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Introduction

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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http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/7c/Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg/400px-Cape_Triangular_Postage_Stamp.jpg

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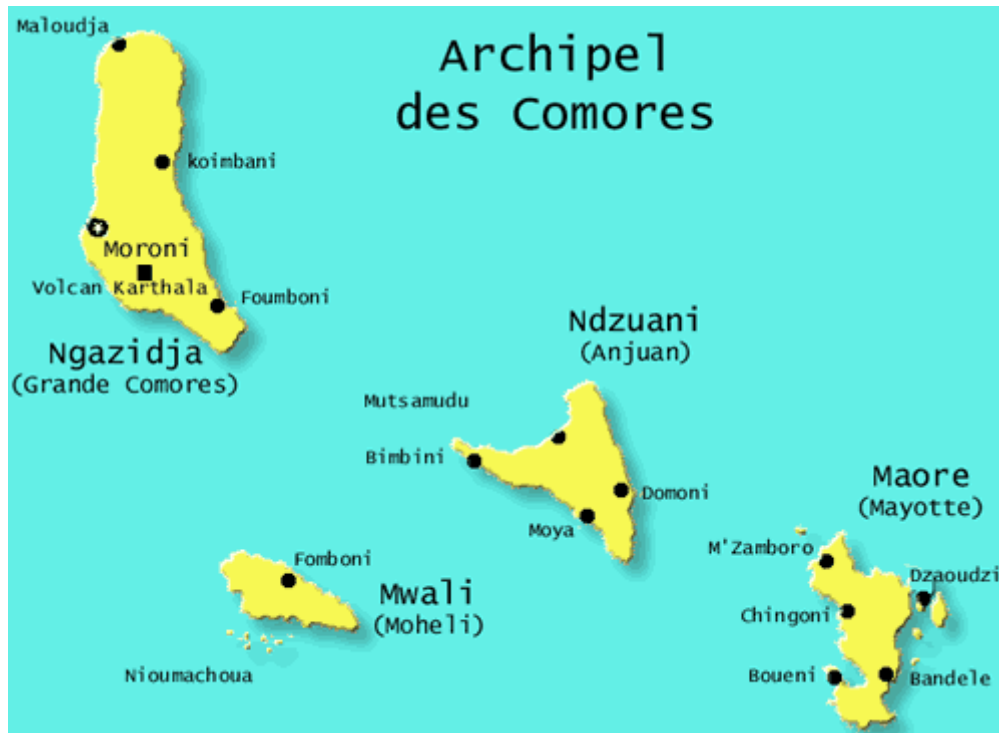
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1 Introduction

The Archipel of the Comores consists of four major islands and a few small ones. During the 19th Century Mayotte, Anjouan, Grande Comore and Mohéli became French territories, until 1911 each with their own postage stamps, then administered as part of Madagascar, and from 1946 as a separate colonial entity again, with postage stamps as 'Archipel des Comores' between 1950 and 1975. In 1975 three islands declared their Independence from France, but Mayotte decided to remain part of France. For Mayotte (both between 1841 and 1911 and after 1975) see APH35.



<http://laithbenali.l.a.pic.centerblog.net/c0db0f5e.gif>

2 The Sultanate of Anjouan

2.1 Introduction

The Sultanate of Anjouan (local name: Sultanate of Ndzuwani) was declared a French protectorate in 1886, and became a French colony in 1891. Between 1911 and 1950 it was part of French Madagascar, and from 1950 onwards part of the French colony 'L'Archipel des Comores', that became an independent Republic in 1975.



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/61/Anjouan_topographic_map-en.svg/800px-Anjouan_topographic_map-en.svg.png

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c9/Anjouan_in_Comoros.png



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Anjouan-small-1.png>



http://p1.storage.canalblog.com/13/88/113362/36387865_p.jpg

2.2 Postage stamps 1892-1912

Anjouan had its first postage stamps in 1892 as 'Sultanat d'Anjouan'.

"Stamps have been issued for Anjouan from 1892 until 1907. These are issues of the standard template for French colonies inscribed 'Sultanat d'Anjouan'. The issues for Anjouan [we]re, [from 1902} until 1906, also used on Mohéli. After Anjouan becomes part of Madagascar in 1912, the stamps of Anjouan are superseded by the issues of Madagascar and from 1946 those of the Comoros. The remaining stock of Anjouan stamps was reissued with an overprint – a new face value – in 1912 by Madagascar for use in all of Madagascar. In the period of unilaterally declared independence, between 1997 and 2002, a regular postal service appears not to have existed on the island". <http://www.stampworldhistory.com/country-profiles-2/africa/anjouan/> This information is not correct according to Olivier Bergossi. Between 1997 and 2012, a regular postal service has existed on the island, using Comores stamps, except during two blockade periods.

1892-1899 Y1-13¹

¹ Y refers to Yvert et Tellier, *Classiques du Monde 1840-1940*, p. 63-64.



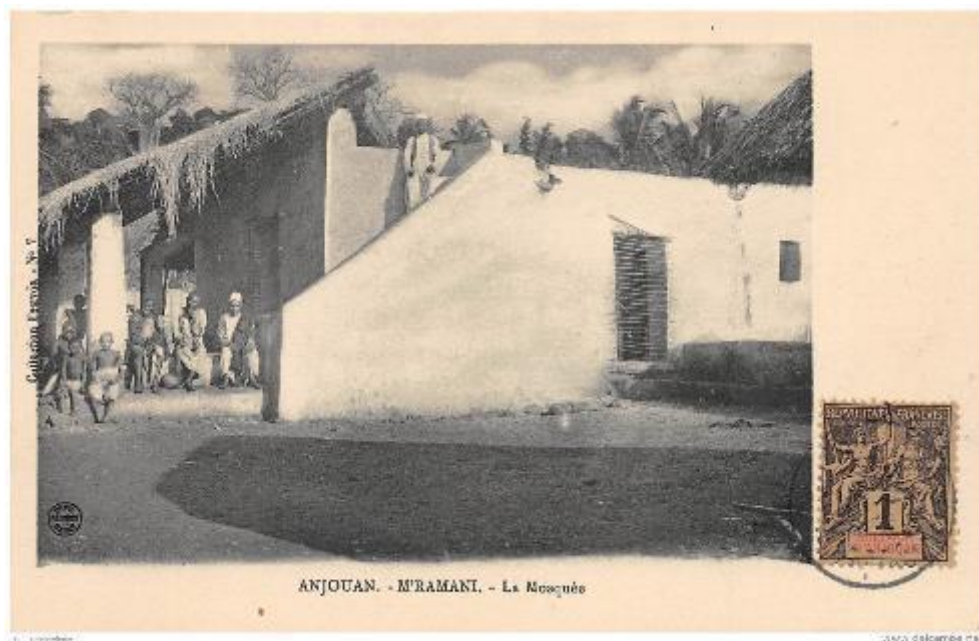
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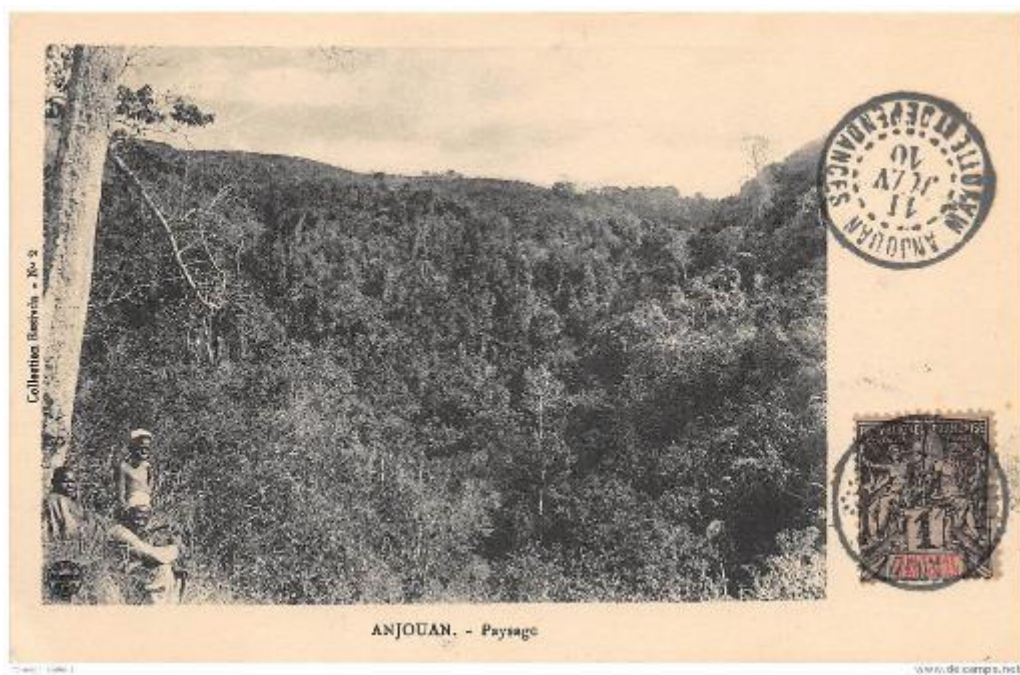
<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/v7gAAOSwYlX3wNZ/s-l1600.jpg>: "Anjouan Sc#1 -Souvenir Frank-postcard view "Habitation de Colon". Postmark Anjouan.



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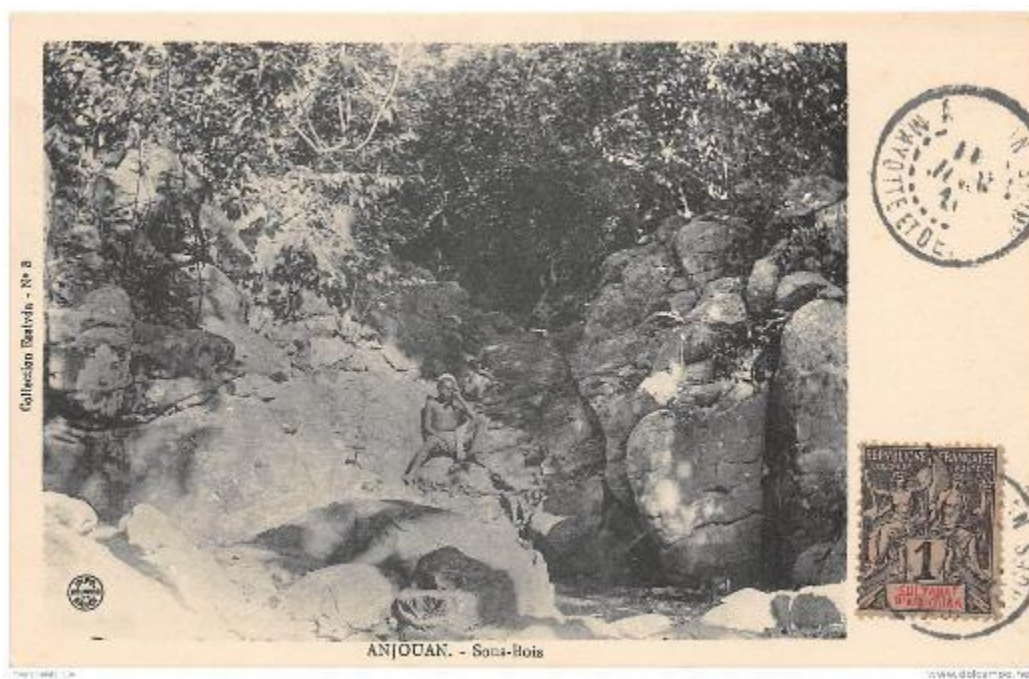
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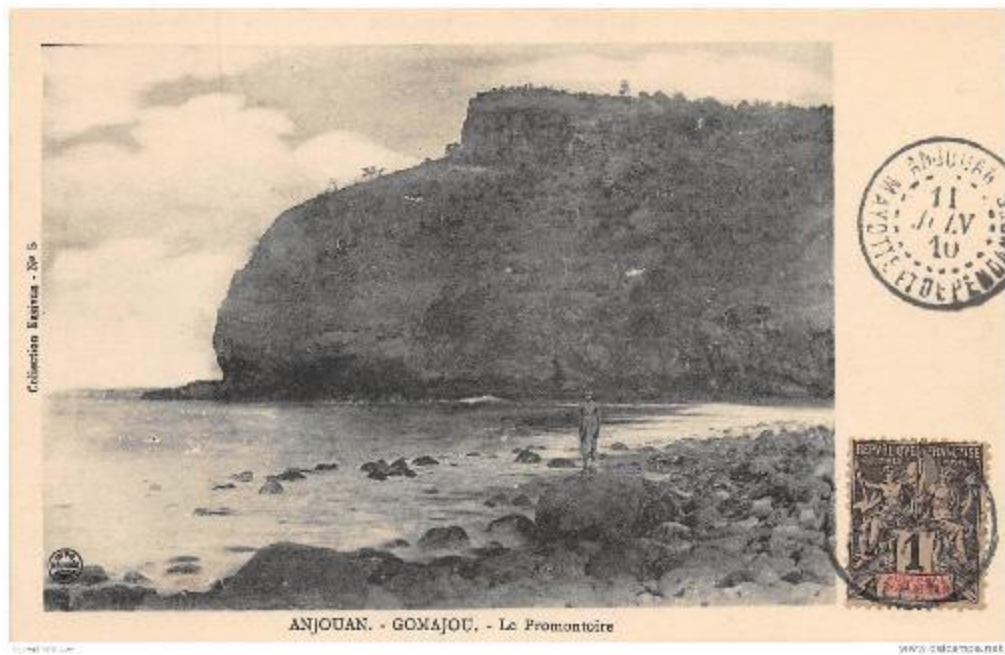
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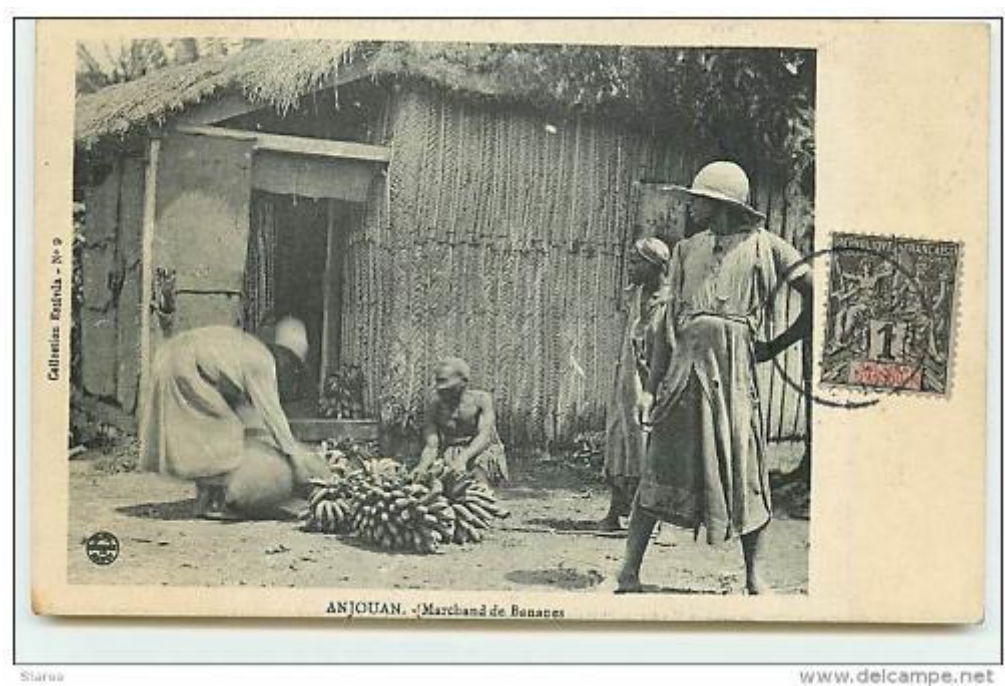
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http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig2_3b.jpg: "carte postale d'Anjouan avec le cachet rond Anjouan*Mayotte ...".



10c: together with 1c+4c Madagascar and 10c+25c Moheli:

<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/OI8AAOSwY0IXsqP/s-l1600.jpg> : "Madagascar-1912-R-Brief-MiF-mit-Anjouan-Moheli-Tananarive-in-die-Schweiz".

15c: http://filateliakevorkian.com/8038-thickbox_default/anjouansellos-1892-1899-colonias-francesas-yv-10-1-valor-nuevo-bisagra.jpg

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5c+15c+25c: <http://www.apfelbauminc.com/blog-content/blog04182011-300x119.jpg>

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25c+30c+40c: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/8NwAAOSwkQxa4gCy/s-l1600.jpg>

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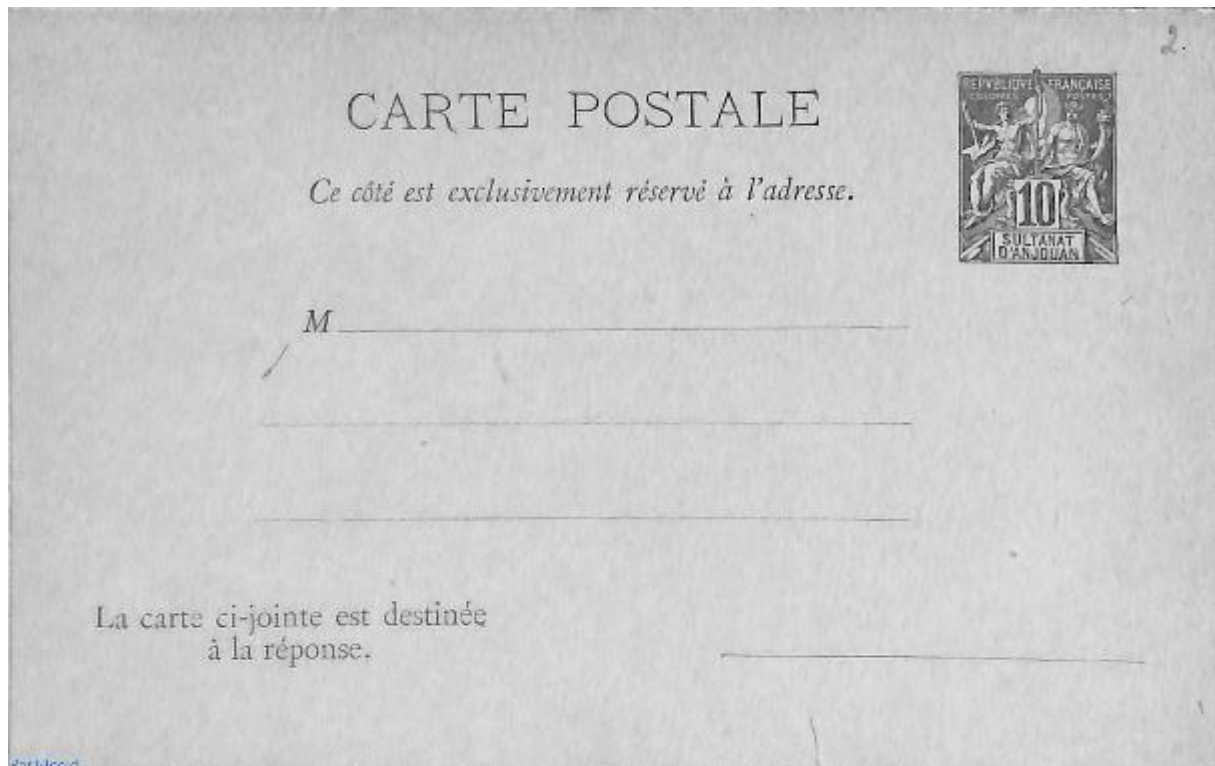
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<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanp2.jpg>: "1892, Anjouan, Reply Paid Postcard 10/10c".



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<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu2a.jpg>: "1892, Anjouan, envelope 15c, 116x76mm".



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu2b.jpg>: "1892, Anjouan, Envelope 15c, 122x95mm".



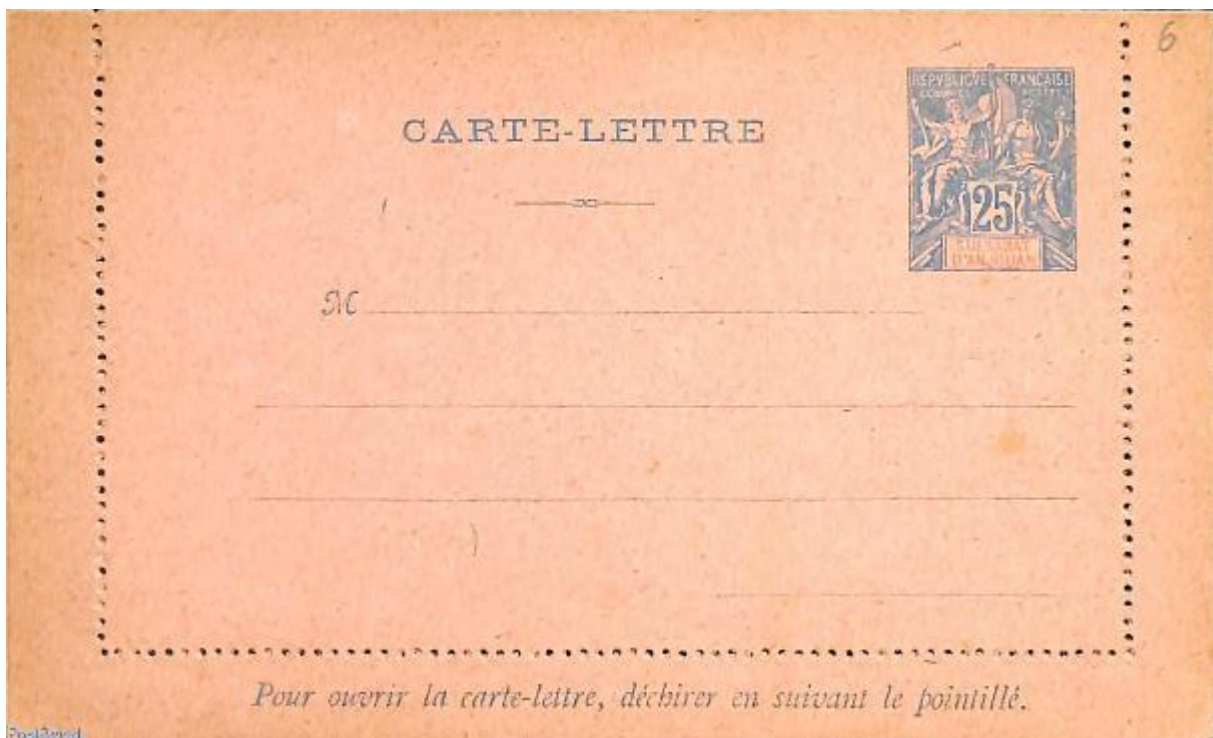
<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu2c.jpg>: "1892, Anjouan, Envelope 15C, 146x112mm".



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbank1.jpg>: "1892, Anjouan, Card letter 15c".



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<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbank6.jpg>: "1892, Anjouan, Card Letter 25c, without printing date".



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig1_5b.jpg: "Timbre-taxe des colonies générales - 50c violet non dentelé - griffe Anjouan (Cachet des Mandats) cachet octogonal d'Anjouan, 08 janv 03".

1900-1907 Y14-19



10c+15c+35c+45c+50c: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/yM0AAOSwajVUQsRi/s-l1600.jpg>
(10+15c+50c: 1900; 35c: 1906; 45c: 1907)



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Anjouan/Postage-stamps/A15-i.jpg> (25c: 1900)



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35c: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Anjouan/Postage-stamps/A17-i.jpg> (1906)



45c: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/135/217.jpg> ; (1907) This is an essay, with d.11 (Olivier Bergossi).

45c: http://www.behr.fr/illus_vso35/1555.jpg



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(Containing some Fourier forgeries, see later).



