Postage stamps and related objects are miniature communication tools, and they tell a story about cultural and political identities and about artistic forms of identity expressions. They are part of the world’s material heritage, and part of history. Ever more of this postal heritage becomes available online, published by stamp collectors’ organizations, auction houses, commercial stamp shops, online catalogues, and individual collectors. Virtually collecting postage stamps and postal history has recently become a possibility. These working papers about Africa are examples of what can be done. But they are work-in-progress! Everyone who would like to contribute, by sending corrections, additions, and new area studies can do so by sending an email message to the APH editor: Ton Dietz (dietzaj@asc.leidenuniv.nl). You are welcome!

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# AFRICAN POSTAL HERITAGE

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Ifni, Cabo Juby, Rio de Oro, La Agüera, Spanish Sahara, Spanish West Africa, and post-1975 Sahara

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Cabo Juby

In 1879, the British North West Africa Company established a trading post named Port Victoria, but in 1895 sold it to the sultan of Morocco. In 1912, Spain negotiated with France (who controlled the affairs of Morocco at the time) for concessions on the southern edge of Morocco, and on July 29, 1916, Francisco Bens officially occupied Cape Juby. The location was used as a staging post for airmail flights.

When Morocco became independent in 1956, it asked for the cession of Moroccan areas controlled by Spain. After some resistance and some fighting in 1957 during the Ifni War, Cape Juby was ceded to Morocco in 1958. The region is now also known as the Tarfaya Strip”.


1916: “Cabo Jubi overprint” on Spanish Rio de Oro postage stamps with King Alphonso XIII
5c on 4 Ps: [link]

10c on 10 Ps: [link]

15c on 50c (red overprint): [link]

15c. on 50c (green overprint): [link]

40c on 1 Ps (red overprint): [link]

40c on 1 Ps (green overprint): [link]
Varieties:

Upside down, on letter
Double print, on letter

http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/335/465/034_001.jpg

also see: http://www.mostlyclassics.net/firstissues/capejuby.pdf

According to Michel Katalog Nord- und Ostafrika (2005, p. 535) in 1917 and 1918 postage stamps were used from either Rio de Oro or Spanish Morocco.
5c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/324/726/189_001.jpg

10c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/346/559/739_001.jpg

10c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/285/560/008_001.jpg?v=1


30c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/337/422/017_001.jpg

40c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/324/726/572_001.jpg
50c: [Link to image]

1 Pta: [Link to image]

4 Ptas: [Link to image]

10 Ptas: [Link to image]

20c Urgente: [Link to image]

1919, “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish postage stamps with King Alphonso XIII

[Link to image]

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5c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/138/029_001.jpg

10c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/202/530_001.jpg


20c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/353/350/580_001.jpg?v=1


30c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/203/143_001.jpg


50c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/353/350/582_001.jpg?v=1

1 Pta: http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Cape-Juby/Postage-stamps/B10-i.jpg

4 Pta: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/337/737/820_001.jpg

10 Pta: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/333/647/385_001.jpg?v=1

http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/350/551/823_001.jpg

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varieties:

15c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/333/117/834_001.jpg

20c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/303/469/472_001.jpg

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/264/826/657_001.jpg
1919 “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish postage stamp with Pegasus

1921 “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spain Alphonso XIII
1923 “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spain with Crown’

20c: [Image: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/204/643_001.jpg]


1c (red): [Image: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/138/133_001.jpg]

1c (black): [Image: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/345/634/476_001.jpg]

1c (red) with cancellation: [Image: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/339/607/405_001.jpg]

“El Breguet Br 14 de la fotografía fue el primer aeroplano en tomar tierra en Cabo Juby, una tarjeta postal enviada por un soldado canario destinado en esa plaza en 1923 que la envió a su familia en Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Una entrega de la serie “Baúl del lector” gracias a una lectora de la revista. [En PELLAGOFIO nº 40 (1ª época, abril 2008)].”

1925 “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spain Alphonso XIII

5c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/353/350/586_001.jpg?v=1


20c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/333/647/650_001.jpg?v=1
Varieties:

http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/333/117/923_001.jpg

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/320/397/571_001.jpg
1926 “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spain Red Cross (Royal Family; not issued)

1c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/359/088/134_001.jpg

2c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/358/900/706_001.jpg

5c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/206/104_001.jpg
1929 “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish postage stamps about Exhibitions in Sevilla and Barcelona
1934: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco

1c: [Image of stamp](http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/418/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg)
2c: http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/412/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg
5c: http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/413/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg
10c: http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/414/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg
15c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/192/189/318_001.jpg
1 Pta: http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/438/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg
2.50 Pta: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/239/380/330_001.jpg
4 Pta: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/239/620/967_001.jpg

20c Urgente: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_thumb/auction/000/336/123/111_001.jpg
Idem, “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco
1c: http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/419/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg

10c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/210/558_001.jpg

20c: http://i.colnect.net/images/b/2376/421/Stamps-of-Morocco.jpg

30c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/210/742_001.jpg

40c: http://i1294.photobucket.com/albums/b614/RedComet13/Stampboards/CapeJuby-Edifil6540c_zpsb71c849c.jpg

