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BERMUDA MONETARY AUTHORITY ISSUES 2010 COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Coin featuring Cahow presented to renowned conservationist, Dr. David Wingate.

The Bermuda Monetary Authority is pleased to announce the arrival of its newest commemorative coin – the Bermuda Petrel (Cahow) Coin 2010.

The Currency team at the Authority, who were responsible for the project, consulted with Dr. David Wingate, well-known local conservationist and ornithologist, on the image of the bird to be portrayed on the coin.

Mr. Alan Cossar, Chairman of the Authority's Board of Directors, presented Dr. Wingate with one of the coins at BMA House.

Mr. Cossar said, "The Authority is always delighted to issue new commemorative coins. We are also pleased to present this year's coin, the Bermuda Petrel Coin 2010 1oz Silver Proof, to Dr. Wingate in appreciation of his expert advice on the image of cahow in flight and recognition of the outstanding work he has done over a 40-year period to bring Bermuda's national bird back from the brink of extinction."

The Authority's commemorative coin products are highly desirable collectors' items. The maximum mintage for the Bermuda Petrel one ounce Silver Proof coin is 1,000 and the retail price is \$85. The maximum mintage of the Bermuda Petrel 1/20 ounce Gold Proof is 500, and the retail price is \$120 (subject to the market price of gold). Coins are available at the Authority's Notes and Coins Exhibit, located at BMA House, 43 Victoria Street. For further information on the Authority's commemorative coins, contact the Currency team on telephone 295-5278, or via email at notesandcoins@bma.bm.

Note to Editors:

The Bermuda Petrel (Cahow) is indigenous to Bermuda. It is also one of the rarest seabirds on Earth. They nest on Nonsuch Island, where in 2009 the first chick was hatched in almost 400 years.

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