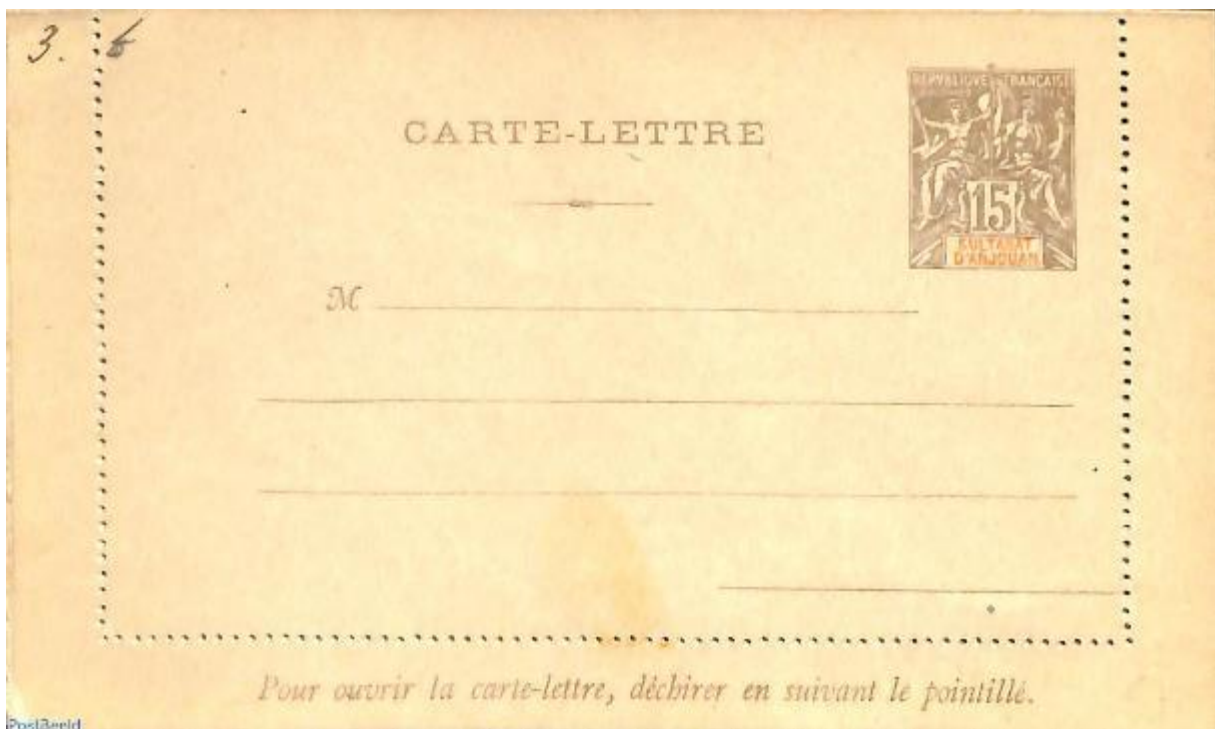
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http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig2_9.jpg: “Une dernière remarque sur les timbres au type "Groupe" (dont ceux émis aux îles Comores) concerne l'aventure des "faux Fournier". Il s'agit de reproductions des timbres officiels, réalisés et vendus en tant que reproductions par F. Fournier dans les années d'avant la première guerre mondiale [7]. Cependant, au cours du temps, et des dispersions de collections, ces faux timbres se sont retrouvés incognito parmi les vrais. On peut reconnaître certains faux Fournier au type "Groupe" par la dentelure (14 vertical au lieu de 13,5, irrégulière aux angles), la faible qualité de l'impression, ainsi que pour les oblitérés par des cachets fantaisistes (par exemple le cachet "Fomboni - Mohéli, 4 nov 09" ou "Moroni - Gde Comore, 10 juin 98"). La figure 2.9 présente un exemplaire de faux Fournier”.



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanp5.jpg> : "1901, Postcard 10c, without printing date".



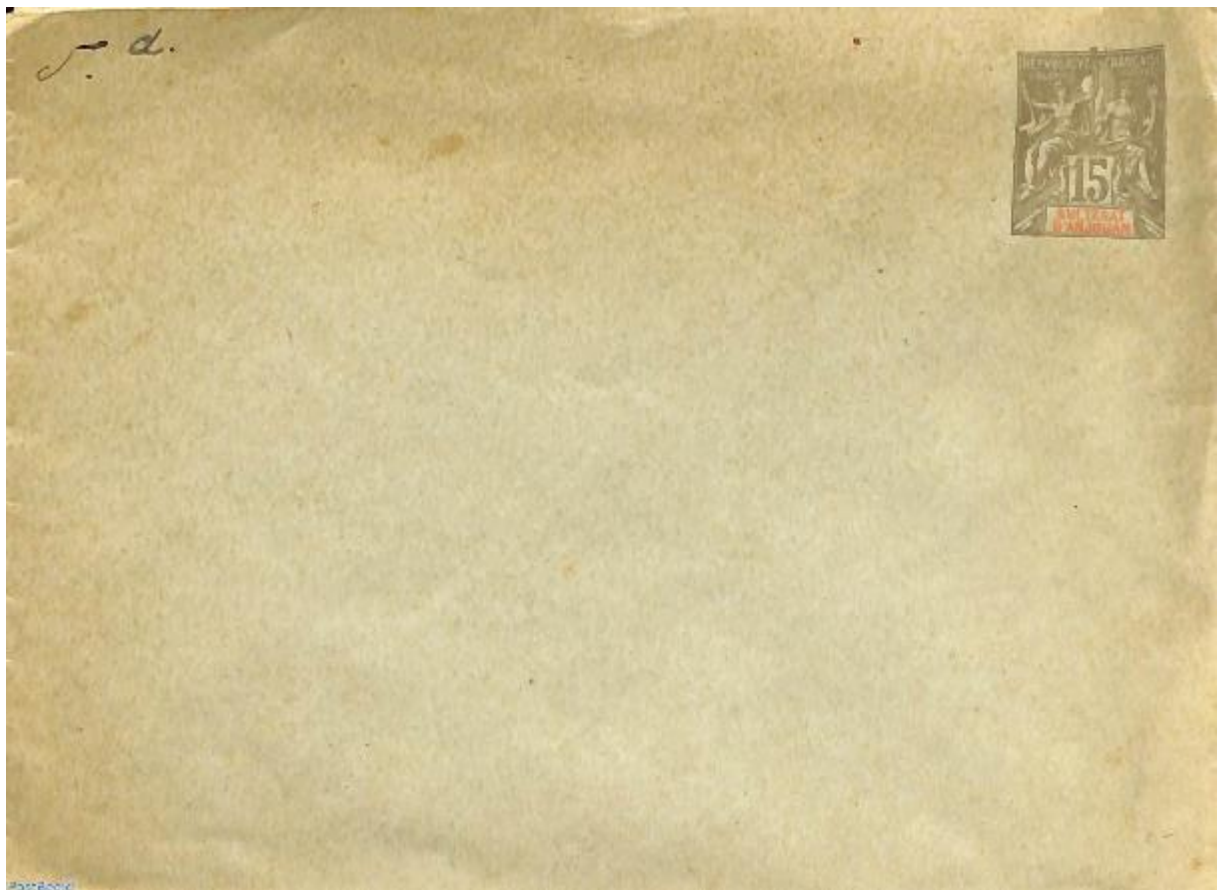
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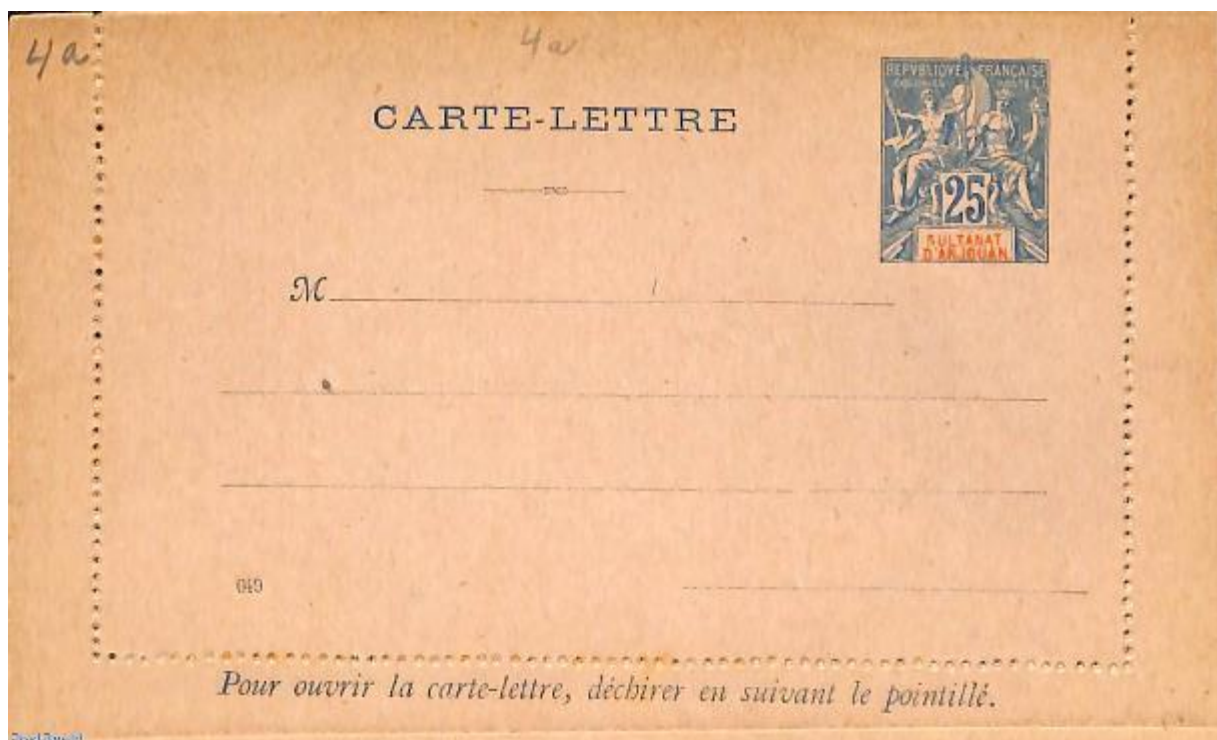
<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu7a.jpg>: "1901, Anjouan, Envelope 15c, 116x76mm".



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu7b.jpg>: "1901, Anjouan, Envelope 15c, 122x95mm".



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu7c.jpg>: "1901, Anjouan, Envelope 15c, 146x112mm".



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbank4.jpg>: "1900, Anjouan, Card Letter 25c with printing date 049".



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/m/b/mbanu8a.jpg>: "1901, Anjouan, Envelope 25c, 116x76mm".

1912 Y20-30; for use on Madagascar and the Comores

05 on 2c:



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/P-i.jpg> : "1½mm between "0" & "5".

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/P11-i.jpg>: "2mm between "0" & "5".



05 on 4c: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/135/218.jpg>: "Maury #21d, 1912 "05" Surcharge on 4c Claret on lavender, omitted surcharge, horizontal strip of three, the left stamp without surcharge, o.g., light h.r., very fine and rare; signed Champion twice (Scott #21a)"



<https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/cache/5758f783b430d979ad3744c28f68c90e-460x526.png>

Postmark Marovoa



05 on 15c: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/135/219.jpg>: “Yvert #22, 22A, 1912 "05" Surcharge on 15c Blue, block of seven, the right stamp showing the surcharge with wide spacing, tied to reverse of registered cover to Tamatave by "Diego-Suarez, Madagascar/4 Aout 13" datestamps, with the postmark repeated on front, Tamatave arrival backstamp, very fine (Scott #22, 22b).” ; Postmark Diego Suarez (Madagascar) and Tamatave (Madagascar).

<http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/135/220.jpg>: “Maury #22d, 1912 "05" Surcharge on 15c Blue, omitted surcharge, bottom sheet-margin horizontal pair, surcharge omitted on the left stamp, strong and intact, o.g., h.r., very fine and rare (Scott #22a).”

http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig2_81.jpg: “variété accidentelle (Anjouan, 5c sur 15c bleu) suite à un pli de la feuille lors de l'impression de la surcharge.”.



05 on 20: <https://i.colnect.net/f/797/060/Trype-Groupe.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/P5-i.jpg>: “1½mm between "0" & "5".

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/P16-i.jpg>: “2mm between "0" & "5".



05 on 20c + 05 on 25c + 05 on 30c (and others):

<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/uLoAAOSwhEVbFumP/s-l1600.jpg>



10 on 40c: <https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/f82b9f82b08077a8714d1f96eeb01da2.jpg>



10 on 45c: <https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/964fc71d131d477b425526771487006c.jpg>

10 on 50c: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/b5QAAOxy4kpQ-7HQ/s-l1600.jpg>



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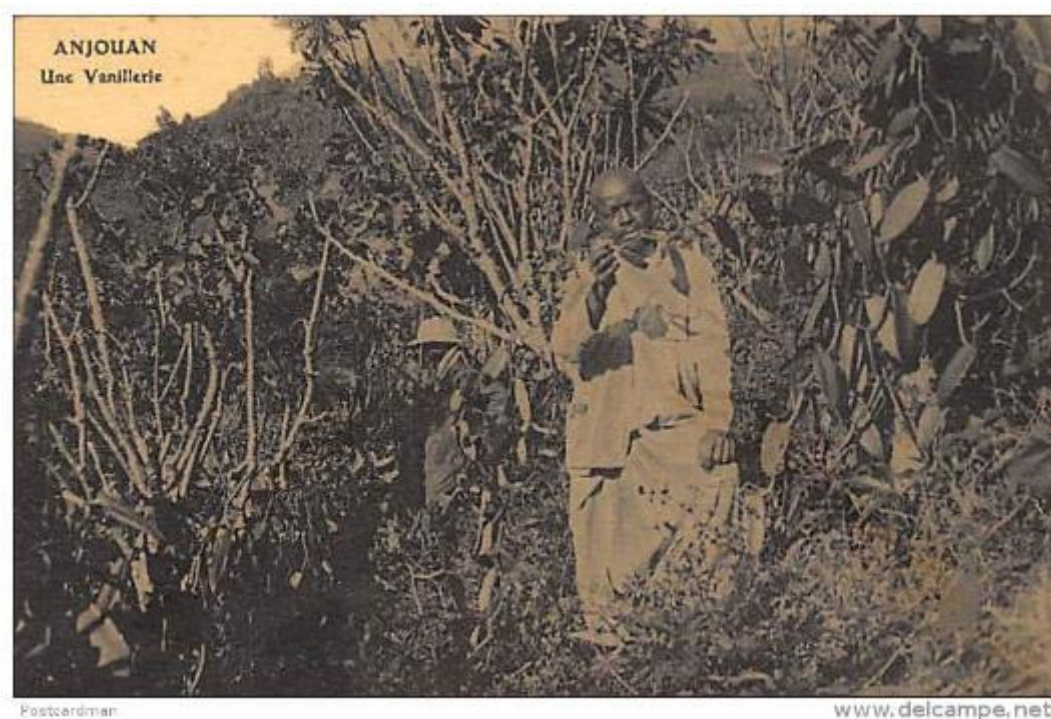
10 on 75c and 10 on 1Fr: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/135/221.jpg>: "Yvert #29-30, 1912 "10" Surcharges on 75c Violet on orange and 1Fr. Bronze green on straw, horizontal pairs of each, tied to cover to Paris along with Mayotte #26 and Madagascar #97 (on reverse) by "Tananarive, Pl. Colbert/25 Oct, 17" datestamps, "La Reunion a Marseille/No 6" transit and Paris arrival backstamps, fresh and very fine three country franking (Scott #29-30).".



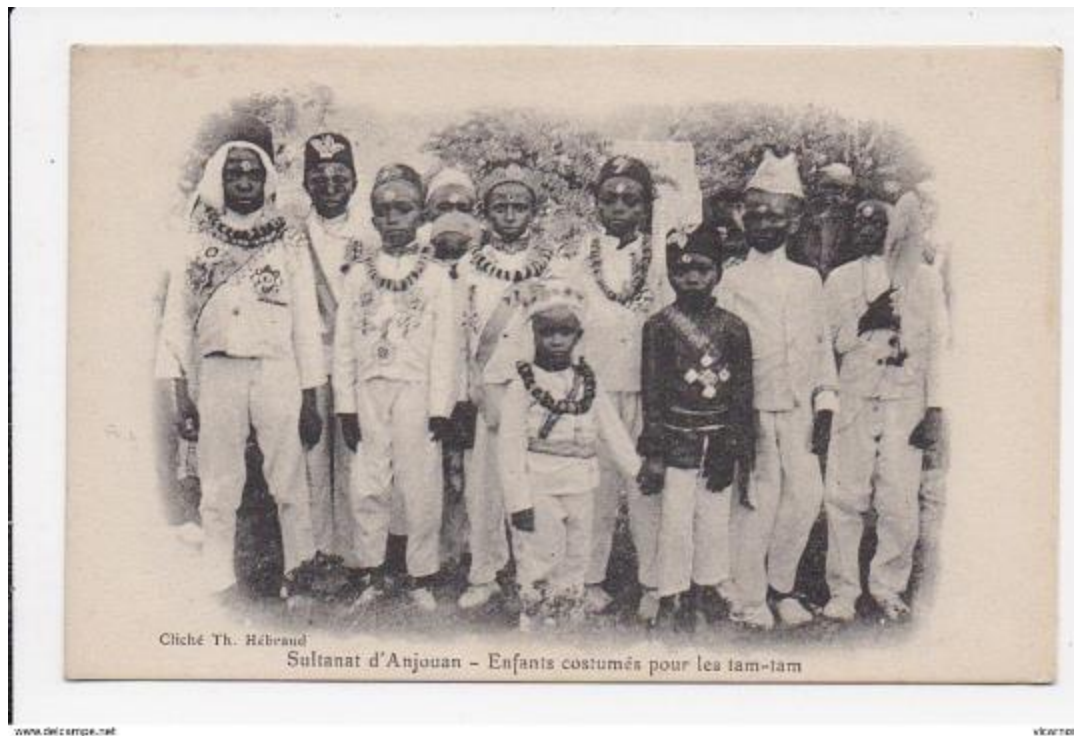
<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/YlsAAOSw4gxbPnul/s-l1600.jpg> : "Anjouan Madagascar to France cover 1914".



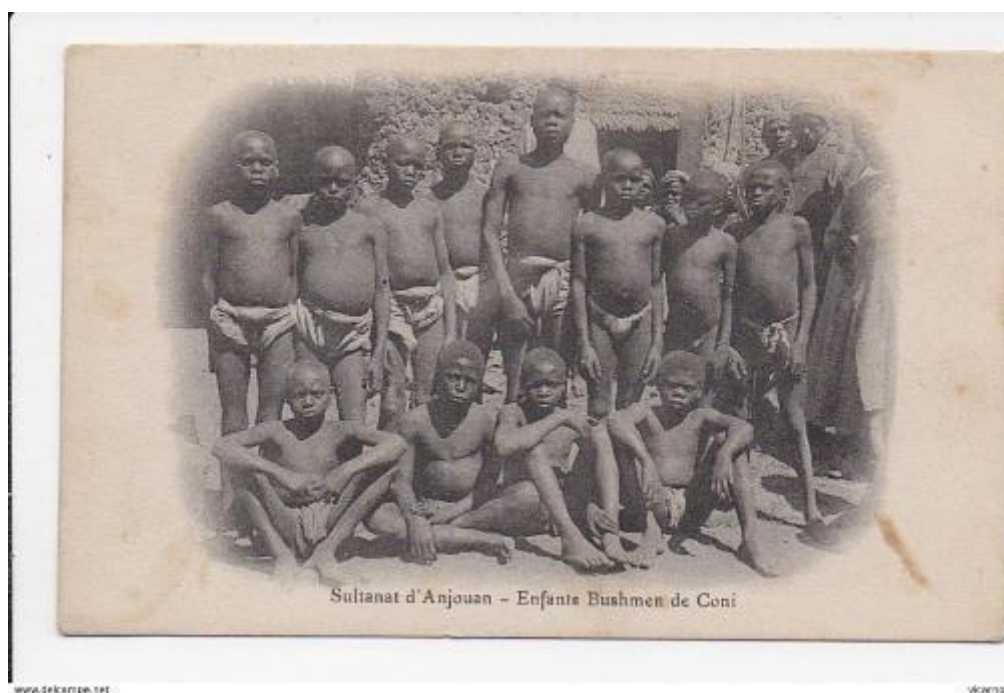
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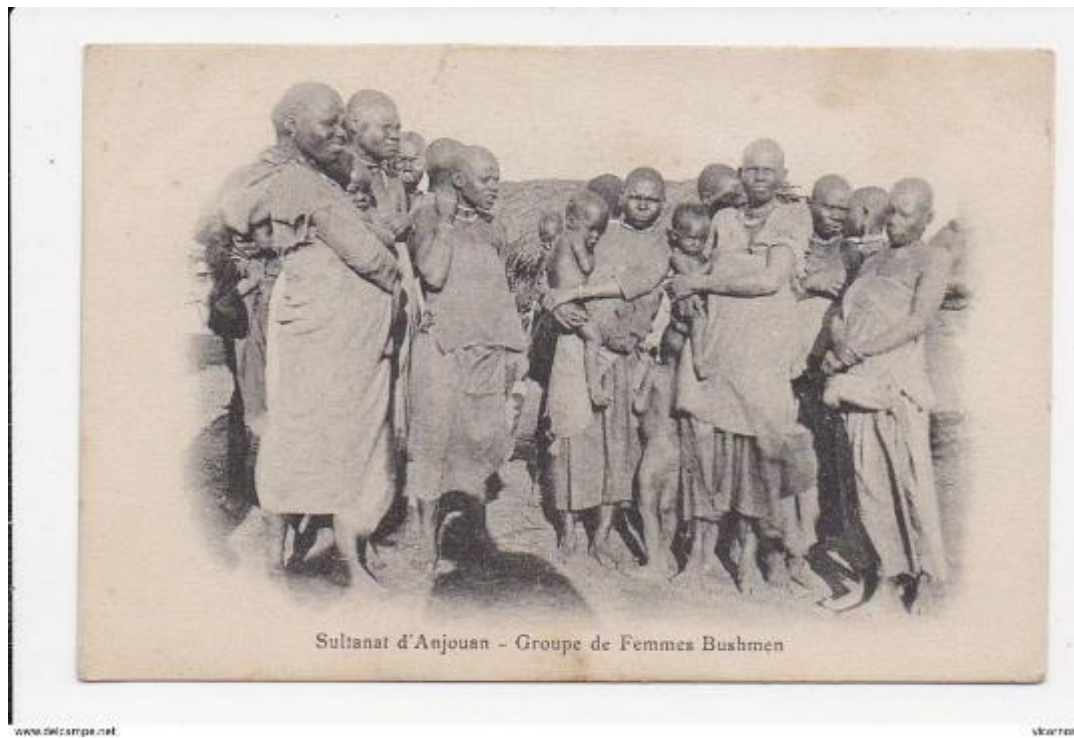
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https://images-00.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/583/177/357_001.jpg?v=3

3 Grande-Comore

3.1 Introduction



[http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-IjT3YxCOMYw/T2pdBaQ4pSI/AAAAAAAAAC0c/0mMYqab5GV4/s1600/comoros-map+\(1\).gif](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-IjT3YxCOMYw/T2pdBaQ4pSI/AAAAAAAAAC0c/0mMYqab5GV4/s1600/comoros-map+(1).gif)

“Grand Comoro (Grande Comore-now Ngazidja) is an island off the coast of Africa in the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and Mozambique. It is the largest (443 sq mi) of the Comoro islands. In 1886, Sultan Said Ali united the sultanates of Grand Comoro, the same year France established a protectorate. In 1893 the Sultan was exiled to Réunion. The familiar French colony "Navigation and Commerce" stamps for "Grande Comore" were issued in 1897, and continued until 1907” [should be: 1912]. “France took full control of the island in 1908, and the sultanates were abolished. A surcharged issue was produced over Grand Comoro stamps in 1912, but accepted throughout the newly expanded colony until the stamp issue was exhausted. That is because in 1912 the Comoro archipelago was administratively united with the French Madagascar colony, and thereafter the stamps of Madagascar were used. Then, in 1950, "Archipel des Comores" stamps were issued from time to time until 1974”[should be: July 1975]. “Independence was declared in 1975 as

the Nation of Comoros (Grand Comore, Anjouan, and Mohéli were members). In 1997, the union fell apart, and Anjouan and Mohéli seceded” [true for Anjouan, for a four-year period, but Mohéli only seceded for a few days]. “But a new constitution was developed, and the parts were re-united in 2002”. <http://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com/2012/05/grand-comoro.html> [corrections: Olivier Bergossi].