50c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/210/945_001.jpg?v=1

1935: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco
All: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/211/263_001.jpg?v=1
10c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/353/350/595_001.jpg?v=1


20c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/353/350/600_001.jpg?v=1

25c (red): http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/333/648/299_001.jpg?v=1

25c (violet): http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Cape-Juby/Postage-stamps/M6-i.jpg

30c: http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/324/795/625_001.jpg

40c: http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Cape-Juby/Postage-stamps/M9-i.jpg

50c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/213/644_001.jpg

60c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_thumb/auction/000/354/138/318_001.jpg

1 Pta: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/212/639_001.jpg


2.50 Pta: http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Cape-Juby/Postage-stamps/M14-i.jpg


5 Pta: http://www.stampworld.com/media/catalogue/Cape-Juby/Postage-stamps/M16-i.jpg

Urgente 20c: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/328/213/179_001.jpg

Varieties:

10c Overprint high: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/353/350/590_001.jpg?v=1
http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/OY3WDE2MDA=/%3A/z/rikAAO5wa-dWkw8S/$_57.JPG
1937: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco; one year after start of civil war

1c: [Image link]

2c; 5c; 10c; 15c; 20c; 25c; 30c; 40c; 50c; 60c; 1 Pta; 2 Pta; 2.50 Pta; 4 Pta; 10 Pta; and Urgente 20c:: idem.
1938: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco

[Image of stamps]

All: [Link to image]

5c: 10c: 25c: 40c: 50c: 75c: 1 Pta: 1.50 Pta: 2 Pta: 3 Pta:

[Image of first day cover]

[Link to stampwhiz.com]

The American website ‘Today in Postal History’ adds: “Cape Juby to United States; July 4, 1938. This colorful registered airmail first day cover originated in Cape Juby in northwest Africa. Cape Juby lies on the African coast at the same latitude as the Canary Islands. Cape Juby
became a Spanish possession in 1916 with agreement from the French. It was administered in conjunction with Spanish Sahara. This cover is a first day cover for all ten values of the first airmail issue in 1938 (Scott C1 to C10). The stamps are overprinted CABO JUBY on the first airmails of Spanish Morocco. Cape Juby stamps were replaced by stamps of Spanish Sahara in 1948. Cape Juby was ceded to Morocco in 1958. The stamps were cancelled with six registry cancels. There is probably only one post office in Cape Juby. The envelope was preprinted with a place for stamping the registry number (518) as well as the black cross lines indicating a registered item. Note that there was also a strike a a military censor for Cape Juby. Spain at this time was torn by the Spanish Civil War of 1936-39. A label indicating the first day of issue was added as well as a bi-lingual airmail etiquette. There are no transit marks on the front of the cover although there should be some from New York City on the rear. The cover would likely have been routed to take advantage of the Pan American Airways Trans Atlantic service established in May of 1938. The route, F.A.M. 18, was New York City, Horta (Azores), Lisbon, to Marseilles. Cape Juby has an interesting history in early aviation. Pilot-author Antoine Saint-Exupéry spent 18 months there as airfield commander for Didier Daurat. He managed to write a book in his extended spare time.”.

1939: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco

5c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/073/212_001.jpg?v=1

5c with cancellation: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_thumb/auction/000/354/138/806_001.jpg

10c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/073/212_001.jpg?v=1

15c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/073/212_001.jpg?v=1
20c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/073/212_001.jpg?v=1

1940: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco

http://i.ebayimg.com/00/s/OTE5WDE2MDA=/z/rGoAAOSwa-dWkwBV/$_57.JPG
1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 70c, 1 Pta, 2.50 Pta, 5 Pta:

40 & 50c with cancellation: [image](http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/537/088_001.jpg)

70c with cancellation: [image](http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/347/537/195_001.jpg)

Urgente 25c: [image](http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/139/340_001.jpg)

http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/291/167/751_001.jpg
1942: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco

5c: [Image link]
10c: id; 15c: id; 90c: id; 5 Pta: id.

1944: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco
1946: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco

1c: \[\text{http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_thumb/auction/000/358/973/286_001.jpg}\]

2c: id; 10c: id; 15c: id; 25c: id; 40c: id; 45c: id; 1 Pta: id; 2.50 Pta: id; 10 Pta: id

1948: “Cabo Juby” overprint on Spanish Morocco
2c: http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/355/329/341_001.jpg

5c: id; 15c: id; 25c: id; 35c: id; 50c: id; 70c: id; 90c: id; 1 Pta: id; 2.50 Pta: id; 10 Pta: id

With cancellation Cabo Juby: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/354/147/195_001.jpg

http://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_thumb/auction/000/238/979/642_001.jpg

http://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/341/369/215_001.jpg
Charity stamps:
From 1948 onwards Cabo Juby used postage stamps of Spanish Sahara and Spanish West Africa. From 1958 onwards the area was taken over by the Kingdom of Morocco.
1951: Postage stamps of Spanish West Africa, with cancellation “Villa Bens”, in Cape Juby.

http://filateliahobby.es/img/p/4233-5500-thickbox.jpg

1955: http://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/341/373/081_001.jpg