

# MANTA RAY GRACES PERTH MINT SEA LIFE SERIES

The Perth Mint's popular collector series, Australian Sea Life II – The Reef, has come to an end with the unveiling of the fifth and final coin – Manta Ray.

This stunning collector coin program, inspired by the unique creatures that inhabit Australia's coral reefs, also features the Hawksbill Turtle, Starfish, Surgeonfish and Octopus.

Struck from 1/2oz of 99.9% silver in proof quality, the latest release depicts a realistic portrayal of a Manta Ray in colour accompanied by the inscriptions AUSTRALIAN SEA LIFE II – THE REEF – MANTA RAY and The Perth Mint's P mintmark.

The Manta Ray is one of the largest marine species on the Great Barrier Reef, with this magnificent and graceful creature reported to grow up to five metres in width and weigh several hundred kilograms.

"The Great Barrier Reef is one of Australia's most remarkable natural gifts, and our Sea Life series does a superb job of showcasing its colourful marine life to the world," said Perth Mint Sales and Marketing Director, Ron Currie.

"With no more than 10,000 Manta Ray coins being released, it will make a great final addition to complete this breathtaking series," he added.

Issued as Australian legal tender, the obverse of the coin depicts the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the 2012 year-date and the monetary denomination.

Priced at an affordable \$67.50, the coin is housed in a display case and is accompanied with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity. Presented within a brightly illustrated coral reef outer shipper, each shipper joins with others in the series to create a superb underwater scene.

The entire collector series is available from The Perth Mint on toll free 1800 098 817 (Australia), +61 8 9421 7218 (International) or [www.perthmint.com.au](http://www.perthmint.com.au)

Learn about more of The Perth Mint's popular collector coins on [www.perthmintblog.com.au](http://www.perthmintblog.com.au) or follow The Perth Mint on Twitter @perthmint

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