3.2 Postage stamps 1897-1912

Postage stamps 1897; Y1-13



1c: http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-eGRnxZ9JYUQ/T2pnuQe7cGI/AAAAAAAAAC0s/WndStF-qMYk/s320/Scan_GC1.jpg

2c: http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-KZ6xHF3YJsM/T2p4BoehmXI/AAAAAAAAAC1E/DsU22-sV6iw/s320/Scan_GC2.jpg

4c: <https://pmcdn.priceminister.com/photo/1152526468.jpg>



5c: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ae/Stamp_Grand_Comoro_1897_5c.jpg , and <https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/cache/e7c29c1f290d997d5aa4a2ed195278d0-250x286.png>

10c: http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-G6tP_ic1SGA/T7pzilZ4rul/AAAAAAAAADzo/dxVg6_alqwk/s320/Scan_GC5S.jpg

15c: http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-d8H5J5vC9Fw/T2pbpy9waWI/AAAAAAAAAC0U/MdkWCJKAtaA/s320/Scan_GC7.jpg



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig2_21.jpg : "Lettre au tarif local (10c) de Grande-Comore, adressée au capitaine Dubois à Mohéli. Les courriers inter-îles conservés dans les collections sont nettement moins nombreux que les lettres pour la France".



20c (and 5c + 2F Mohéli): http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig2_6.jpg

25c: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Grande-Comore/Postage-stamps/A7-i.jpg>



25c (and 10c 1900): <https://d2xqn5t7wr4wg1.cloudfront.net/modules/auctions/6/pics/big/705-1.jpg>
Postmark D'zaoudzi 1910 = Mayotte



30c: http://filateliakevorkian.com/7847-large_default/gran-libanosellos-1897-sello-clasico-yv-7-1-valor-nuevo-bisagra.jpg

50c:

<https://cdn.verbolia.com/api/images/H4sIAAAAAAEAFXOWrDMBAE0F8ROiUQWZINbepbCaS95JbSo9nIW1mNJBt5jQMh!14ITQO9zi4z78w!kuc174iGsZbSBbA4CqWkFr2BMKAYCciZiIlq208JIsSJKOuj1IpJZ!KULaVIIVZNUrpxiaLQrThz7ILr1+eRZRac1MByk6TFh8D5av+Ba8P4A5!ifM8!wYv69eTbLFL5g8CUcYxE1xr9nByYUpvKOzHfG6VOqRfbqWuhytc!TqCVMewj2e/8ht!uzHZ5pfJfFnkmnNFps!55LtXTgkZPzyAy6uqb0pAQAA/grande-comores-1897-11-charniere-timbre.jpg>



African Postal Heritage; African Studies Centre Leiden; APH Paper 34; Ton Dietz, and Daniel Allançon,
with information used from Olivier Bergossi, The Comores; Version January 2019

40c + 75c + 1F (and many others): https://i.burda-auction.cz/webove/realne_zmensene/186413.jpg

50c: <https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/lnQAAOSwwbdWlybl/s-l1600.jpg>

Postcards



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/c/s/csu1.jpg>



https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/67330acb2b8da843bfbbe0b5818dfc4a/c/s/csk1.jpg



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/c/s/csk2.jpg>

Postage stamps 1900-1907 Y14-19



10c:

<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/c/s/csagc14.jpg> , and https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/331859771287_/Timbre-GRANDE-COMORES-FRENCH-COMOROS-Stamp.jpg

15c: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Grande-Comore/Postage-stamps/A14-i.jpg>

25c: <https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSXPbnLU6EfEyec7Yo1UOnepZENHeVMr7TUGerM7pL8ZZg9zUu>



35c: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Grande-Comore/Postage-stamps/A17-i.jpg>
(1906)

45c: http://www.kelleherauctions.com/lotphotos_SAN/713/676062.jpg (1907)



50c : <http://img.collectorcircuit.com/files/francois-feldman-f.c.n.p/stampauction/france-french-colonies-and-rest-world-mail-auction-102-closing/1763.jpg>

Postcards



https://www.picclickimg.com/d/l400/pict/183129179432_/1892-1900-FRENCH-GRANDE-COMORE-10c-CARTE-POSTALE-1.jpg



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/c/s/csu7b.jpg>



<https://www.postbeeld.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/1084eaaaa28a28e8b9e9f6dcb7f87dee/c/s/csk4.jpg>

Postage stamps, for use in Madagascar and Grande Comore, 1912 Y20-29

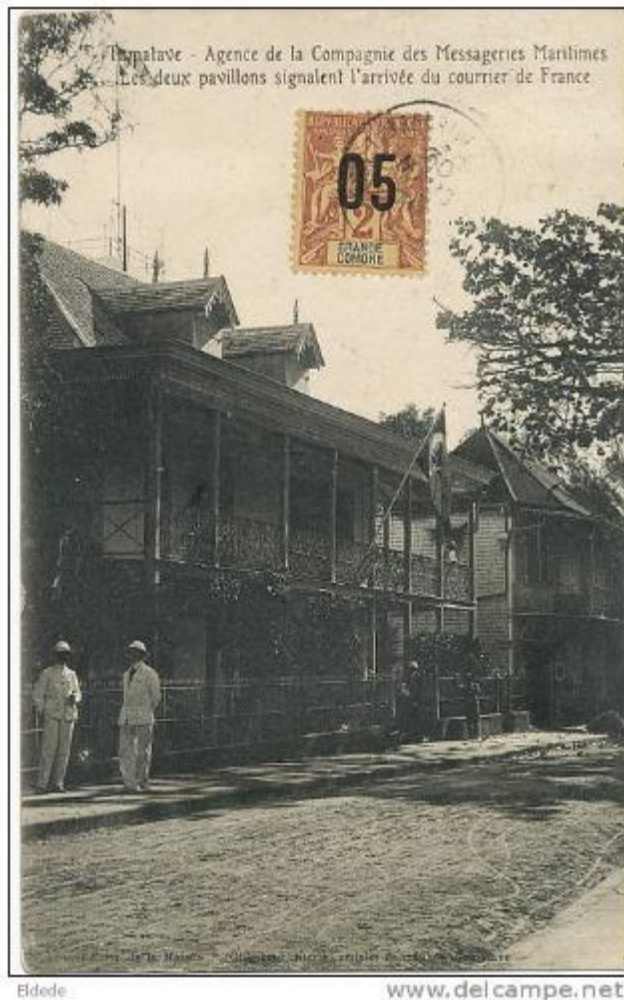


05 on 2c + 05 on 4c + 05 on 15c + 05 on 20c + 05 on 25c + 05 on 30c:

<https://www.philbansner.com/postalstamps/056296.jpg>



<http://img.collectorcircuit.com/files/francois-feldman-f.c.n.p/stampauction/france-french-colonies-and-rest-world-mail-auction-102-closing/1764.jpg>



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<http://www.stampboards.com/images/maturin1/STAMPS%20AFTER%209-6-10/grandcomorojpeg2.jpg>



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/0/03/Madagascar_overprint_05_on_Grand_Comoro_1912.jpg . Postmark Tananarive



05 on 4: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/O1-i.jpg>:
"1½mm between "0" & "5".

05 on 4: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/O11-i.jpg>:
"2mm between "0" & "5".



05 on 15: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/O2-i.jpg> :
"1½mm between "0" & "5".

05 on 15: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/O12-i.jpg>: "2mm between "0" & "5".



05: 25: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/O4-i.jpg>:
"1½mm between "0" & "5".

05 on 25: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/O14-i.jpg>: "2mm between "0" & "5".



05 on 30: <https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/cache/39b6d31f6dd0c2769374a1bcd67d8432-460x526.png>



10 on 40c: <https://www.philbansner.com/postalstamps/056297.jpg>



10 on 45c: http://jfbphilatelie.com/photos_jpg_LD/96072.jpg



10 on 50c: http://www.ifbphilatelie.com/photos_jpg_LD/96073.jpg



10 on 75c: http://www.ifbphilatelie.com/photos_jpg_LD/96074.jpg



<https://assets.catawiki.nl/assets/2016/11/17/0/4/d/04dce366-acae-11e6-8b49-82aeb6fe3868.jpg>



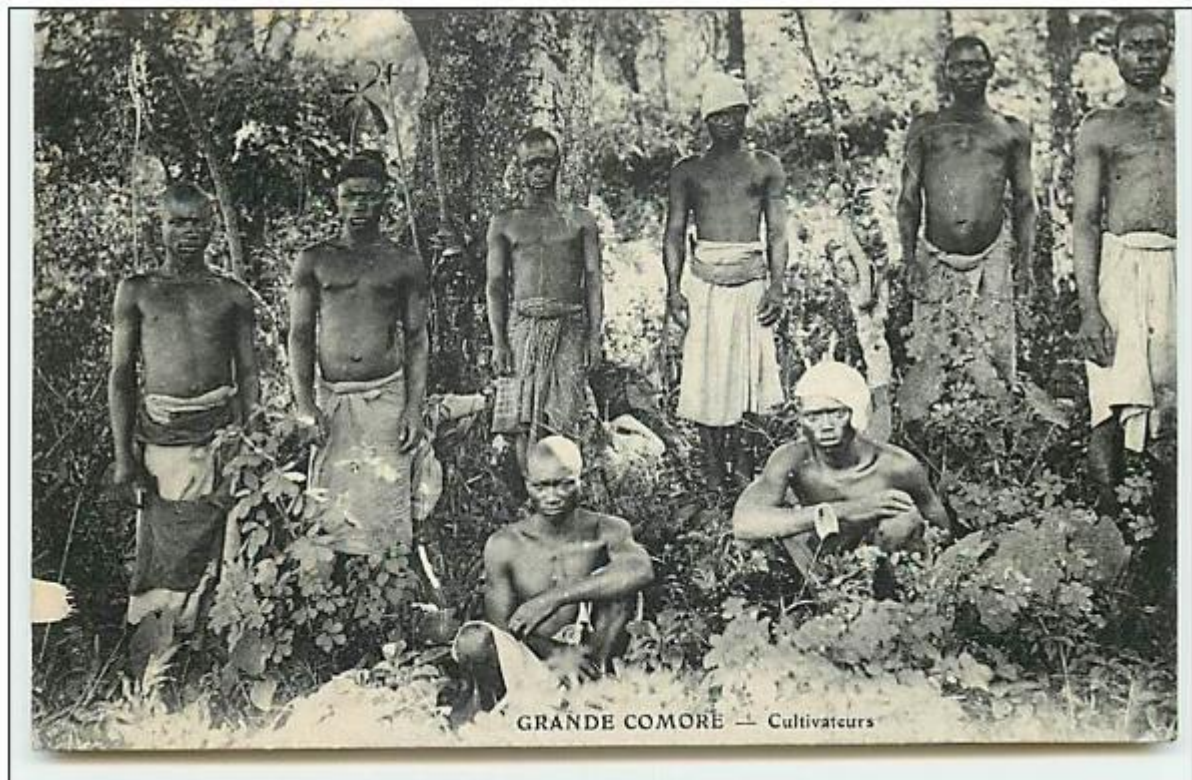
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www.delcampe.net

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Staros

www.delcampe.net

https://images-01.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/601/508/980_001.jpg?v=0



www.delcampe.net

matzoogs

https://images-02.delcampe-static.net/img_large/auction/000/600/354/598_001.jpg?v=1

4 Mohéli

4.1 Postal services before 1906



<http://www.roumet.fr/photos/543/2830.jpg>: "Cad bleu "Mayotte et dépendances Mohéli" 17 Avril 1903 sur enveloppe en FM du corps d'occupation de Madagascar, pour la France.".

4.2 Postage stamps 1906-1912

Postage stamps 1906-1907 Y1-16



1c: <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-edtF0TUC9zE/UhoaWAOuwhI/AAAAAAAAQxg/ofim7vW2oO8/s1600/imgMoheli1.jpg>

2c: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/e/e5/Stamp_Moheli_1906_2c.jpg/220px-Stamp_Moheli_1906_2c.jpg

4c: <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-yUXsBD6S4AA/UhoYbTMZIF/AAAAAAAAQw4/ENx0vqD4Epc/s1600/imgMoheli3.jpg>

5c: http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-aU_WYeyQIjk/UhoY6EKqUAI/AAAAAAAAQxA/fPj0tdjxj80/s1600/imgMoheli4.jpg



10c: <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-BS9i0gk8CPk/UhoZQB8GgNI/AAAAAAAAQxI/Za2iDo1em0w/s1600/imgMoheli5.jpg>

20c (and 2F): <http://www.sammler.com/bm/images/franzoesische-kolonien-moheli.jpg>

25c: http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-wE7i_OpMc-4/UhoXuhueX9I/AAAAAAAAQww/d04E9pmbJ9o/s1600/imgMoheli7S.jpg



<http://p6.storage.canalblog.com/61/80/113362/36972014.jpg>



http://www.marsanoux-philatelie.fr/photos_img_HD/9435.jpg : "n°5 , 10 ct rouge type Groupe Allégorique obl. c.à.d 'MAYOTTE ET DEPENDANCES MOHÉLI 27/2/12' au recto d'une CP pour la France ; avec au verso le c.à.d d'arrivée 'Périgueux 27/3/12'".



30c (and others): <https://www.rhonephilatelie.fr/18093/moheli-n01-a-16-timbres-poste-type-sage-neufs-1906-1907.jpg>



35c: <http://www.roumet.fr/photos/543/2833.jpg>: "No 9, obl cad Fianarantsoa 25 Avril 14 sur enveloppe recommandée pour Besançon".



40c: <https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Moheli/Postage-stamps/A9-i.jpg>

45c: <http://www.filateliallach.com/subastas/Subasta0113/imgLotes/10/1080g.jpg> (1907)



50c + 75c + 1F + 2F + 5F: <https://assets.catawiki.nl/assets/2016/5/24/7/6/d/76d458cc-21b3-11e6-8203-a92511e933cb.jpg>



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09490/S550/1924.jpg>



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09490/S550/1925.jpg>



5F: <https://i.pinimg.com/564x/74/6b/94/746b94f190e4571ecf14a85f5e64a621.jpg> and
<http://www.roumet.com/photos/541/2433.jpg>



<http://www.roumet.fr/photos/544/2081.jpg>: "Millésimes. No 16, bloc de quatre mill. 6, fortes charnières et un ex hors paire mill. petit am".



<http://www.roumet.fr/photos/541/2429.jpg>



<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09490/S550/1923.jpg>

1912 Y17-22



05 on 4c: <https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/d0/d2/ff/d0d2ffaf0450e745a530380d61f13c74.jpg>



05 on 20c: <https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/2016/october/keytype-stamps-from-colony-moheli-short-lived-simple-to-collect/basicslider-3/1912-moheli-20c-stamp.jpg>

https://www.behr.fr/illus_vso35/1827.jpg



05 on 30c: <http://www.stampboards.com/images/maturin1/STAMPS%20AFTER%209-6-10/MOHELI.jpg>



10 on 40c: <https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/2016/october/keytype-stamps-from-colony-moheli-short-lived-simple-to-collect/basicslider-4/mohelis-1912-40c-stamp.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/R3-i.jpg>: "2½mm between "1" & "0".



10 on 45c: <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-cM4CvHUjRH4/UhoZglvtzpl/AAAAAAAAAQxQ/04-wtlt3FLA/s1600/imgMohelo21S.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/R4-i.jpg>: "2½mm between "1" & "0".

<https://cdn.philasearch.com/A09490/S550/2844.jpg>: "MOHÉLI. Triple surcharge "MOHÉLI". No 21b".



10 on 50c: <http://stampauctionnetwork.com/f/137/764.jpg> : "50c Brown on azure, wide spacing surcharges".

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Madagascar/Postage-stamps/R5-i.jpg>: "2½mm between "1" & "0".



<http://www.roumet.fr/photos/541/2436.jpg>: “Chiffres espacés. Nos 17A, 18A, 19A (espace 1,75mm case 10, Maury N°19b), 20A à 22A, tous en §1 avec normaux. —”.



<http://www.roumet.fr/photos/543/2834.jpg>: “Chiffres espacés. Nos 17A à 22A, tous en paires avec normaux”.



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5 The Comores between 1912 and 1950



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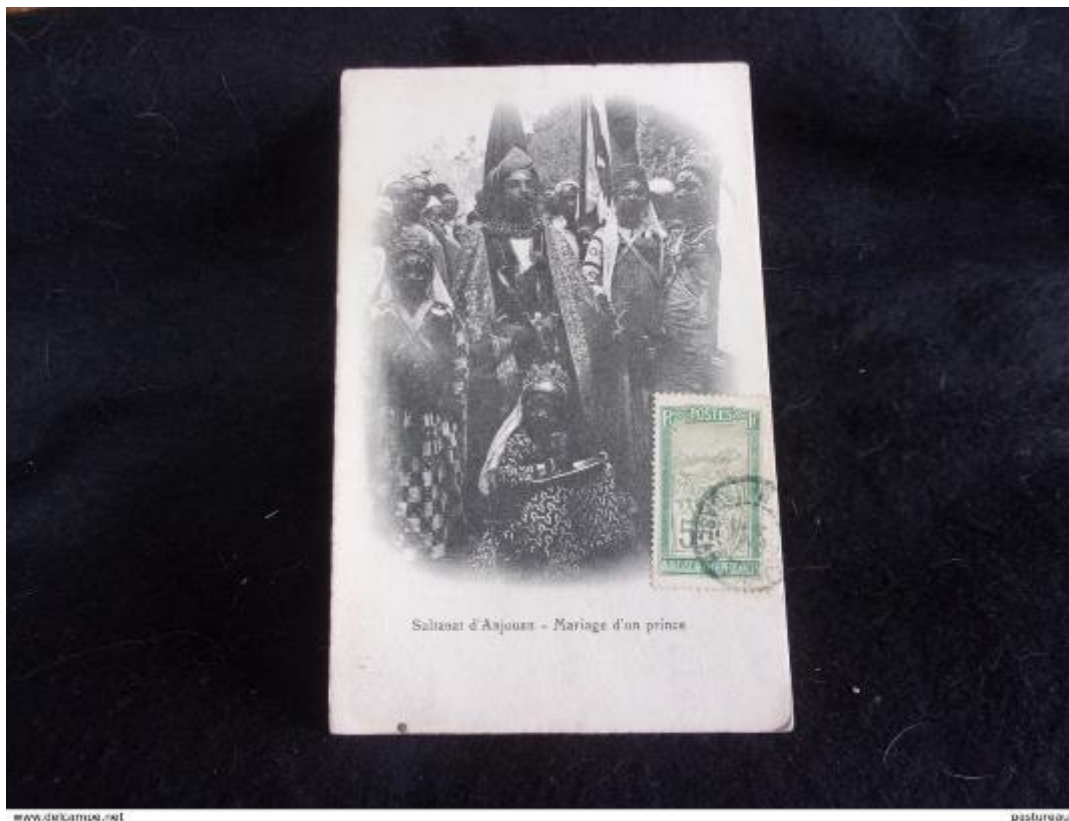
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http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig3_11.jpg: "Lettre de Fomboni, Mohéli, du 23 juillet (19)33 pour la France", "Cette période se caractérise par l'emploi des timbres de Madagascar aux Comores. Les 4 bureaux de poste ouverts dans l'archipel des Comores (Dzaoudzi, Mutsamudu, Fomboni, Moroni) utilisent un nouveau cachet où le nom de Madagascar apparaît.."



<http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iTtX86LkHRk/UP2zWO5ZkHI/AAAAAAAAACZk/oO0QH9N5iYQ/s400/C+1+001.jpg>: “Enveloppe recommandée de Mutsamudu (Anjouan) le 2/12/1935; Transit par Fomboni (Mohéli) 4/12/35 et arrivée Paris 31/12/35”. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-l8B83143-MY/UP2z-FsMGPI/AAAAAAAAACZs/TVO8kHbXDjs/s200/C+2+001.jpg>

http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0100_1936-1946_p-3_colonies_petainistes.html#comores : “ COMORES (SOUS LE RÉGIME DU MARÉCHAL PÉTAINE) Une carte interzone au type Iris (texte à compléter ou à biffer) est connue oblitérée des Comores. On ne sait si un lot de cartes a été officiellement envoyé aux Comores ou si la carte a été envoyée ou apportée sur place par un particulier”.



“Carte interzone type 1 oblitérée aux Comores 26/1/41 pour Fontenay aux Roses

Cliché Pierre Favrel : Evènements postaux à Madagascar et dépendances tome 4 p.386, publié
par la COL. FRA”.



<http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-MlReOFIwPjk/UP20I8a-ygl/AAAAAAAAACZ0/6GI59TJsy5E/s400/C+3+001.jpg> , and <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-c4-LIOHTNUI/UP206zuYpfl/AAAAAAAAACaA/v8ENNqkg0gw/s200/C+4+001.jpg> : “Lettre de Dzaoudzi (Mayotte) le 27 avril 1944; Première Liaison Postale Aérienne Comores - Madagascar 28/4/44; Force Aérienne Française Libre - Arrivée Tananarive 28/4/44”.

http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0100_1936-1946_p-8_fafl_et_lam.html#mada :

“AVRIL 1944 : Première liaison postale aérienne Madagascar Comores. Une griffe rectangulaire encadrée 46x33mm violette "FORCES AERIENNES FRANCAISES LIBRES / (croix de Lorraine) / MADAGASCAR-COMORES / PREMIERE LIAISON / POSTALE AERIENNE/ 26 AVRIL 1944" est apposée sur le courrier dans le sens Madagascar vers les Comores. Une griffe similaire rouge "FORCES AERIENNES FRANCAISES LIBRES / (croix de Lorraine) / COMORES - MADAGASCAR / PREMIERE LIAISON / POSTALE AERIENNE/ 26 AVRIL 1944" est apposée sur le courrier dans le sens Comores-Madagascar”.



"Lettre philatélique par avion affranchie à 25F65 de Madagascar à Dzaouzi oblitérée Tananarive R.P. 25/4/44, arrivée Dzaouzi 26/4/44



“20 DÉCEMBRE 1944 : La ligne aérienne Madagascar Comores est étendue de Mayotte (Dzaouzi) à la Grande Comore (Moroni).





“Entier carte postale à 80c Betsiléo avec griffe de complément d'affranchissement "MADAGASCAR ET DEPENDANCES / POSTE AERIENNE TANANARIVE R.P. / Taxe perçue 2Fr20c" et les deux griffes "FORCES AERIENNES FRANCAISES LIBRES / (croix de Lorraine) / MADAGASCAR- GRANDE COMORE / PREMIERE LIAISON / POSTALE AERIEENNE/ 19 DECEMBRE 1944" et "FORCES AERIENNES FRANCAISES LIBRES / (croix de Lorraine) / GRANDE COMORE - MADAGASCAR / PREMIERE LIAISON / POSTALE AERIEENNE / 21 DECEMBRE 1944"(jour ajouté à la main) oblitérée au départ Tananarive 19/12, arrivée Moroni 21/12 et retour Tananarive 22/12. Une griffe rectangulaire encadrée angles coupés xxxxxmm violette "FORCES AERIENNES FRANCAISES LIBRES / (croix de Lorraine) / MADAGASCAR- GRANDE COMORE / PREMIERE LIAISON / POSTALE AERIEENNE/ 19 DECEMBRE 1944" est apposée sur le courrier dans le sens Madagascar vers la Grande Comores. Une griffe similaire "FORCES AERIENNES FRANCAISES LIBRES / (croix de Lorraine) / GRANDE COMORE - MADAGASCAR / PREMIERE LIAISON / POSTALE AERIEENNE / 21 DECEMBRE 1944"(jour ajouté à la main) est apposée sur le courrier dans le sens Grande Comore-Madagascar”.



