POINTE PAGODE
PORT WALLUT
QUANGYEN
SEPT PAGODES
TA-LUNG
TAM-DAO
THAI-BINH
TUENQUANG
VIETTRI
VINHYEN
YENBAY
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

LAOS

ATTOPEU

HOUEISAI

LUANG-PRABANG  VIENTIANE  PAKSE

SAVANNAKHET
Native Women
Postmarks on 10 centimes

RAILROAD

VINH A HANOI
VINH A HANOI
VINH A HANOI
VINH A HANOI
LANGSON A HANOI
LANGSON A HANOI
LANGSON A HANOI
HANOI-LANGSON
SAIGON A PHANRANG
SAIGON A MYTHO

MARITIME

YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE
YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE
LIGNE N
LIGNE N
Native Women
Postmarks on 5 centimes

HANOI
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

ANNAM

BAN ME THUOT
BENTHUY
BINH-DINH
FAIFO

HUE
NINH-CHU
QUANGTRI

QUINHONE
TAM-KY
THANH-HOA
TOURANE

VINH
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

COCHINCHINA

BACLIEU  BAIXAU  BENTRE  CANTHO

BIENHOA

CAP ST.JACQUES  CHAUDOC  CHOLON  CHOLON-BINHTAY

CHOQUAN  GIADINH  GOCONG  LAITHIEU
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values
COCHINCHINA

LONGMY  LONGXUYEN  MYTHO  POULO-CONDORE
SADEC  SAIGON B  SAIGON-CENTRAL  SAIGON-PORT

SAIGON A

SOCTRANG  THUDAUMOT  TRAVINH
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values
TONKIN

BAC-NINH

BAC-NINH  BINHLIEU  CHIEMHOA  DAPCAU

HAGIANG  HAIPHONG  HANOI  HANOI CHATEAU D’EAU

HANOI R.P.  HANOI-GARE  HONGAY  HONG-HOA
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

TONKIN

LANG-SON

LANG-SON

LAOKAY

MONCAY

NGUYEN-BINH

PHA-LONG

NAM-DINH

PHA-LONG

PHAT-DIEM

PHULY

PHU-DOAN

PHU-NINH GIAM
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

TONKIN

PHU-THO

PAKHA

PORT WALLUT

QUANG-YEN

SEPT PAGODES

SONTAY

TAM-DAO

THAI-BINH

THAINGUYEN

TRAI-HUT

TUYENQUANG

VANLY

VIETTRI

VINH-THUY
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

CAMBODIA

BATTAMBANG

KAMPOT

PNOMPENH

LAOS

HOUEISAI

KENGKABAO

LUANG-PRABANG

MOUNG-HOUN-XIENHOUANG

MUONG-HOU-NUA

VIEN'TIANE

SAMNUA

SAVANNAKHET
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

HONG KONG

OFFICES IN CHINA

CANTON

CANTON

FORT BAYARD

CANTON

FORT BAYARD

RURAL
Native Women
Postmarks on Smaller Values

RAILROAD

LANGSON A HANOI
LANGSON A HANOI
HANOI A HAIPHONG
HANOI A HAIPHONG

MARITIME

YUNNANFOU A AMITCHEOU
HANOI A HAIPHONG

YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE
YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE
YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE

SAIGON PAQUEBOT
VAPEUR N° 25 COCHINCHINE
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 8
Native Women
Postmarks on High Values

ANNAM

HUE
TOURANE
VINH
VINH

CAMBODIA

PNOMPENH

LAOS

ATTOPEU
LUANG-PRABANG
XIENG-KHOUANG
Native Women
Postmarks on High Values

COCHINCHINE

BACLIEU  CANTHO  CAP ST. JACQUES  CHOLON-BINHTAY

CHOLON  CHOLON  HONQUAN  MYTHO

POULO-CONDORE  RACHGIA  SAIGON-CENTRAL  SAIGON-PORT
Native Women
Postmarks on High Values

TONKIN

BAC-NINH  DINH-LAP  HAIPHONG

HANOI  HANOI

HANOI GARE  HONGAY  KIEN-AN
Native Women
Postmarks on High Values

TONKIN

LACQUAN  LANG-SON  LANG-SON

MONCAY  SONTAY

TUYEN-QUANG  TUYEN-QUANG  VANLY
Native Women
Postmarks on High Values

CANTON

HONG KONG

MARITIME
Native Women
Postmarks
HAIPHONG
Native Women Postmarks

HANOI
Native Women
Postmarks
SAIGON-PORT
Native Women
Perfins

Banque de l'indochine (Hanoi Branch)

Denis Freres

Grand Magasins Reunis
Native Women
Perfins

HS
BC
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

PAYE
Unknown Company

L'Union Commerciale Indo-Chinoise