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PEARL DIVING

COIN WITH A REAL PEARL

Since the days of Babylon and in old Egypt until today, Pearls have been used in Jewellery. Natural Pearls are extremely rare, and are only found in one in every 10,000 animals.

A pearl is formed when a particle becomes trapped inside the shell. Over a timeline of several years the animal coats the object with layers of aragonite (calcium carbon) the same material used to build the shell. Pearls are found in several colours – white – black – rose or cream.

Any mollusc either in freshwater or in sea water which produces a shell can produce a pearl. The cultured pearl industry which has flourished since 1920, was originally founded in Japan. A mother-of-pearl sphere with 90% of the desired final size is implanted into an Oyster shell and the coating process is then stimulated.

Present day marine pollution has had a great impact both on natural pearl finds and even in the cultured pearl industry near coastlines. Great losses have been incurred by oil pollution and the waste produced by man.



The coin is not to scale

Description	:	Shell with Pearl
Country	:	Mariana Islands
Article-Number	:	21173
Face Value	:	5 Dollars
Year	:	2005
Metal	:	Silver .925
Weight	:	25 gr.
Diameter	:	38.61 mm
Quality	:	Proof
Mintage	:	1990 pcs.