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig3_21.jpg: “1ère liaison aérienne Madagascar à Grande-Comore (Forces Françaises Libres) : départ de Tananarive le 19 décembre 1944, retour de Moroni le 21 décembre 1944.”.



<http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-Zol7CvBD9c/UP21MXpH79I/AAAAAAAAACaQ/GaySU46NRkU/s400/C+5+001.jpg>: “Enveloppe de Dzaoudzi (Mayotte) le 22 NOV 44 - Censure Militaire”.



<http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-6twbVYZEP8w/UP21MjXtz7I/AAAAAAAAACaM/OiZ5L8G-120/s400/C+6+001.jpg>: “Enveloppe de Mutsamudu (Anjouan) le 3 Mars 45; Censure Militaire”.



http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-2RadKH10_j0/UP21QHwCGPI/AAAAAAAAACac/6UM6UVVJOPI/s400/C+7+001.jpg: “Enveloppe de Mutsamudu (Anjouan) le 5 Mars 45; Censure Militaire”.



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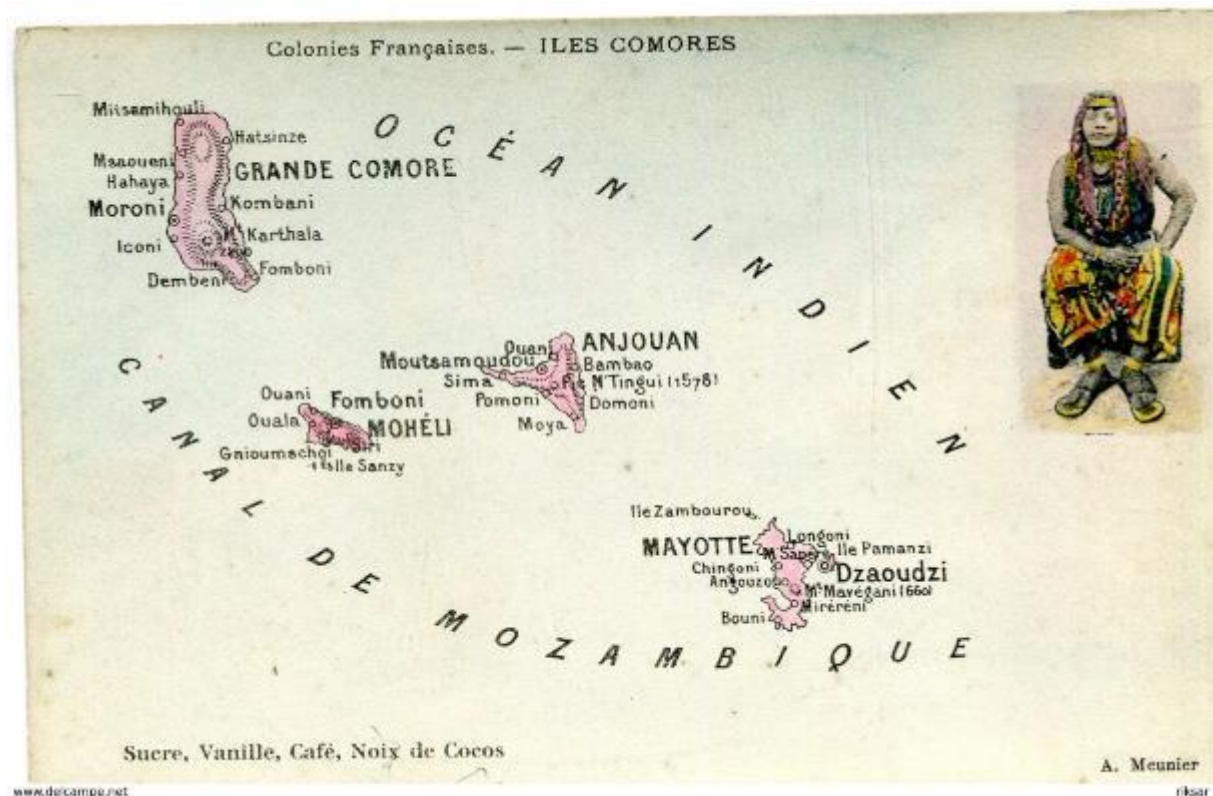
http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig3_4.jpg : "Timbre de Madagascar. Lieutenant Colonel JOFFRE, utilisé à D'zaoudzi (Mayotte) (15 mars 1948)".



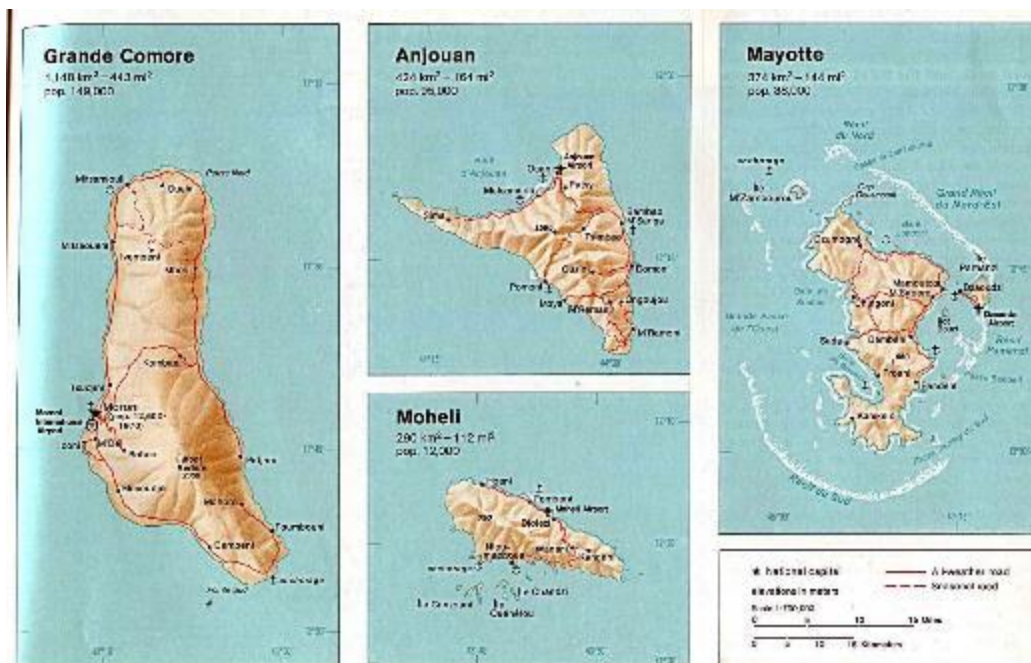
http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0301_union_francaise_1.html:

“Lettre de l'Administrateur Supérieur des Comores affranchie en timbres de Madagascar et oblitérée "DZAOUZI / MADAGASCAR" 13/6/49, transit Tananarive 14/6. Les Comores sont gouvernées par un "Administrateur Supérieur" rapportant directement au Ministre, mais avec copie des éléments importants au Haut-commissaire de Madagascar. L'assemblée élue des Comores porte le titre de "Conseil Général. Le Territoire des Comores n'est pas doté de timbres spécifiques et utilise ceux de Madagascar jusqu'en 1950”.

6 Archipel des Comores 1950-1975



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<http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-IGicY14-pc/UhqJ28a4B7I/AAAAAAAAQyA/b3vQr0SAxGs/s1600/Mapa-de-Relieve-Sombreado-de-las-Comoras-Gran-Comora-Anjouan-Moheli-Mayotte-6032.jpg>

http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0304_union_francaise_4.html:

"NOUVEAU STATUT DES COMORES: 15 MAI 1950 : Les Comores sont détachées de Madagascar.
L'Administrateur Supérieur rapporte directement au Ministre de la F.O.M., sauf pour les questions de
défense qui restent entre les mains du Haut-commissaire à Madagascar. Les Comores restent
attachées à la zone CFA. Des timbres spécifiques aux Comores sont émis avec légende "ARCHIPEL
DES COMORES". Les cachets postaux seront tardivement modifiés avec la légende "MADAGASCAR"
remplacée par "COMORES".



http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0304_union_francaise_4.html



http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0304_union_francaise_4.html:

"Lettre administrative pré-imprimée où le mot "autonome" est rayé après que les Comores aient été
détachées de Madagascar".

Postage stamps 1950

M20-28 and M32-33²: 10c, 50c, 1Fr, 2Fr, 5Fr, 6Fr, 7Fr, 10Fr, 11Fr, 50Fr (airmail), 100Fr (airmail)



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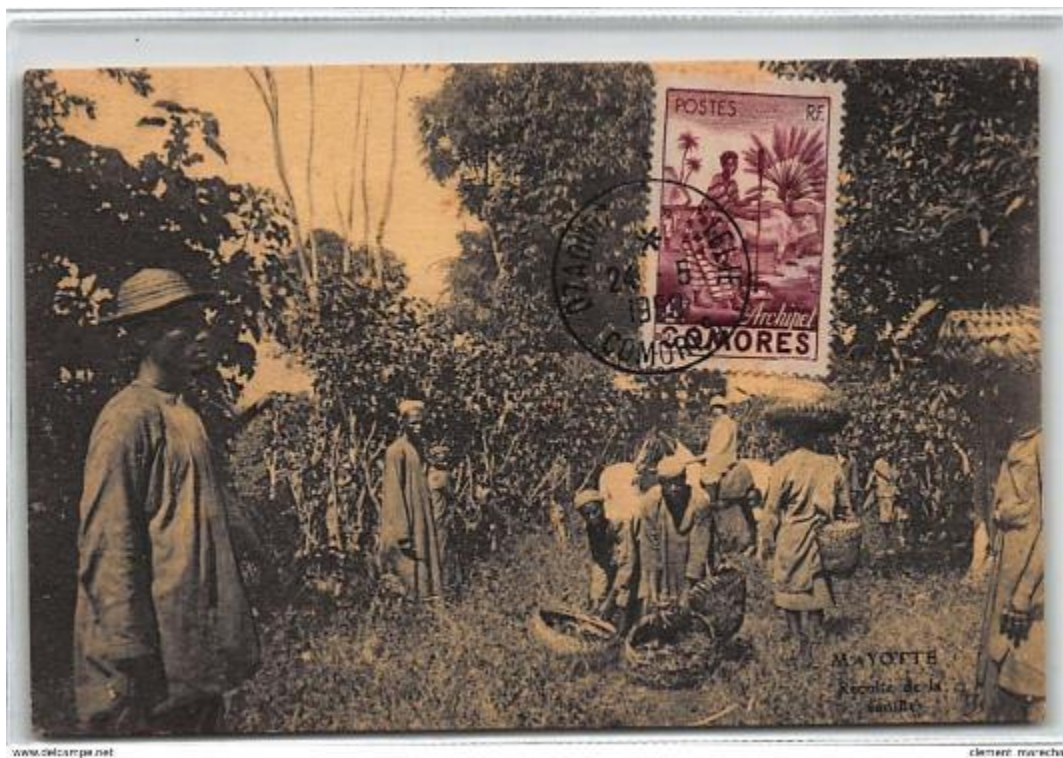
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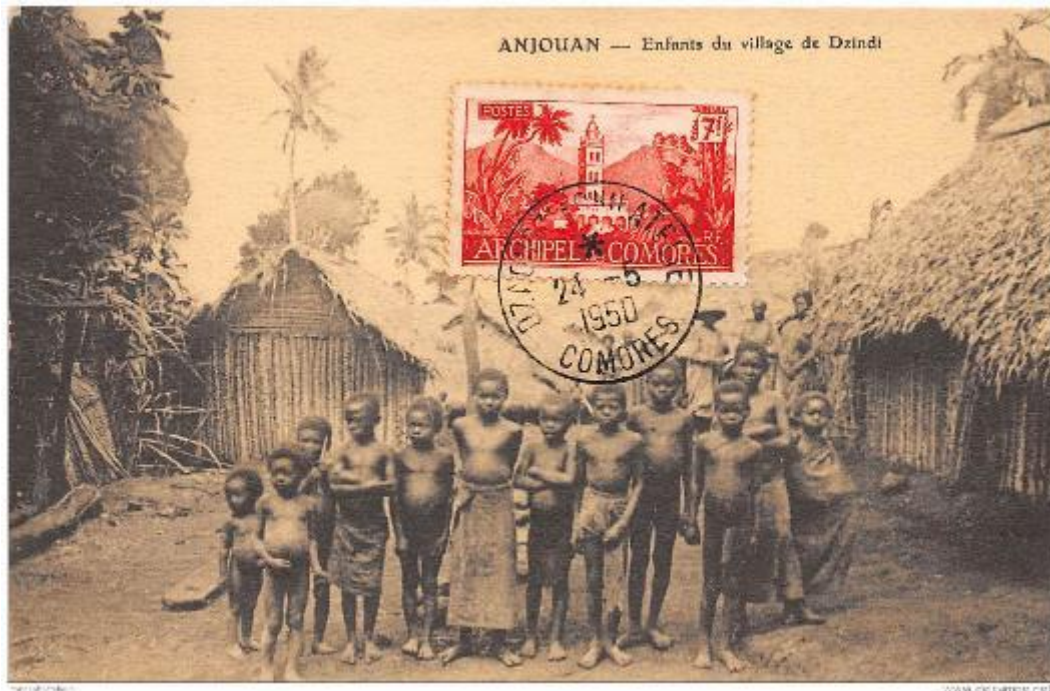
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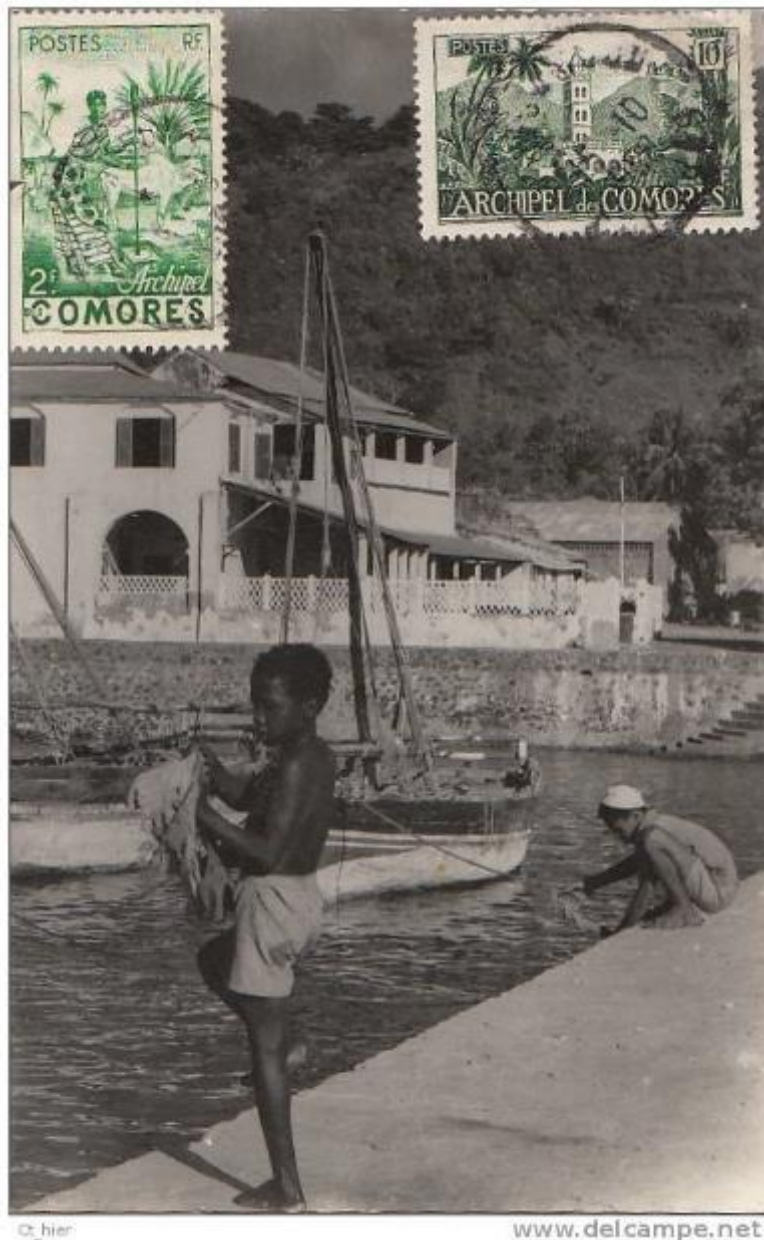


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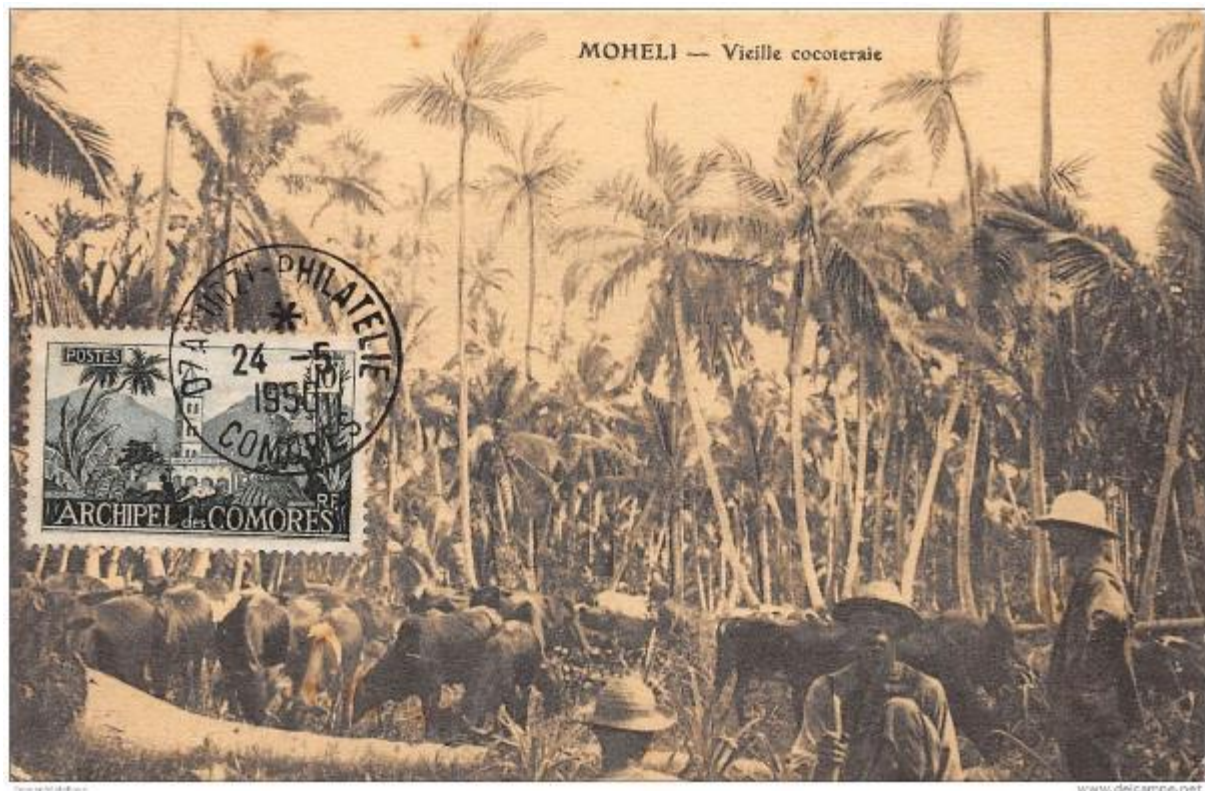
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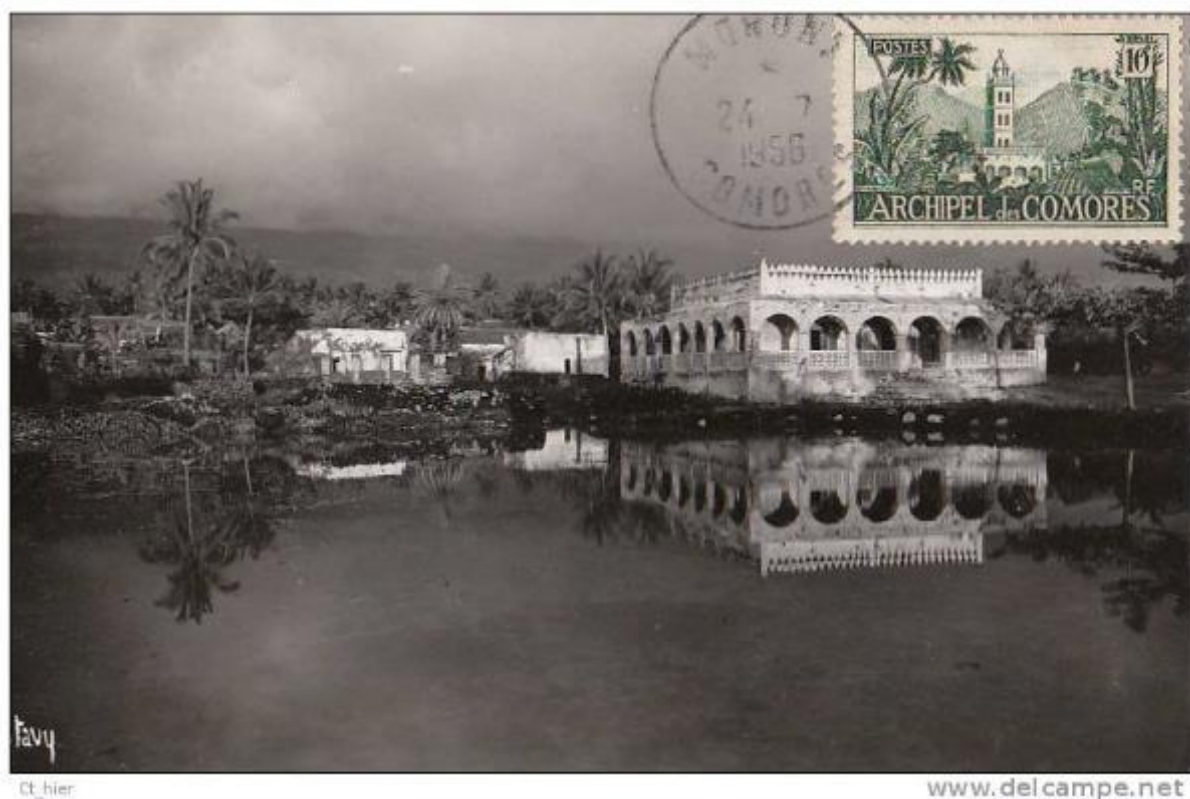
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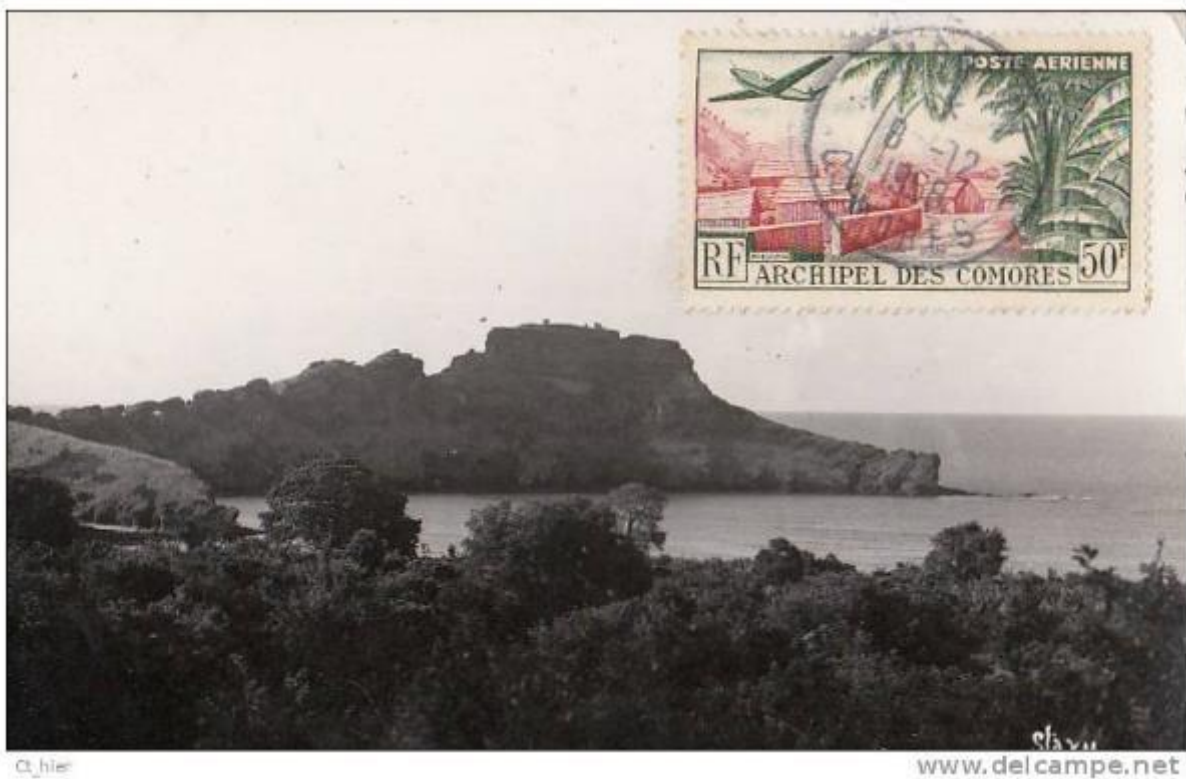


