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## Introduction

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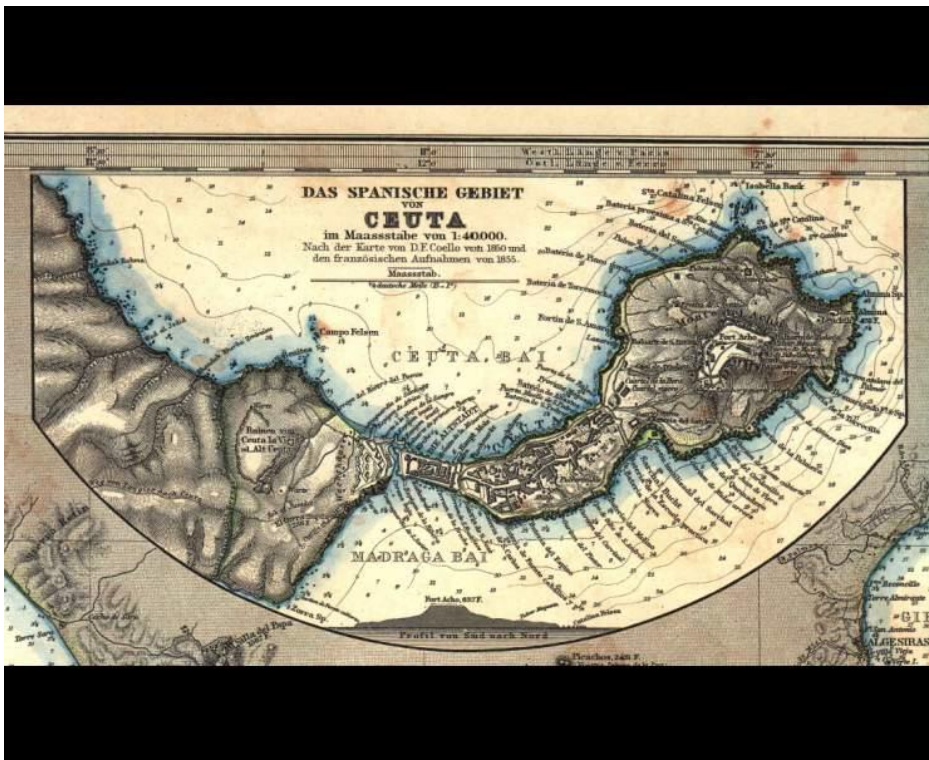
Exceptions were (and still are) Ceuta and Melilla as well as a peninsula and a few islands north of the Moroccan Coast.

Wikipedia: “The plazas de soberanía [...], literally "places of sovereignty" are the Spanish sovereign territories in North Africa. These are separate pieces of land scattered along the Mediterranean coast bordering Morocco. The name refers to the fact that these territories have been a part of Spain since the formation of the modern Spanish State (1492–1556), and are distinguished from African territories obtained by Spain during the 19th and 20th century. Historically, a distinction was made between the so-called "major sovereign territories", comprising the cities of Ceuta and Melilla, and the "minor sovereign territories", referring to a number of smaller enclaves and islands along the coast. In the present, the term refers mainly to the latter” source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plazas\\_de\\_soberan%C3%ADa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plazas_de_soberan%C3%ADa) .



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Melilla, 1936-1939



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**“Deutsche Reichspost in Marokko”, around 1940:**



“Im Zweiten Weltkrieg spielten marokkanische Briefmarken eine Rolle bei der Alliierten Kriegspropaganda. Um eine bevorstehende deutsche Besetzung Marokkos vorzuspiegeln, brachte man in Großbritannien den Aufdruck **Deutsche Reichspost in Marokko** auf zwei Freimarken des Protektorates an und spielte sie der Vichy-Regierung zu.”

[http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postgeschichte\\_und\\_Briefmarken\\_von\\_Marokko](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postgeschichte_und_Briefmarken_von_Marokko).



<https://www.psywar.org/psywar/images/maroc01.jpg>: “One of the more interesting British propaganda operations involved a PWE black propaganda overprint on the French Morocco 50 centimes and 1 franc stamps of 1939-40 overprinted Deutsches Reichspost in Marokko. The overprinted items were produced in May/July 1942 in an attempt to persuade Petain and Laval that their Nazis masters were deceiving them and were preparing to occupy French possessions in North Africa. The overprint exists on two stamps, in both thick (Type I) and thin (Type II) forms; the two types are usually found vertically setenant. One authority maintains that proofs of the thick and thin overprints were prepared, with the thin overprint being chosen for production. The story is that 1 sheet each of the two denominations were sent to the United States Embassy in Paris, who then showed the stamps to Petain or Laval.”