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The upcoming year **2011** will be celebrating as Chinese **Year of the Rabbit**. On this occasion the Mint of Poland is releasing two silver collector coins in a limited mintage of **3,000 pcs**.



The Rabbit reverse



The Bunnies reverse

The "**Chinese Calendar**" is a series of silver collector coins which every year presents one of 12 animals that in the following year will patronize the Chinese Zodiac: pig, rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, dog, monkey, rooster.

The 12-year cycle repeats itself five times because each time the year of the given animal appears under the sign of another element: water, earth, wood, fire and metal. It is believed that the animal assigned by year and the element influence socio-political and economic events as well as character and skills of people born in the particular year.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, the year of the Rabbit begins February 3rd, 2011 and ends January 22nd, 2012.

The Rabbit is the fourth sign in the Chinese calendar. **The Year of the Rabbit**, following the eventful year of the Tiger, is supposed to give peace. It is traditionally connected with home and family. It will be favorable to artists and diplomats. It is possible that new trends will appear in the art. The year 2012 will be a good time to relax and have fun.

Each coin of the series has its equivalent for children.

SPECIFICATION:

Face value: **1 Dollar**

Metal: **silver Ag 925**

Diameter: **38.61 mm**

Weight: **28.28 g**

Mintage: **up to 3,000 pcs**

Issuer: **Niue Island**

Quality: **proof**

Decoration: **pad printing / glass insert**

Year of issue: **2010**



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COMMON OBVERSE:

The central part of the coin depicts coat of arms of Niue Island, above it a semicircular inscription: ELIZABETH II NIUE ISLAND. Below it, a nominal value of the coin, 1 Dollar, and a year of issue, 2010. On the right, under the Head of the Queen Elizabeth II there is the Mint's mark.



REVERSE OF RABBIT:

In the centre – an image of a sitting rabbit, on the background - cereals with poppies and cornflowers, coloured with a pad printing. On the right side – an inscription: **YEAR OF THE RABBIT 2011**. Above it – a Chinese inscription meaning “Year of the Rabbit”.



REVERSE OF BUNNIES:

In the centre – an image of a pair of fairytale - like rabbits holding a red heart (glass insert), on the background - carrots, rabbit's attribute. On the right side - a Chinese inscription meaning “Year of the Rabbit” and below - year 2011. Along the rim - an inscription: **YEAR OF THE RABBIT**.