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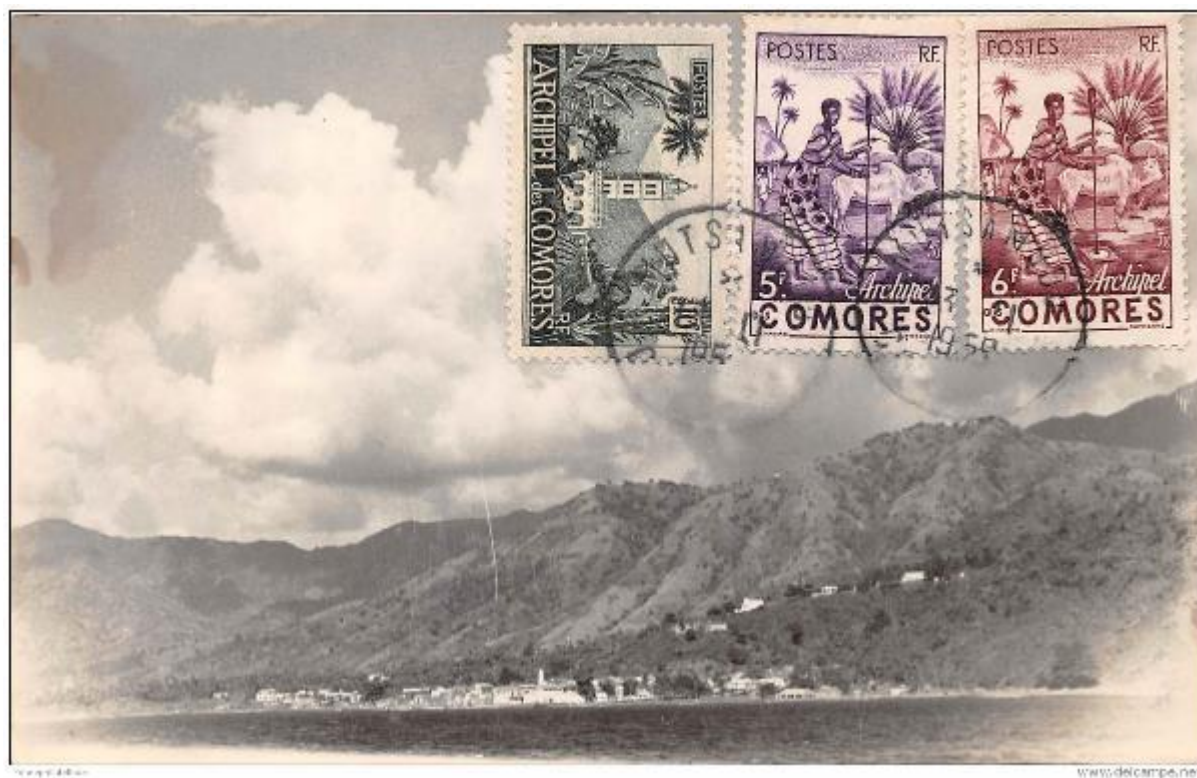
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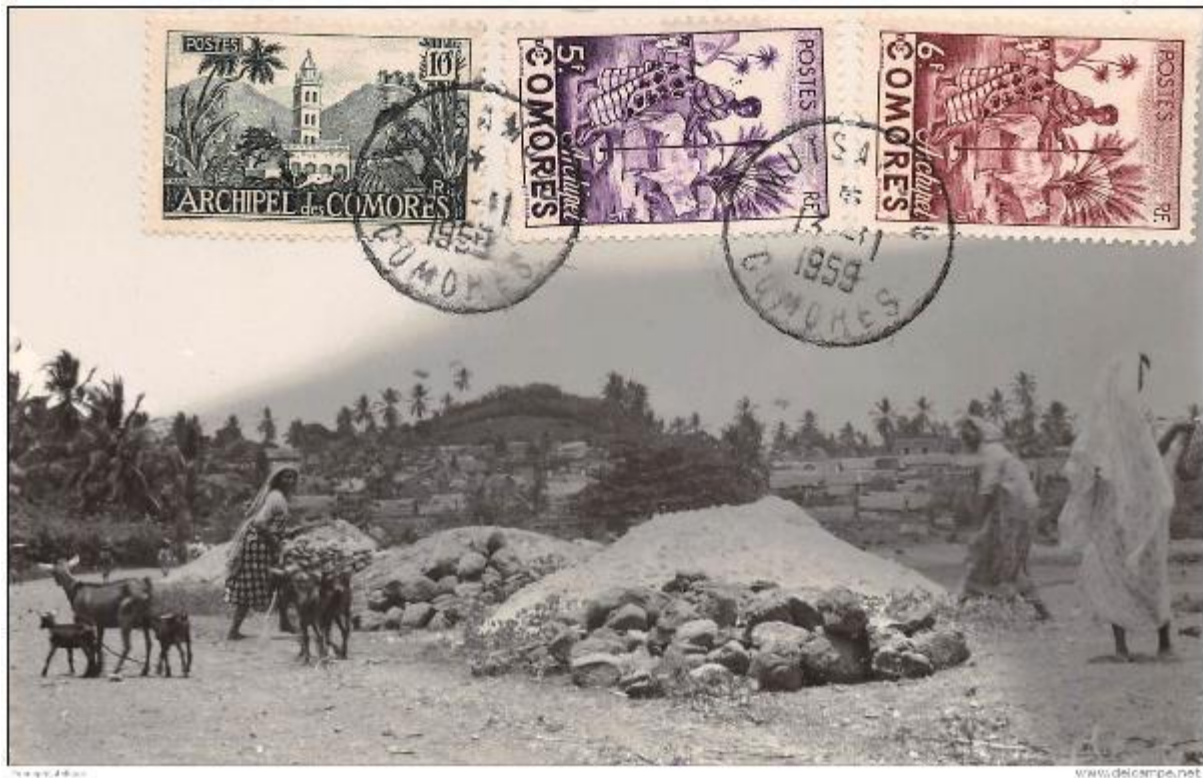
http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig3_3.jpg : "Lettre de Dzaoudzi pour Fianarantsoa avec affranchissement mixte Madagascar-Comores ; (1er août 1950)".



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig4_2.jpg : "lettre de Mutsamudu pour Madagascar. Enveloppe vendue au profit des victimes du cyclone de 1953. A cette date, le cachet Mutsamudu * Madagascar est encore en usage. On note la présence du timbre 10c bleu (Baie d'Anjouan), rare sur letter".



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Postage due stamps, 1950



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Postage stamps 1952

M29 and 30: 15Fr, 20 Fr



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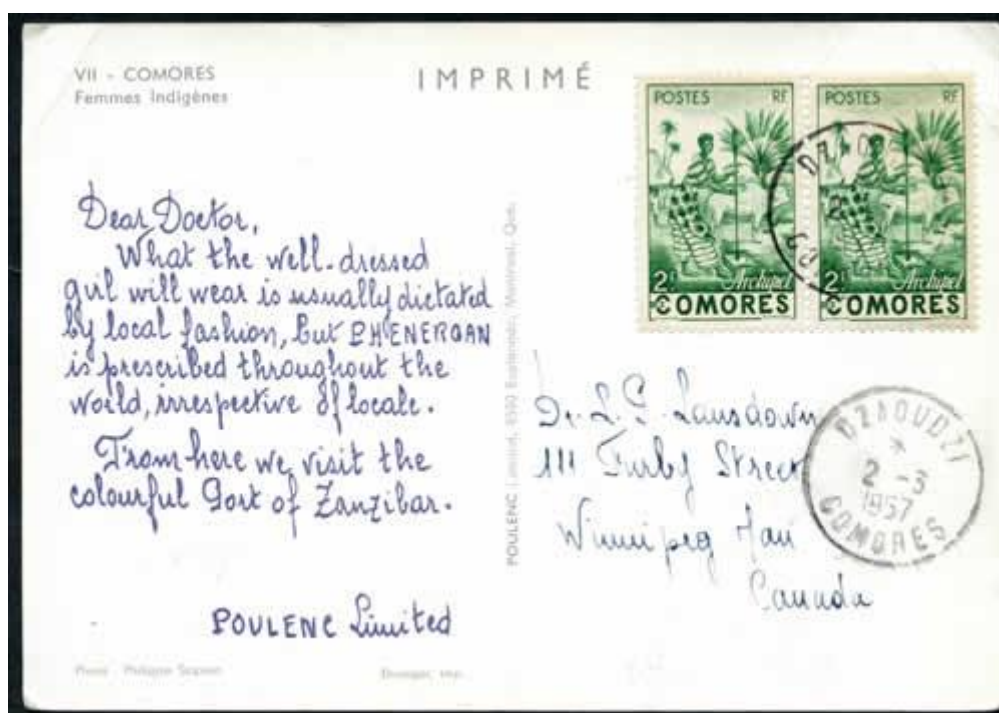
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http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0306_union_francaise_6.html: "Carte postale couleurs, montrant une danse locale, vantant les bienfaits de IONYL et expédiée des Comores 11/4/57."



http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/pages/005_decolonisation/0306_union_francaise_6.html: "Carte postale couleurs, montrant des femmes indigènes, vantant en anglais les bienfaits de PHENERGAN et expédiée des Comores 2/3/57 vers le Canada."



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100 years military medal: M35, 15Fr



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Postage stamps 1953

M34: 200 Fr (airmail)



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Postage stamps 1954

M31: 40Fr



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10th anniversary of allied landing in Normandy: M36, 15Fr



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Postage due stamps, 1954



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Postage stamps 1956

FIDES investment fund: M37, 9Fr



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Postage stamps 1958

Declaration of Human Rights 10th anniversary: M38, 20Fr



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Postage stamps 1959

Tamarind: M39, 10Fr



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Postage stamps 1960

Radio station: M40 and 41, 20Fr and 25Fr



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<http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig4.jpg> : "Inauguration de la radiodiffusion dans l'archipel (1960). cachet hexagonal, Mamoutzou (Mayotte)"

Postage stamps 1962

Sea shells: M42-47, 50c, 1Fr, 2Fr, 5Fr, 20Fr, 25Fr.



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http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig4_62.jpg: "Charonia Tritonis (1962), cachet à double cercle de Domoni (Anjouan)".

Corals: M48, 500Fr, airmail



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Malaria: M49, 25Fr+5Fr



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Giant clam: M50, 100Fr



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Telecommunication: M51, 25Fr



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Postage stamps 1963

Anti-Hunger Campaign: M52, 20Fr



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International Red Cross: M53, 50Fr



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Human Rights: M54, 15Fr



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Handicraft: M55-59, 3Fr, 4Fr, 10Fr, 65Fr (Airmail), 200Fr (Airmail)



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Postage stamps 1964

International Stamp Exhibition "PHILATEC 1964" - Paris, France: M60, 50Fr



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Indigenous boats: M61-64, 15Fr, 30Fr, 50Fr, 85Fr (both: Airmail)



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Moroni



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Airmail - Olympic Games - Tokyo, Japan: M65, 100Fr and Airmail – Order of the Star of Grand Comoro: M66, 500Fr



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Postage stamps 1965

Airmail - The 100th Anniversary of ITU: M67, 50Fr



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Marine Life: M68-71, 1Fr, 12Fr, 20Fr, 25Fr



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Postage stamps 1966

Airmail - Launching of 1st French Satellite, M72-73, 25Fr and 30Fr



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Airmail - Launching of Satellite "D1", M74, 30Fr



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Comoro Views, M75-76, 15Fr and 25Fr



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Comoro views, M77-78, 50Fr and 200Fr



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Postage stamps 1967

Birds, M79-84, 2Fr, 10Fr, 15Fr, 30Fr, 75Fr (airmail), 100Fr (airmail)



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Comoro Red Cross, M85, 25Fr + 5Fr



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Postage stamps 1968

Airmail - Winter Olympic Games - Grenoble, France, M86, 70Fr

The 20th Anniversary of WHO, M87, 40Fr



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Fish, M88-89, 20Fr and 25Fr



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Fish, M90-91 50Fr and 90Fr (both airmail)



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Human rights, M92, 60Fr

Airmail - Olympic Games, Mexico, M93, 65Fr



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Postage stamps 1969

Msoila Prayer Mats, M94-96, 20Fr, 30Fr, 45Fr



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Flowers, M97-101, 10Fr, 15Fr, 50Fr, 85Fr, 200 Fr (last three: airmail)



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Airmail - The 1st Flight of Concorde, M102, 100Fr

The 50th Anniversary of ILO, M103, 5Fr



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Postage stamps 1970

Flowers, M104, 25Fr

New UPU Headquarters Building, Bern, M105, 65Fr



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Airmail - World Fair "EXPO 70" - Osaka, Japan, M106-107, 60Fr, and 90Fr



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Comoro Costumes, M108-109, 20Fr and 25Fr



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Mosque de Vendredi, Moroni, M110-112, 5Fr, 10Fr, 40Fr



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Postage stamps 1971

Birds, M113-118, 5Fr, 10Fr, 15Fr, 25Fr, 35Fr, 45Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/CU-s.jpg>

Comoro Landscapes, M119-122, 15Fr, 20Fr, 65Fr, 85Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/CX-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/CY-s.jpg>

Map of the Comores, M123, 100Fr (airmail)



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/CZ-s.jpg>

Tropical Plants, M124-128, 1Fr, 3Fr, 20Fr, 60Fr, 85Fr (both airmail)



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DA-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DB-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DC-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DD-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DE-s.jpg>

Sea shells, M129-133



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DF-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DG-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DH-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DI-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DJ-s.jpg>

The 1st Anniversary of the Death of Charles de Gaulle, M134-135, 20Fr, and 35Fr



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[HqZvM058dYg/UQJ5xKcwFzI/AAAAAAAAADIk/6vqH1UkHnmE/s400/C+3+001.jpg](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-HqZvM058dYg/UQJ5xKcwFzI/AAAAAAAAADIk/6vqH1UkHnmE/s400/C+3+001.jpg): "Moroni RP (Grande Comore) le 25/8/1972; Timbre Yvert N° 78".



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig4_6.jpg

Postage stamps 1972

Airmail - Inauguration of New Airport, Moroni, M136-138, 65Fr, 85Fr, and 100Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DN-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DO-s.jpg>

Airmail - Inauguration of Paris-Moroni Radio-Telephone Link, M139-140, 35Fr and 75Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DQ-s.jpg>

Airmail - Aquatic Sports, M141, 70Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DR-s.jpg>

The 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Louis Pasteur, 1822-1895, M142, 65Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DS-s.jpg>

Airmail - Anjouan Landscapes, M143-146, 20Fr, 35Fr, 40Fr, 60Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DU-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DV-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DW-s.jpg>

Airmail - Map of Anjouan, M147, 100Fr (airmail)



<https://www.mountainstamp.com/Comores%20pictures/Comores%201972%20map%20of%20Anjouan%20island%20stamp%20France.jpg>

Postage stamps 1973

Airmail - Said Mohamed Cheikh, President of Comoro Council, Commemoration, M148-149, 20Fr, 35Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DY-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DZ-s.jpg>



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[QsJ6IXMV_00/UQJ6E1ag9HI/AAAAAAAAADI0/xhIICmWdENQ/s400/C+5+001.jpg](http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-QsJ6IXMV_00/UQJ6E1ag9HI/AAAAAAAAADI0/xhIICmWdENQ/s400/C+5+001.jpg): "Fomboni (Mohéli) le 13/8/1973; Timbre Yvert PA 51".

Airmail - Issue of 1968 Overprinted "Mission Internationale pour l'etude du Coelacanthé" and Surcharged Value, M150, 120Fr on 90Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EA-s.jpg>

Grande Comore Landscapes, M151-154, 10Fr, 20Fr, 35Fr, 50Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EC-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ED-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EE-s.jpg>

Map of Grande Comore, M155, 135Fr



<https://www.mountainstamp.com/Comores%20pictures/Comores%201973%20map%20of%20Grand%20Comore%20island%20stamp%20France.jpg>

Moroni Buildings, M156-158, 5Fr, 15Fr, 20Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EG-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EH-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EI-s.jpg>

Airmail - Karthala Volcanic Eruption (Sept 1972), M159, 120Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EJ-s.jpg>

Airmail - The 100th Anniversary of Hansen's Identification of Leprosy Bacillus, M160, 100Fr

Airmail - The 500th Anniversary of the Birth of Nicolas Copernicus, 1473-1543, M161, 150Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EK-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EL-s.jpg>

Airmail - Picasso Commemoration, M162-163, 200Fr, and 100Fr Block



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EM-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/0144-b.jpg>

Mosques, M164-165, 20Fr, 35Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EO-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EP-s.jpg>

Postage stamps 1974

Airmail - Order of the Star of Anjouan, M166, 100Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EQ-s.jpg>

Airmail - Grand Mufti of the Comoros, M167-168, 135Fr, 200Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ER-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ES-s.jpg>

Mausoleum of Shaikh Said Mohamed, M169-170, 35Fr, 50Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ET-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EU-s.jpg>

Comoro Handicrafts, M171-174, 15Fr, 20Fr, 30Fr, 75Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EV-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EW-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EX-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EY-s.jpg>

Comoros Red Cross Fund, M175, 35Fr+10Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/EZ-s.jpg>

Mayotte Landscapes, M176-178, 20Fr, 35Fr, 90Fr (all airmail)



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FA-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FB-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FC-s.jpg>

Map of Mayotte, M179, 120Fr (airmail)



<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/f8/93/0d/f8930d319549d0ce768bdc4bd08f4920.jpg>

The 100th Anniversary of Universal Postal Union, M180, 30Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FE-s.jpg>

Postage stamps 1975

Inauguration of Direct Moroni-Hahaya-Paris Air Service, M181, 135FR (airmail)



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FF-s.jpg>



<http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-zGtuZsiVx8Y/UQeNDOYTbdl/AAAAAAD4g/zfqnlpxgNxc/s400/C+13+001.jpg>: "Premier vol direct MORONI - PARIS AF 462 - 10 janvier 1975".



<https://www.stamps-plus.com/Scans/COMC066C1.jpg>

Airmail - The 70th Anniversary of Rotary International and 10th Anniversary of Moroni Rotary Club, M182, 250Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FG-s.jpg>



<https://www.stamps-plus.com/Scans/COMC067C1.jpg>

Comoro Handicrafts, M183-186, 20Fr, 35Fr, 120Fr, 135Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FH-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FI-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FJ-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FK-s.jpg>

Moheli Landscapes, M187-189, 30Fr, 50Fr, 55Fr



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FM-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FN-s.jpg>

Map of Moheli, M190, 230Fr (airmail)



<https://www.linns.com/news/world-stamps-postal-history/2016/october/keytype-stamps-from-colony-moheli-short-lived-simple-to-collect/basicslider-0/1975-comoros-230-franc-airmail-stamp.jpg>

Coelacanth Expedition, M191, 50Fr



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/FP-s.jpg>

Revenue stamps during the colonial period

According to John Barefoot (personal information, based on preliminary catalogue), “as a result of fiscal autonomy, the first Comoro revenues appeared in 1955”. These were bills of lading (‘Connaissements’) and ‘Enregistrements’. Later also ‘Timbre Fiscal’ stamps appeared, as well as ‘Transports’ stamps.

For the ‘Connaissements’, twelve different values are known:

1955: 6F(with ad without watermark), 24F (with and without watermark), 50F, 100F, 200F, and probably 12F with watermark.

1960: 50F and 100F.

1965: 100F and 400F.

Example:



<https://www.ebay.fr/itm/TIMBRE-COMORES-TIMBRE-FISCAL-500-FRANCS-OBLITERES-/192408683974>

For the Enregistrements 23 values are known, all with “Territoire des Comores” on Madagascar stamps.

1955: 15F, 25F, 30F, 40F, 100F, 200F

1955: 4F on 30c, 16F on 60c

1955: 50c, 1F, 1F50, 2F, 3F, 5F, 10F, 50F, 60F, 100F, 200F, 500F, and 1000F

1955: 2F on 25c and 20F on 1F50.

Examples:



<https://i.ebayimg.com/images/g/NfYAAOSwOgdYqb~v/s-l400.jpg>

During Colonial times there were also 28 'Timbre Fiscal' stamps, with 'Comores':

1960: 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, 8F, 10F, 16F 20F, 30F, 50F, 60F, 100F, 200F, 500F, 1000F, 2000F, and 5000F

1965: 1F, 2F, 5F, 200F, 400F, 500F

1965: 10F, 20F, 30F, 50F, 100F.

Example:



http://www.marsanoux-philatelie.fr/photos_jpg_LD/7073.jpg

For 'Transports' stamps John Barefoot only gives one example (10F) issued in 1960.

7 Comores as an independent state

7.1 Introduction

French overseas territory 1946-1961, French overseas territory, self-government 1961-1975,
Republic 1975-1978, Federal Islamic republic 1978-2002, Federal Union 2002-Present

<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/country-profiles-2/africa/a-comoros/>



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Comoren3-150x107.gif>: Republic
Flag 1975-1978

<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Comoren1-150x90.gif>: Federal
Islamic Republic flag 1978-2002

<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Comoren2-150x90.gif>: Federal
Union flag 2002-Present

“Suite au référendum des 8 février et 11 avril 1975 les COMORES proclament leur indépendance le 6 juillet 1975. L'île de MAYOTTE qui a voté contre l'indépendance reste française”

<http://marcophiliedaniel.blogspot.com/2013/01/archipel-des-comores-larchipel-des.html>



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Comoros-small-1.png>

7.2 The period of the 'Etat Comorien' 1975-1977

"Agreement was reached with France in 1973 for Comoros to become independent in 1978. The deputies of Mayotte abstained. Referendums were held on all four of the islands. Three voted for independence by large margins, while Mayotte voted against, and remains under French administration.

On July 06, 1975, however, the Comorian parliament passed a unilateral resolution declaring independence. Ahmed Abdallah proclaimed the independence of the Comorian State and became its 1st President". <http://kmhouseindia.blogspot.com/2012/04/comoros.html>

Political leadership (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_heads_of_state_of_the_Comoros) :

July 1975 to 7 July 1975 **Ahmed Abdallah** (1919-1989), President of the Government (UDC) 1st Term. Deposed in a coup d'état ("On Aug 03, 1975, Mercenary Bob Denard with clandestine support from Jacques Foccart and the French Govt. removed President Ahmed Abdallah from office in an armed coup and replaced him with United National Front of the Comoros (UNF) member Prince Said Mohammed Jaffar" <http://kmhouseindia.blogspot.com/2012/04/comoros.html>



http://archivesdescomores.weebly.com/uploads/2/4/8/0/24805841/5348610_orig.jpg : "Ahmed Abdérémane Abdallah - 1975 - Discours d'indépendance des Comores".

7 July 1975 to 3 August 1975 Ahmed Abdallah (1919-1989), Head of State

3 August 1975 to 10 August 1975 **Said Mohamed Jaffar** (1918-1993), Chairman of the National Council of the Revolution (UNF)

10 August 1975 to 3 January 1976 Said Mohamed Jaffar (1918-1993), Chairman of the National Executive Council



<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmjaffar.jpg> : Said Mohamed Jaffar, 1918-1993, President 1975-76

3 January 1976 to 28 October 1977 **Ali Soilih** (1937-1978), Head of State (RDPC).

28 October 1977 to 13 May 1978 Ali Soilih (1937-1978), President, Deposed in a coup d'état (assassinated)



<https://alchetron.com/cdn/ali-soilih-e42dc4d0-9b5d-49e4-908c-84a85760bd5-resize-750.jpeg>

<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmsolihi.jpg>: Ali Soilih, 1937-1989, President 1976-1978

13 May 1978 to 23 May 1978 **Said Atthoumani**, Chairman of the Politico-Military Directorate (UNF).



<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmsathoumb.jpg> : 1935-2001; President in 1978.

Use of pre-Independence stamps



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig4_31.jpg: “Utilisation de timbres de la période d'administration française (non surchargés) après l'indépendance (juillet 1975). Oblitération Mitsamiouli - Gde Comore, (18 Août 1975)”.

‘Archipel des Comores’ stamps, but issued after Independence

Folklore Dances, 21. Juli 1975, M192-193, 100Fr, 150Fr



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‘Etat Comorien’, selected stamps



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<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/GA-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/GE-s.jpg>



<http://3.bp.blogspot.com/->

1xNUb948JHw/UP8IX2KM37I/AAAAAAAAC4c/vBAJ81bBWQ4/s400/A+10+001.jpg: "Mutsamudu (Anjouan) le 27/10/1977; Cachet MT HORA



[http://www.histoire-et-](http://www.histoire-et-philatelie.fr/images/005_decolonisation/14_relations_privilegiees/comores_etat_coelacanthé_sl.jpg)

philatelie.fr/images/005_decolonisation/14_relations_privilegiees/comores_etat_coelacanthé_sl.jpg;

Postmark Moroni 1976



https://philaseiten.wavecdn.net/up/5232/7/8/4f179db1_h.jpeg; Postmark Moroni 1976



<https://i.colnect.net/f/547/806/Grande-Comore-island.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HG-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HE-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HI-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HC-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HD-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HK-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/HO-s.jpg>

1976 The 1st Anniversary of Independence (18. November)



<http://www.stampworldhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Comoren2-small.jpg> : “1976 – Flag, government buildings, map”. The new flag has four stars, hinting at the four islands that could have been included, if Mayotte would have joined too (see Olivier Bergossi, 2016, p. 12).

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/JR-s.jpg>

1976 The 1st Anniversary of Comoro Islands Admission to United Nations (25. November)



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/KI-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/KJ-s.jpg>

1976 Airmail - The 200th Anniversary of Independence of the United States of America



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/IK-s.jpg>

1977 Airmail - The 25th Anniversary of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/0341-b.jpg>

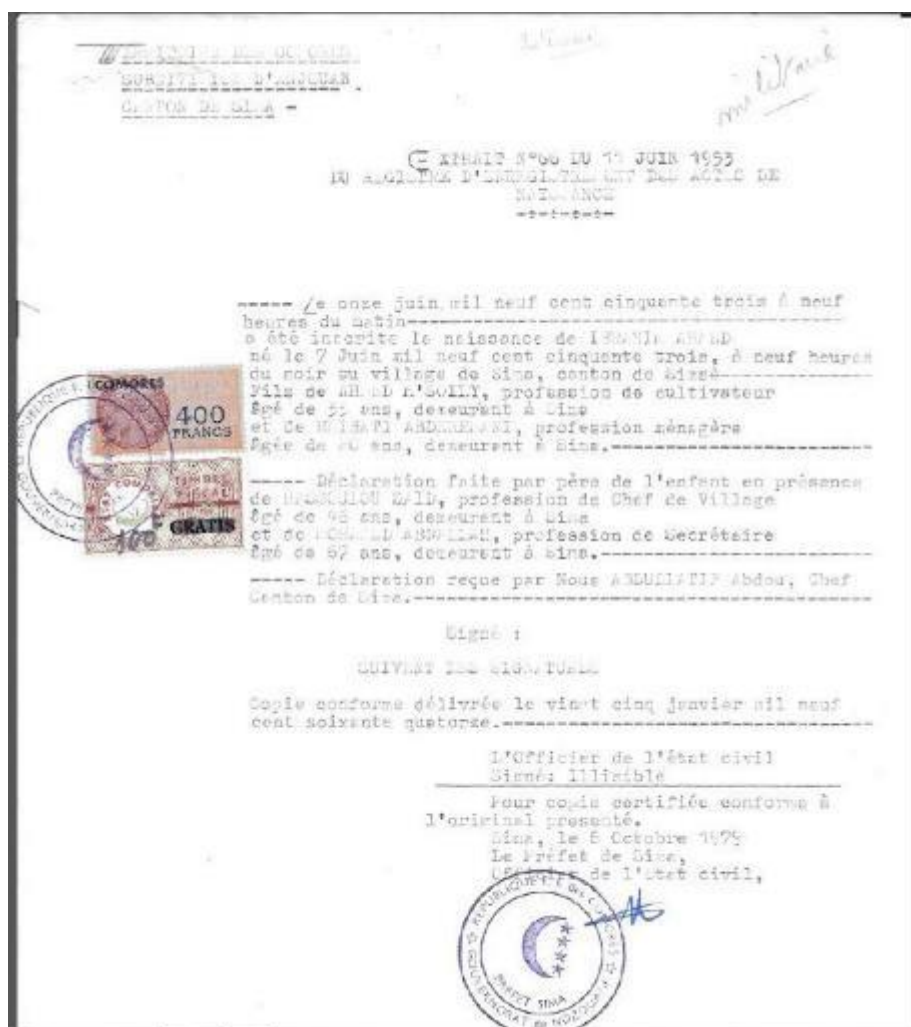
Revenue stamps

According to John Barefoot the Etat Comorien issued nine revenue stamps in 1975: 'GRATIS', 10F, 20F, 50F, 100F, 200F, 500F, 1000F and 2000F. , some values are also known to be surcharged by hand.

Example:



<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/DJ4AAOSw4Q5bBCkw/s-l225.jpg>; fiscal stamp



<https://p6.storage.canalblog.com/69/89/785723/121270096.jpg> : Etat Comorien, 'Gratis' timbre fiscal (and 400F Colonial stamp).

For other revenue stamps of the Etat Comorien see: Olivier Bergossi (2016), pp 53-54, copied here.

I - 5°) Timbres fiscaux

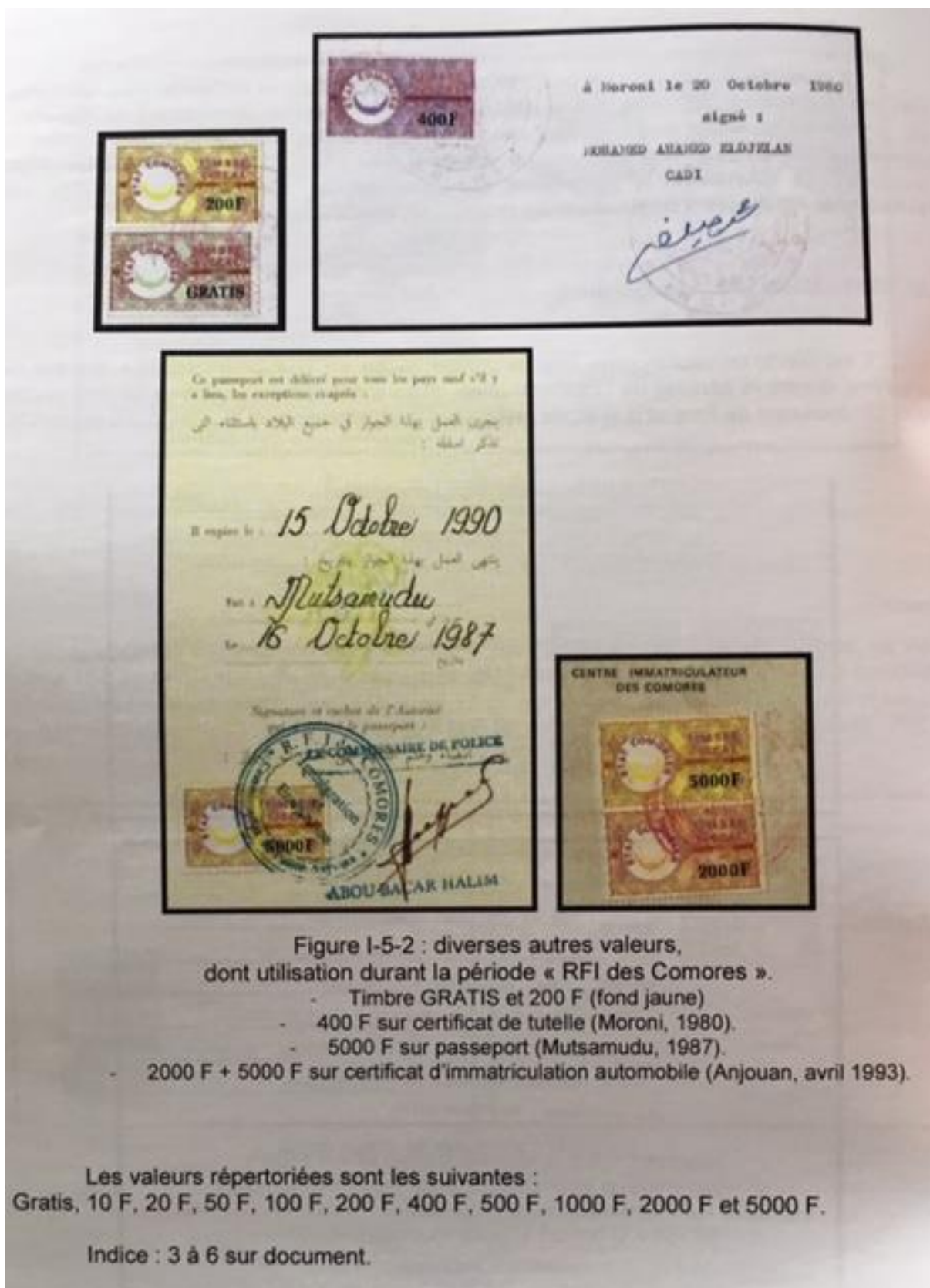
La philatélie fiscale est une branche assez méconnue de la philatélie. Aux Comores, bien que nettement moins riche que la philatélie postale en termes de diversité de vignettes, elle témoigne cependant de l'évolution administrative du pays. Elle apporte notamment un éclairage particulier sur la crise politique d'Anjouan au tournant des années 2000. C'est pourquoi nous souhaitons la promouvoir dans ce chapitre spécifique, qui ne vise pas l'exhaustivité en termes d'émissions mais dresse un panorama global du sujet.

Les timbres fiscaux de l'État comorien

Il est connu un seul modèle avec la dénomination « ETAT COMORIEN ». Il a été mis en service durant la période de l'État comorien, mais a été utilisé jusqu'à la fin des années 1980. Un croissant de lune et une étoile, symboles musulmans, sont inscrits dans un cercle.



Figure I-5-1 : 50 F (x4) et 200 F (fond vert) - utilisation en 1976 (période État comorien).
- Acte de naissance, canton d'Ouani (Anjouan).
- Acte de mariage, commune de Moroni.



7.3 Republique des Comores, 1977-78, selected stamps



<https://www.hipstamp.com/uploads/cache/304a0a4dac51eeeb7ae07af01726bf6c-460x526.png>,
postage due stamps, 1977



<http://adic-comores.org/wp-content/uploads/Timbre-Comores-1977-300x230.jpg> ; 1977

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/OL-s.jpg> ; 1978

7.4 The Federal Islamic Republic of the Comores, 1978-2001, selected stamps

“On May 13, 1978, Bob Denard returned to overthrow President Soilih and reinstate Ahmed Abdallah with the support of the French, Rhodesian and South African governments. During Soilih's brief rule, he faced seven additional coup attempts until he was finally forced from office and killed.

Ahmed Abdallah's Presidency was marked by authoritarian rule and increased adherence to traditional Islam and the country was renamed the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros

Ahmed Abdallah continued as President until 1989 when, fearing a probable coup d'etat he signed a decree ordering the Presidential Guard, led by Bob Denard to disarm the armed forces. Shortly after the signing of the decree, Abdallah was allegedly shot dead in his office by a disgruntled military officer, though later sources claim an antitank missile was launched into his bedroom and killed him. Although Denard was also injured, it is suspected that Abdallah's killer was a soldier under his command.

Bob Denard was evacuated to South Africa by French paratroopers and Said Mohamed Djohar, Soilih's older half-brother, then became President, and served until September 1995”.

<http://kmhouseindia.blogspot.com/2012/04/comoros.html>

Presidents:



<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmaabdallah.jpg> : “Ahmed Abdallah, 1919-1989, President 1978-1989”

<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmmahmed.jpg>: “Mohamed Ahmed, 1917-1984, co-chairmen 1978”

<http://i.imgur.com/jDiVqGZ.png>; Bob Denard, mercenary



<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmdjohar.jpg> : “Said Mohamed Djohar, 1918-..., President 1989-1995”.

<https://alchetron.com/cdn/combo-ayouba-6f3a920b-4dd8-40bb-94fb-4bbf61d1ac9-resize-750.jpeg>

<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmdjohar.jpg> : “Ayouba Combo, President 1995”.



<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmtaki.jpg>: “Mohamed Taki Abdoukarim, 1936-1998, President 1995”.

<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmsakemal.jpg>: “Said Ali Kemal, 1938-..., Co-Ruler 1995”.



https://i.skyrock.net/5963/39015963/pics/3085795923_1_3_0mMbvt1p.jpg: Caambi el-Yachourtu, President 1995-1996

Said Mohamed Djohar, 1918-..., President 1996

Mohamed Taki Abdoukarim, 1936-1998, President 1996-1998



<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmcommasonde.jpg>: Tadjidine Ben Said Massounde, 1933-...,
President 1998-1999

<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmassoumani.jpg>: “Azali Assoumani, 1959.., President 1999-2002”.

1978, Issues of 1976 Overprinted and Surcharged



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/PA-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/PC-s.jpg>



<http://adic-comores.org/wp-content/uploads/Timbre-Comores-1977-1.jpg> ; 1979



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/VM-s.jpg> ;

1980; Year of the Holy City, Jerusalem

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/VN-s.jpg> ;

1980, The 1350th Anniversary of Occupation of Mecca by Muhammad



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/VQ-s.jpg>; 1980,

The 50th Anniversary of First South Atlantic Flight



https://www.freestampcatalogue.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/small_image/400x400/67330acb2b8da843bfbbe0b5818dfc4a/c/s/csp0599.jpg; 1980 Sultan Said Ali and Sultan Ahmed; “Said Ali

bin Said Omar (born unknown, died 10. February 1916 in Tamatave), was the Sultan or King of Bambao. He was the last Sultan tibe or paramount king of the island of Ngazidja”.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Said_Ali_bin_Said_Omar_of_Grande_Comore

<https://i.pinimg.com/236x/a0/23/06/a0230664b482518399a59fd2246863e7--sultan-postage-stamps.jpg>; 1980, Postmark Moroni



<http://www.webtimbres.com/colo2/ind/com348.jpg> ; 1981



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YH-s.jpg> ; 1982,
Sultan Said Mohamed Sidi

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YI-s.jpg>; 1982,
Sultan Ahmed Abdallah

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YJ-s.jpg>; 1982,
Sultan Salim

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YK-s.jpg>; 1982,
Sultans Said Mohamed Sidi and Ahmed Abdallah



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YV-i.jpg> ; 1983,
landscapes of the Comores.

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YW-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YX-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YY-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/YZ-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ZA-s.jpg>; 1983,
portraits

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ZB-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ZC-s.jpg>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/ZP-s.jpg>; 1984, Airmail - International Conference on Development of Comoros



<https://i.pinimg.com/736x/28/dd/47/28dd470d3f86cea1732b2d9ab9d9738f--comoros-islands-volcanoes.jpg>; 1985, map with indigenous names of the islands, including Mayotte



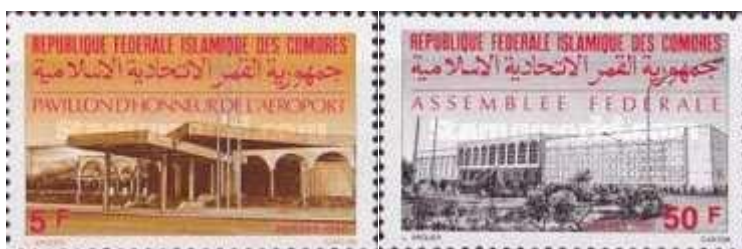
<https://i.pinimg.com/736x/f4/5d/86/f45d86c79d436539311c2f42b6070f54--national-flag-national-anthem.jpg> ; 1985



<http://adic-comores.org/wp-content/uploads/Timbre-Comores-1986-300x183.jpg> : 1987, women and development; “En 1977, avec le changement de dirigeants et de constitution, le pays devient la République Fédérale Islamique des Comores. En conséquence, les autorités locales retournent à des sujets locaux mettant en valeur les spécificités du pays avec un nombre de nouveauté annuelle fortement diminué. Parallèlement, le nombre des bureaux de poste augmentent constamment un peu partout dans le pays”.



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/AGY-s.jpg>; 1989, 200th anniversary of the French revolution.



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/AHV-s.jpg> ; 1990

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/AHY-s.jpg>



[http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-](http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-N9LPCwi2r4s/UP8Rd3T4CbI/AAAAAAAAAC7k/c6O1QXYQfGk/s400/A+4+005.jpg)

[N9LPCwi2r4s/UP8Rd3T4CbI/AAAAAAAAAC7k/c6O1QXYQfGk/s400/A+4+005.jpg](http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-N9LPCwi2r4s/UP8Rd3T4CbI/AAAAAAAAAC7k/c6O1QXYQfGk/s400/A+4+005.jpg) : 1990 stamp telecom;

“Fomboni (Mohéli) le 10/2/1992; Cachet : P 400 LA BOUDEUSE”



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/AJC-i.jpg>; 1991,
Indian Ocean Commission Conference



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/0953-b.jpg>:

1991, Airmail - The 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Charles de Gaulle, 1890-1970



<http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-paYQxyvAr90/UP8la52MNpl/AAAAAAAAAC4k/mjhyecARpUM/s400/A+11+001.jpg>: “Moroni Annexe (Grande Comore) le 17/2/1992; Cachet Chasseur de Mines CASSIOPEE”.



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig6_41.jpg Postmark Mutsamudu, 1992



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/AKT-s.jpg>; 1993, 30th anniversary O.A.U.



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/APD-i.jpg>;
1995, 20th anniversary of Independence



Scans provided by Olivier Bergossi. The political statement on this stamp is obvious: Mayotte is part of the 'Archipel des Comores'!. These stamps with new values have been issued in 1997, during a period of great turmoil, and many provisional issues, see annex 1.



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig6_52.jpg

http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig6_53.jpg: "Lettre de Moroni-Badjanani pour Paris. Suite à fausse adresse, elle a été réexpédiée par erreur à Wallis et Futuna-Mataoutou, puis a transité par Nouméa (Voir cachets au verso). Timbre Coupe du Monde de Football 1998, Equipe de Yougoslavie".



<http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-7HMO6v6JTRA/UQkuT9w78eI/AAAAAAAAEFw/msKlIAwFicY/s400/A+3+001.jpg>: "MORONI.RP - R.F.I. COMORES le 27/2/95 - (Grande Comore)".



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig6_43.jpg Postmark
Nioumachoi Moheli; 1995



http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/fig6_42.jpg Postmark
N'Tsaoueni, 1995



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/1680-b.jpg> ;
1999; the postal authorities used foreign firms to make and distribute stamps, with illustrations that
would appeal to mainly western philatelists (including children), like this one.



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BON-s.jpg>;
2001, due to lack of funds, the postal authorities of the Comores decided to overprint many existing
stamps; this is one of the examples.

Revenue stamps



<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/Sa4AAOSwUwlbBCKV/s-l225.jpg> ; fiscal stamp

<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/oeQAAOSwnHda6vq5/s-l225.jpg>

<https://i.ebayimg.com/thumbs/images/g/PckAAOSw1qtbR6-E/s-l225.jpg>

According to John Barefoot the RFIC issued several revenue stamps in 1980, including the ones shown. In c. 1995 another series was issued, including 5000FC and 10.000FC.

For more information about the revenue stamps of the R.F.I des Comores: see Olivier Bergossi, 2016, p 55, copied here.

Les timbres fiscaux de la RFI des Comores

Deux modèles différents ont été utilisés : Fig. I-5-3 et I-5-4. L'unité monétaire (franc comorien) est indiquée à présent « FC ». Le premier reprend le modèle français avec l'effigie de Marianne, utilisé dans l'archipel avant l'indépendance. Au contraire, le deuxième modèle reprend le croissant de lune mais avec quatre étoiles, symbolisant les 4 îles des Comores, donc la revendication sur Mayotte.

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Figure I-5-3 : le premier modèle de timbre fiscal de la RFI des Comores.
Valeurs 2000 FC et 3000 FC sur certificat d'immatriculation automobile (Anjouan, août 1995),
500 FC x4 sur une page de passeport (aéroport de Moroni-Hahaya, avril 1994).



Figure I-5-4 : le deuxième modèle de timbre fiscal de la RFI des Comores.
Faciales de 500 FC, 1000 FC, 5000 FC et 10000 FC, et agrandissement du motif d'arrière-plan.

7.5 Federal Union of the Comores, 2002 onwards, selected stamps

Presidents (<http://shallabaloo.tripod.com/kmsambi.jpg>):



Azali Assoumani (*1959): President 2001-2002

Hamada Madi (*1965) President 2002

Azali Assoumani (*1959) President 2002-06

Ahmed Abdallah Sambi (*1958) President 2006- 2011



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/7/79/Ikililou_Dhoinine_2012.jpg/220px-Ikililou_Dhoinine_2012.jpg: Ikililou Dhoinine (*1962) President 2011-2016

Azali Assoumani (*1959) President 2016 onwards.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_heads_of_state_of_the_Comoros#/media/File:Azali_Assoumani_2018.jpg

According to John Barefoot soon after the start of the Union des Comores (or even in 2001) revenue stamps have been issued , including 500FC and 10.000FC. Information about these and later revenue stamps: see Olivier Bergossi (2016, pp 59-60; see at the end of this section).



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BOO-s.jpg> ;
traditional costumes, 2002

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BOP-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BOQ-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BOR-s.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BOS-s.jpg>



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e0/Comores_BB1.jpg ; 2004



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/BPD-i.jpg>;

2005, The 30th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Comoro Islands and People's Republic of China



<http://adic-comores.org/wp-content/uploads/Timbre-Comores-2003.jpg> ; 2007, Leopold Senghor

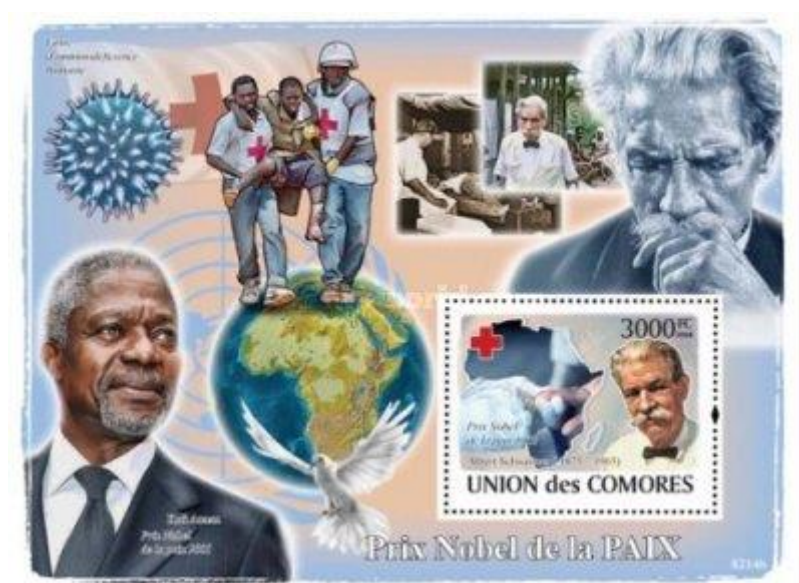


[https://comps.canstockphoto.com/comores-circa-2008-stamp-printed-in-stock-](https://comps.canstockphoto.com/comores-circa-2008-stamp-printed-in-stock-image_csp11783567.jpg)

[image_csp11783567.jpg](https://comps.canstockphoto.com/comores-circa-2008-stamp-printed-in-stock-image_csp11783567.jpg); 2008, Barack and Michelle Obama (Olivier Bergossi: Unissued, probably for political reasons).



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/1960-b.jpg> ;
2009



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/2058-b.jpg> ;
2009



https://www.postbeeld.nl/media/catalog/product/cache/1/small_image/400x400/67330acb2b8da843bfbbe0b5818dfc4a/c/s/csp30931p.jpg; 2009



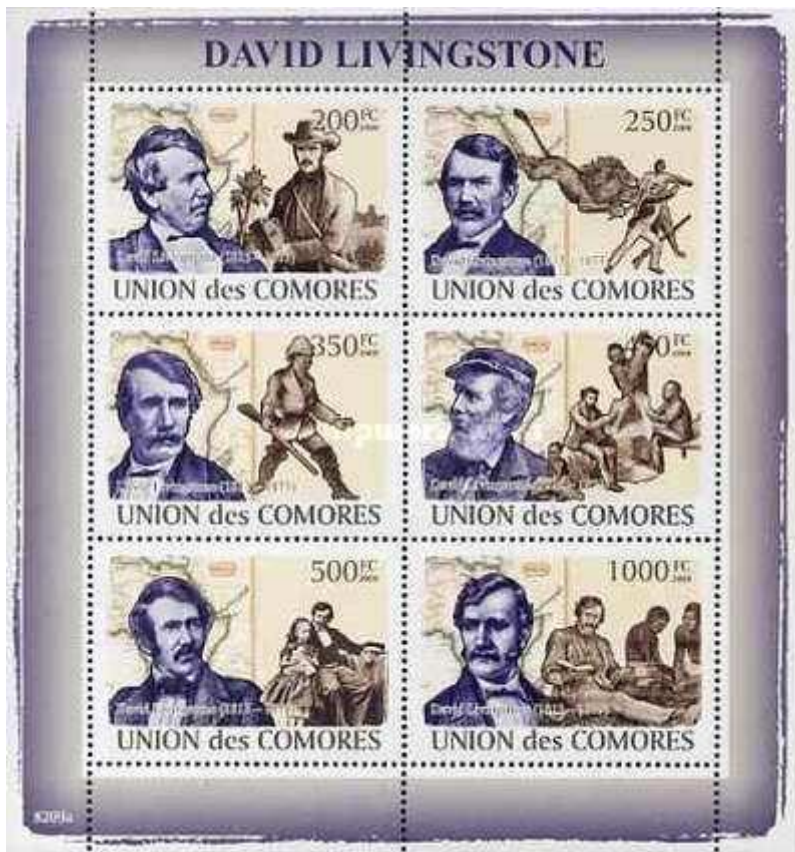
<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/2617-b.jpg>; 2009



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/2677-b.jpg>;
2009, many, many sheets, with postage stamps for foreign (thematic) philatelists.



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/2691-b.jpg> ;
2009, some with local symbols



<https://www.stampworld.com/nl/stamps/Comoro-Islands/Postage%20stamps/2000-2009?user=136009&page=5>

In c 2010 a new series of Revenue stamps have been issued, with a crescent moon and stars in a triangle. John Barefoot gives one value (25,000FC).



<https://www.stampworld.com/nl/stamps/Comoro-Islands/Postage%20stamps/2010-2014?user=136009&page=2>



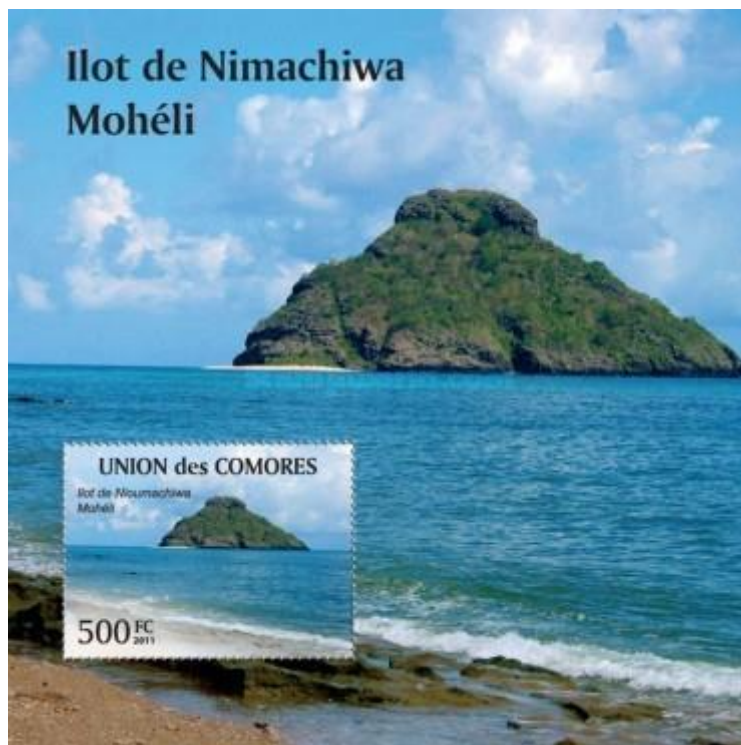
<https://www.stampworld.com/nl/stamps/Comoro-Islands/Postage%20stamps/2010-2014?user=136009&page=3>



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DHP-i.jpg> ;
2011, landscapes of the Comores

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DHQ-i.jpg>

<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/DHT-i.jpg>



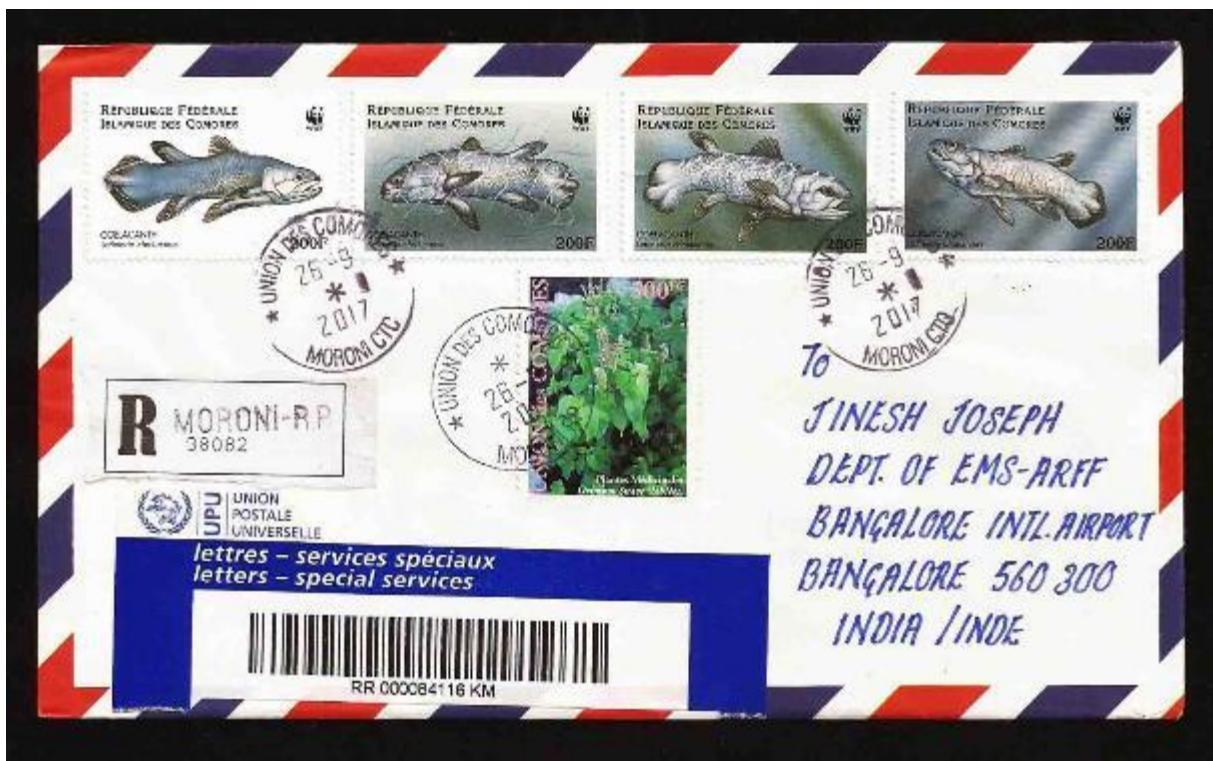
<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/2908-b.jpg>:
2011



<https://worldwidecovers.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/comoros-150415.jpg> Postmark Mutsamudu
2015



<https://swmedia-4cd6.kxcdn.com/media/catalogue/Comoro-Islands/Postage-stamps/3066-b.jpg>;
2014



https://1.bp.blogspot.com/-5_W4L5eDqMc/WfY_ddSUFJI/AAAAAAAAAFv0/BzgURwMbB8ktYP1jPLqIGytPYxfWajlyQCLcBGAs/s1600/KM%2B03.jpg Postmark Moroni CTC, 2017.

The official website of the postal services of the Union des Comores (<http://comoros.post-stamps.com/>) only gives postage stamps until the year 2011. On that website (of the Philatelic agency Stamperija Ltd. - the authorized representative of Comoros post administration (the issues of 2008-2011) there is also a warning about illegal stamps:

“Official postage stamps are produced by a post administration of a corresponding country or by an authorized representative (agent). Agents without a contract with a post administration or transgressing this contract cannot produce legal postage stamps.

Only official stamps cover the costs of postage services. A philatelic agent and a post administration together decide on themes, designs, denomination, release date, edition and other important stages in stamp production. Philatelic agent ensures high quality of its produced stamps.

Illegal stamps are a huge problem for official philatelic agents, retailers and stamp collectors as they cause much harm to all of them. It is necessary to cooperate in order to ensure fair trade and legal production of postage stamps.

The descriptions and lists of legal stamp issues can be found in the official websites and stamp catalogues of the authorized philatelic agents such as Scott (USA), Yvert and Tellier (France), Michel (Germany) and many philatelic periodicals.

Fake stamps ≠ illegal stamps.

Illegal stamps are also frequently called “bogus stamps” or “unofficial stamps”. “Cinderella stamps” or “phantasy stamps” are less correct but still popular synonyms. “Illegal stamps” and “fake stamps” are not synonyms as they have different meanings.

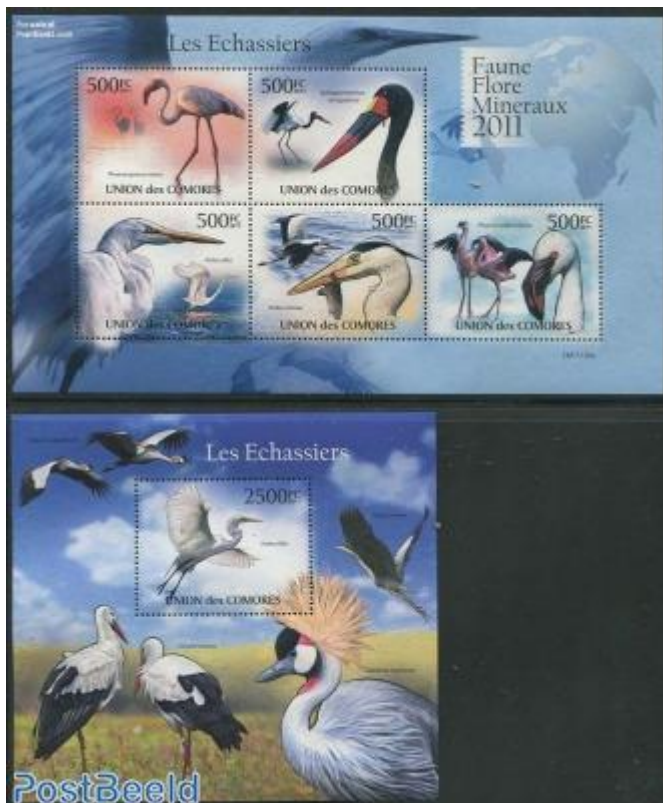
Fake stamps (or counterfeit stamps) are illegal copies of official stamps. Production of counterfeit stamps is a criminal offence in a lot of countries. A person who wants to produce fake stamps would try to get the originals or the files from which they were produced and make very similar copies of legal postage stamps.

Illegal stamps are private newly produced labels that are similar to official stamps by their forms, paper and other essential features but their producer does not have a contract with a post administration whose name he/she is using.

The activity of producing illegal stamps breaches the rights of a concerned post administration and causes financial loss for retailers, official philatelic agents and stamp collectors (when the collector is not informed about the real status of the stamps). To ensure fair philatelic trade it is essential to solve this issue together.

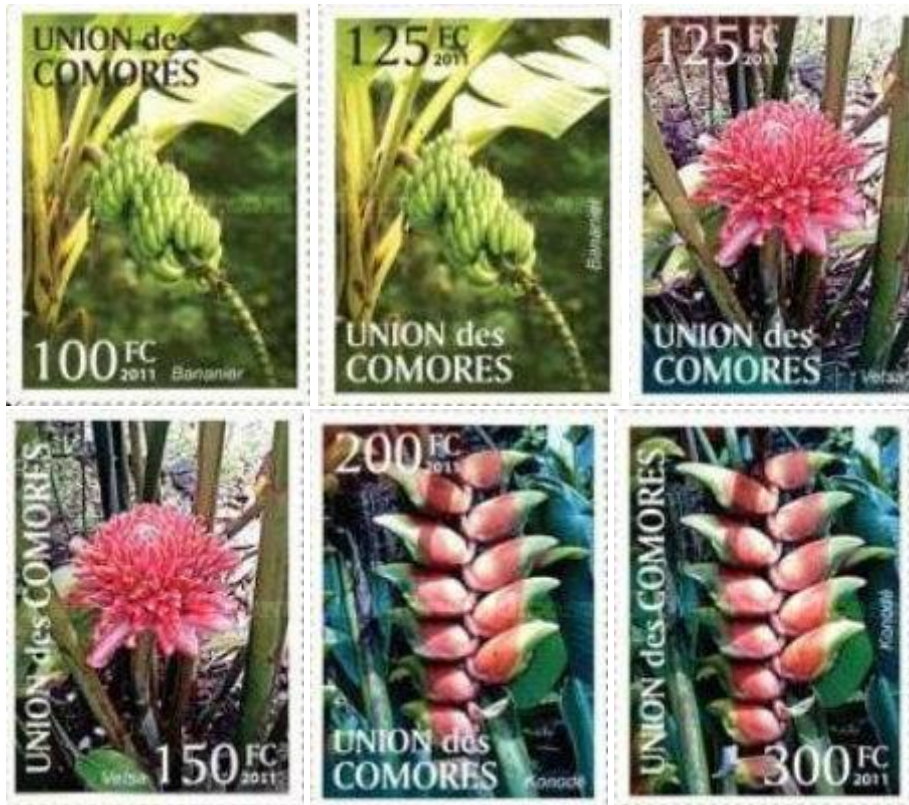
On the website <http://www.pwmo.org/articles/illegal-comores.htm> there is also a lot of information about illegal stamps for the Comoros.

The last ‘official’ postage stamps (in 2011) are the following ones:



<https://www.freestampcatalogue.nl/postzegels/land/comoren/sort-by/year/sort-direction/desc> (July 2011)

also see: <http://comoros.post-stamps.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/cm11301a-2256-2261-3079-30841.jpg> (September 2011).

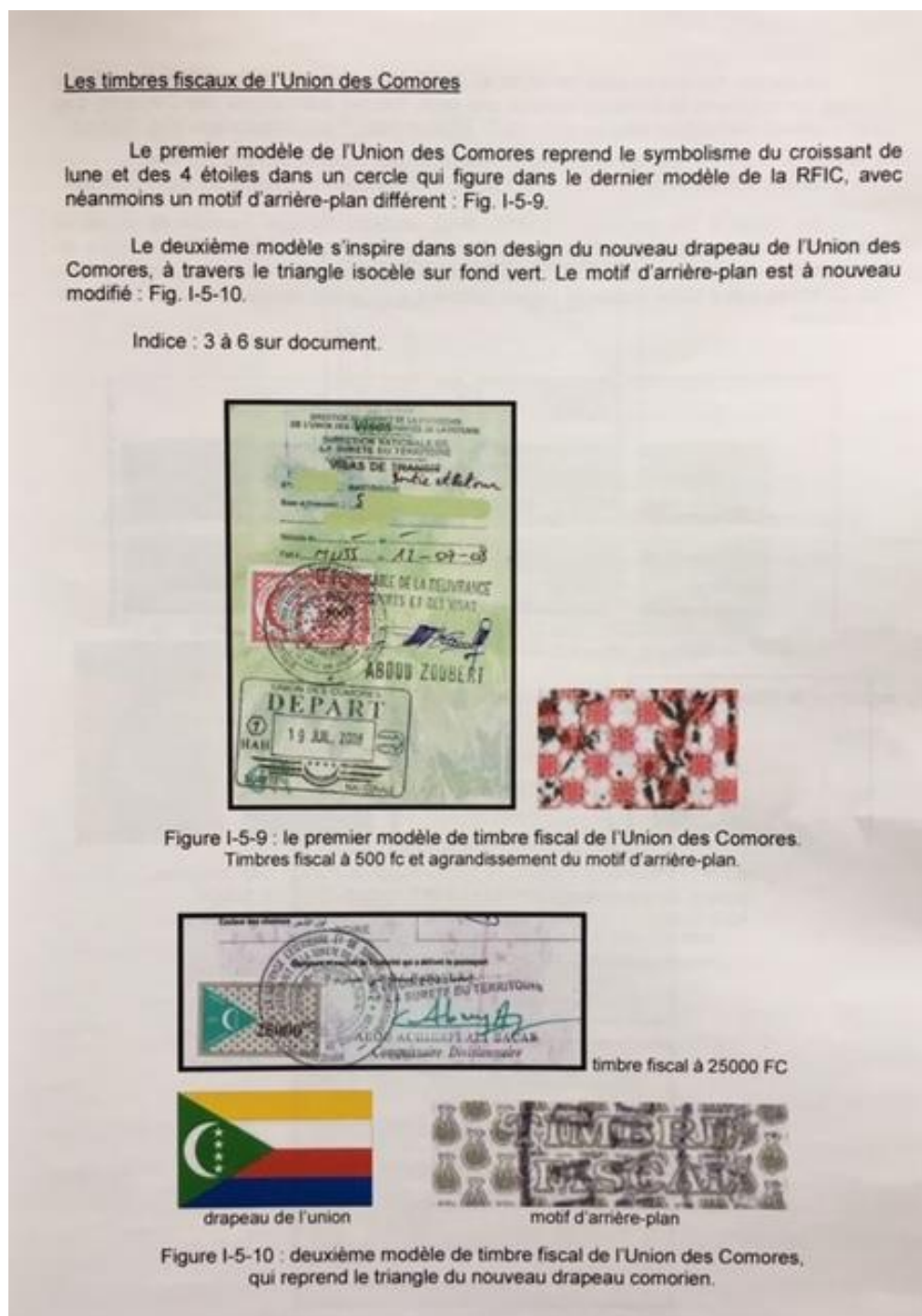


<https://www.stampworld.com/nl/stamps/Comoro-Islands/Postage%20stamps/2010-2014?year=2011&user=136009>



<https://www.stampworld.com/nl/stamps/Comoro-Islands/Postage%20stamps/2010-2014?year=2011&user=136009>

Fiscal stamps of the Union:



Olivier Bergossi, p. 59.

Le dernier modèle en date, en vente en 2015, offre plusieurs nouveautés. Il s'agit tout d'abord des premiers, et à l'heure actuelle des seuls timbres autocollants des Comores. Les quatre valeurs disponibles sont de 500, 1000, 2500 et 5000 Francs comoriens (Fig. I-5-11).

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Le visuel a été largement modifié, avec un texte bilingue français et arabe, et l'emblème de l'ordre du croissant vert des Comores. L'unité monétaire est mentionnée en toutes lettres de manière très lisible. Par contre, on distingue difficilement les mots « Union des Comores » et « Unité Solidarité Développement » (nouvelle devise nationale) autour de la médaille.



Figure I-5-11 : troisième modèle de timbre fiscal de l'Union des Comores, la série neuve en bord de feuille : 500 f, 1000 f, 2500 f et 5000 f. Agrandissement et médaille de l'ordre du croissant vert des Comores, créé en 1965 et reprenant le croissant de lune et les 4 étoiles (Mayotte appartenant à cette époque à l'archipel des Comores, entièrement sous domination française).

8 Anjouan between 1997 and 2002

“Secession of Anjouan and Mohéli in 1997. Between 1997 and 2000, secessionist events occurred on Anjouan and Mohéli islands which were finally resolved with the creation of the Union of Comoros. Symbols of the flag of Anjouan were used on [revenue] stamps and labels between 1997 and 2001. On Anjouan, [Comores] postage stamps .. have circulated in mail. .. [A] revenue stamp with the map and flag of Anjouan, printed in France, served on a legal document. End 1997-beginning 1998, French philatelic magazines reported... a message announcing the opening of a private postal service between Anjouan and French-controlled Mayotte. The stamp used on the received letters (map and symbols of Anjouan, and the flag of France) represented the cost of the transport by dhow between the islands. In Mayotte, a French stamp was added and put in a French post box. However, it seems no proof of real service exists”.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Postage_stamps_and_postal_history_of_the_Comoros [with corrections by Olivier Bergossi: Cinderella issue, made by Anjouan secessionists in Mayotte]



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/58/Flag_of_Anjouan.svg/450px-Flag_of_Anjouan.svg.png : “Symbols of the flag of Anjouan were used on [revenue] stamps and labels between 1997 and 2001”.



<http://adic-comores.org/wp-content/uploads/Timbre-Comores-1997-Anjouan-1-199x300.jpg>

<http://adic-comores.org/wp-content/uploads/Timbre-Comores-1997-Anjouan-2.jpg>

<http://zenius.kalnieciai.lt/africa/comoros/different/anjouan1997-2001.jpg>



<http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/imagespages/anjouan.jpg>

According to John Barefoot (personal information, and preliminary catalogue pages, showing the 50Fc), six values have been issued; next to the 50F, 100F, and 500F (see above) also values of 1000F (brown, carmine and black), 2500F and 5000F (both: colours unknown).

More information about the revenue stamps of Anjouan during this period of secession: Olivier Bergossi, 2016: P. 40-41 and pp. 56-58. We will copy this information here.

In 2008 there was another secessionist attempt, that was thwarted by military troops of the Comores, assisted by those of the African Union. This event did not have any philatelic consequences.

Olivier Bergossi, p. 40-41:



Figure I-3-11 : vignette de propagande –
l'oblitération de Mayotte (Dzoumogné) date du 16 avril 1998.
A cette date le 1^{er} blocus d'Anjouan est terminé depuis 4 mois,
et le service postal y fonctionne normalement (voir Fig. I-3-3).

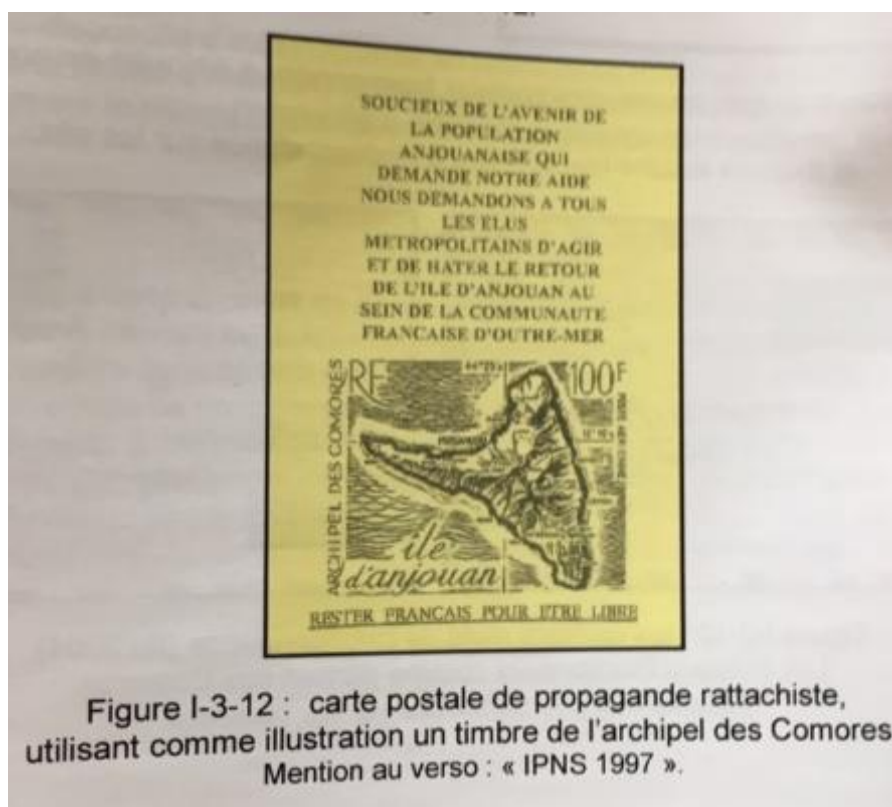
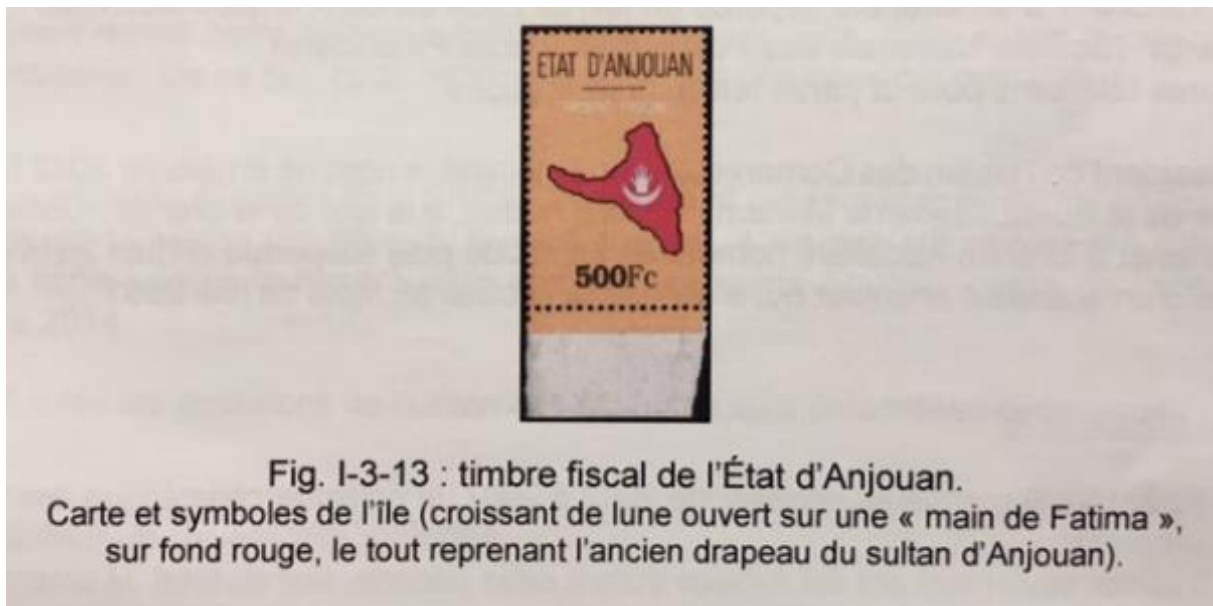
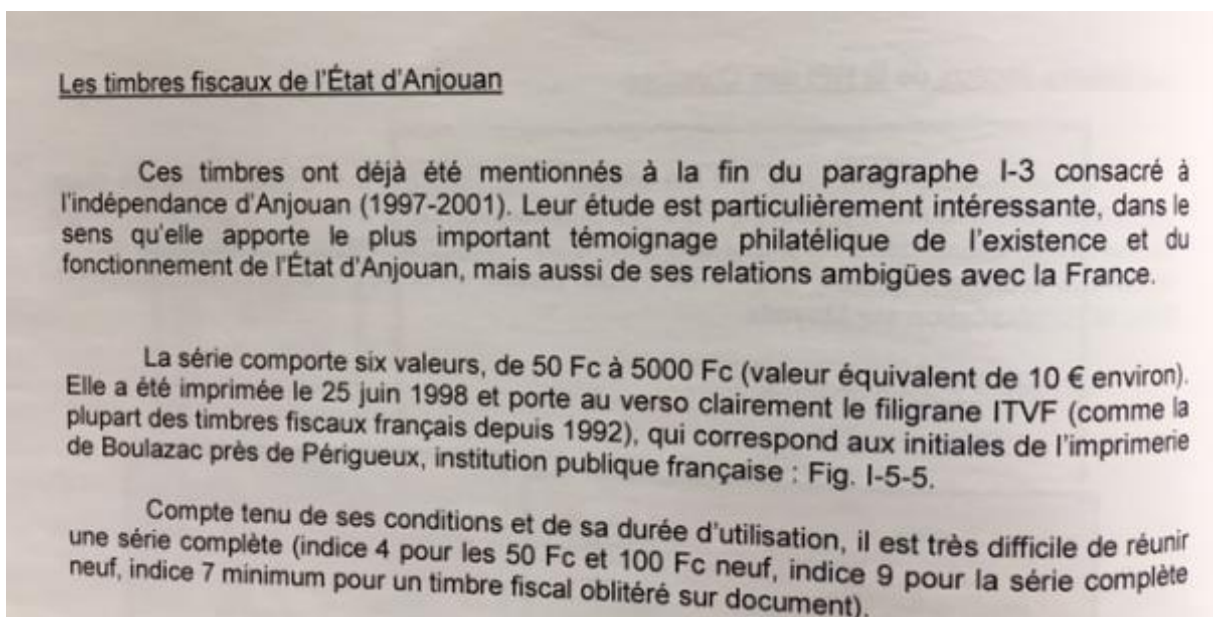
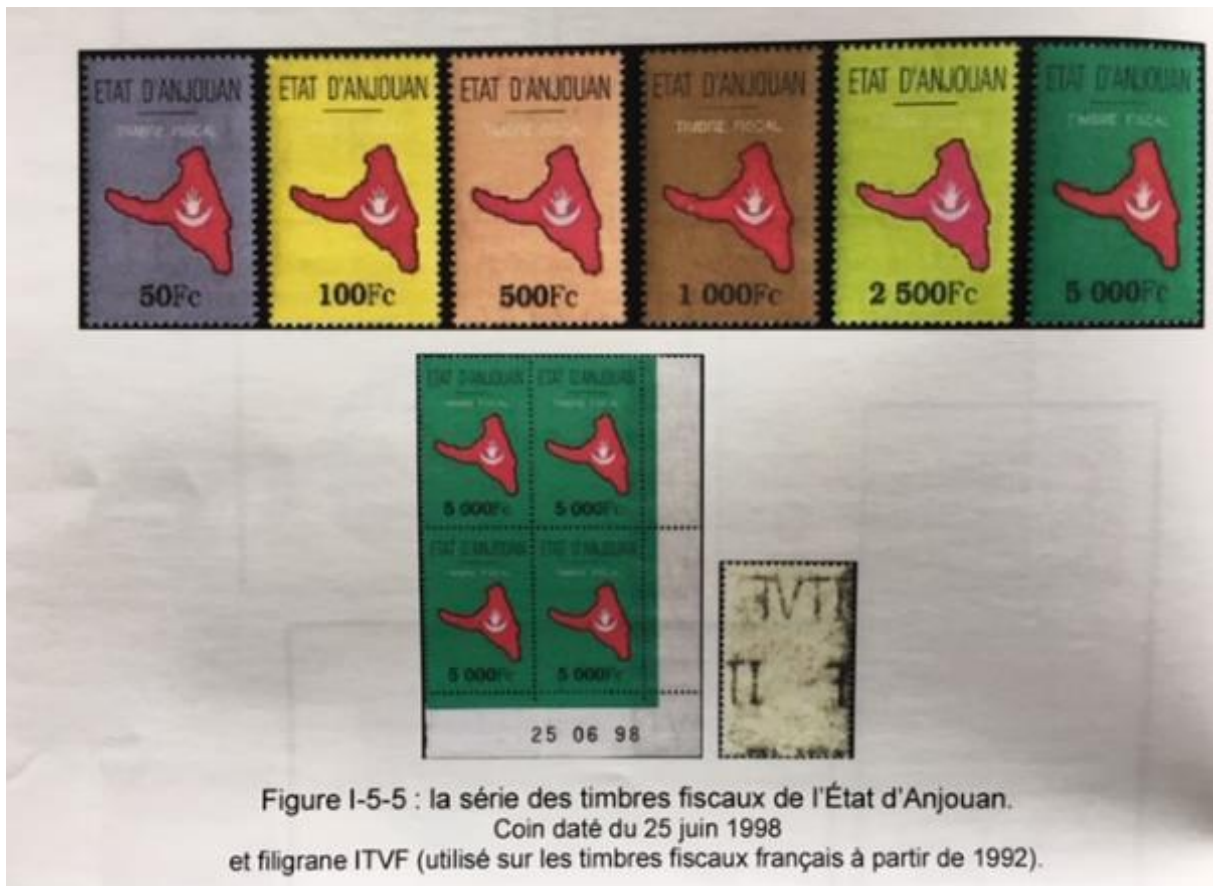


Figure I-3-12 : carte postale de propagande rattachiste,
utilisant comme illustration un timbre de l'archipel des Comores.
Mention au verso : « IPNS 1997 ».

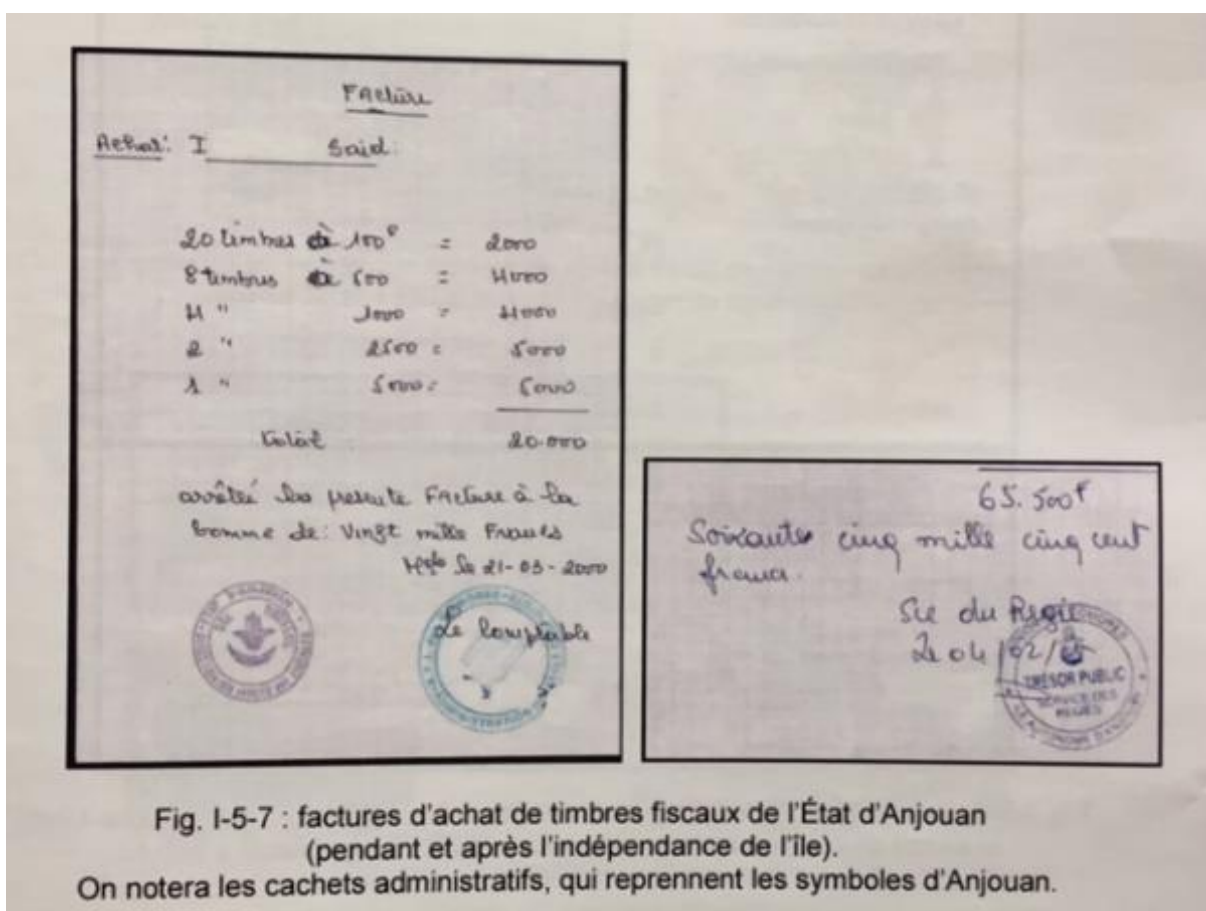


Olivier Bergossi, pp. 56-58:





L'illustration représente la carte et les symboles de l'île : croissant de lune ouvert sur une « main de Fatima », sur fond rouge, le tout reprenant l'ancien drapeau du sultan d'Anjouan. Ces symboles se retrouvent sur le drapeau d'Anjouan indépendant, le rouge étant la couleur habituelle des *shiromani*, tenues traditionnelles des anjouanaïses : Fig. I-5-6.



Ref: 103

AUTORISATION DE CIRCULER

Le Directeur du Service des Mines

Vu l'arrêté n° 407 – AP / ACG du 17 novembre 1952
(Code de la route) spécialement en ses art. 41 et 43
vu le procès-verbal de visite en date du 28-10-98 de l'expert agréé, autorisé
M.
domicilié à Mutsamudu
à mettre en circulation pour assurer un
Transport Commun le véhicule immatriculé
Sous le n° défini comme suit
Marque :
Type :
N° d'ordre dans la série du type :
Puissance administrative : SCV
Poids à vide :
Poids total autorisé en charge :
Année de 1^{ère} mise en circulation : 1-2-91
Places assises 5 Débout : 1
Mutsamudu, le 28-10- 1998

ETAT D'ANJOUAN

500Fc

N° 1 1

AUTORISATION

DE MISE EN CIRCULATION D'UN VÉHICULE

Employé au TAXI VILLE

Signature: [Signature]

ETAT D'ANJOUAN

DIRECTEUR DU SERVICE DES MINES

ETAT D'ANJOUAN

TRIBUNAL DE PREMIERE INSTANCE DE MUTSAMUDU

CASIER JUDICIAIRE

BULLETIN N°3

DU CASIER JUDICIAIRE NATIONAL

Relevé des condamnations à des peines
Privatives de liberté concernant :

N° 1694
Au Répertoire Spécial

Le _____ nommé _____
de _____
Fil _____
et de _____
Né (e) le 15 Mars 1971
A Mahabibo-Majunga Madagascar
SITUATION DE FAMILLE Célibataire
Domicile Droni - Anjouan

ETAT D'ANJOUAN

500Fc

9 Postmarks of the Comores illustrated in this APH

Chapter >	2	3	4	5	6	7
Anjouan						
Anjouan	1892, '98, '99, 1908					
Domoni					1962	
Mutsamudu	1904			1935, '45	1953, '54, '59, '61, '62	1977, 2015
Grande Comore						
Foumbouni					1969	
Grande Comore		1908				
Mitsamiouli					1962	
Moroni				1941, '44	1956, '58, '60, '72, '75	1976, '80, '95
Moroni CTC						2017
Moroni Annexe						1992
Moroni Badjanani						1993
N'tsaoueni						1995
Mohéli						
Fomboni				1933	1973	1992
Mohéli			1903, '08			
Nioudmachi						1995
Mayotte						
Dzaoudzi				1944, '45, '49	'50, '53, '56, '57	

For other postmarks of Mayotte: see APH35

Mainly between 1912 and 1916 many Madagascar postmarks can be found on postage stamps of the four postal zones of the Comores, including Mayotte (see APH35).

10 A Note on Sources

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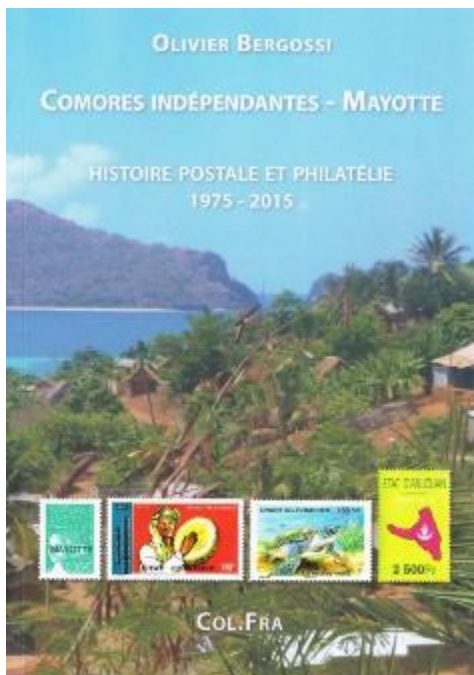
³ Like <https://www.sandafayre.com>, <https://www.stanleygibbons.com>, <http://stampmall.com.au> , <https://www.cherrystonestamps.com> , <https://www.davidfeldman.com>, <https://www.rhonephilatelie.fr> , <http://www.behr.fr>, <http://www.marsanoux-philatelie.fr> , <https://www.foxtimbre.com>, <https://www.philatelie91.fr/>, <https://www.roumet.com>, <http://stampauctionnetwork.com>, <http://www.kelleherauctions.com>, <http://pictures.auktionen-gaertner.de>, <http://www.jennes-und-kluettermann.de>, <https://i.burda-auction.cz> , <http://www.harmerschau.com>, <https://cdn.verbolia.com>, <https://www.philbansner.com/postalstamps>, <http://www.mascoo.com>, <http://filateliakevorkian.com>, <http://www.filateliallach.com>, <http://www.apfelbauminc.com>, <https://www.linns.com>, <http://jfbphilatelie.com> , <https://cdn.philasearch.com>, <https://www.stamp-one.com> and <https://www.stampworld.com> (of Paradise Valley Stamp Company USA) .

⁴ And others, like <http://www.stampboards.com> , <http://img.collectorcircuit.com> , <https://www.stampcommunity.org>, <https://www.mountainstamp.com>, <https://i.colnect.net> , <http://www.webtimbres.com>, <http://www.sammler.com>, <https://worldwidecovers.files.wordpress.com> and some blogspots like <http://bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com> .

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Annex 1: Information about the political and postal events around 1997.

Local stamp Issues of Comoros⁶ archipelago 1992-2002: a goldmine still unexplored

By Olivier Bergossi, MweziNet, 20th November 2003

See: <http://www.comores-online.com/collections/philatelie/cinderella.htm>

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I) A politically fragmented archipelago: historical and economical origins

In the last decade, the philatelic events coming from Comoros¹ archipelago seem to become more and more chaotic, fragmentary, surprising and suspicious: plethora of local overprints with spectacular varieties, resurgence of Mayotte stamps 85 years after the last issues, Anjouan private labels, etc

This growing instability has at once historical, economical, and political sources. It appears that the archipelago comes back gradually and irresistibly to the political structure that it had before colonisation, despite the national and international attempts to preserve the state frontiers defined by French colonisation in 1912 (date of the sultanates abolition, which were under French protectorate since 1881, and of the integration of the archipelago to the Madagascar colony). Indeed, before the XXth century, the islands territories were divided up in regions administrated by sultans: up to twelve sultanates in Grand Comoro (the island area is only around 1000 km² !), one or sometimes two in Anjouan (capitals Mutsamudu and Domoni), one in Moheli (the last queen of Moheli Ursula Salima Machamba married a French policeman and definitively quit Moheli in 1902) and one in Mayotte (The last sultan Andriantsouli sold the island to France in 1841).

The current economic situation is very bad: Comoros is one of the poorest countries in the world, situated in an isolated region geographically speaking, without natural resources. The only relatively dynamic area are the capital Moroni (on Grand Comoro) in one hand and Mayotte in the other hand (this island has refused independence in 1975, and remains under French administration, benefiting from huge French subsidies), while Anjouan has unceasing failed during all the XXth century and Moheli has stayed completely undeveloped under all the successive regimes until now. The dramatic conditions of life and the hopeless future of the youth in Anjouan and Moheli have lead the population to a revolt in summer 1997. On this occasion, the separatists political parties took the executive power and proclaimed independence, some of them vindicating the reattachment to the former

⁶ Comoros is a small volcanic archipelago constituted of four islands located in the north of the Mozambique Channel (Grand Comoro, Moheli, Anjouan, Mayotte, from west to east). The overall population is less than 1 million inhabitants. The population is very homogenous, sharing the same religion (Islam), traditions and language (Swahili dialect), with minor variations from one island to another. For a detailed description of Comoros, see [1].

colonising nation, searching for a similar position as Mayotte (French territory). There is amazingly very few publications of studies or testimonies of these events. Only one book has been published to my knowledge: photographs of a report taken during the 1997 summer events in Anjouan [2].

II) The very last years of the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros (FIRC)

1°) Chronology of the events

1989 26th November: President Ahmed Abdallah Abderemane (the "father of independence" on 6th July 1975) killed in presence of mercenary Bob Denard

1990-95: mandate of President Saïd Mohamed Djohar

1996 March: election of Mohamed Taki Abdulkarim as President of the Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros

1997 18th February - March - 14th July: demonstrations in Mutsamudu streets against Taki's politics

1997 3rd August: Anjouan proclaims independence (never recognised by any other country), the chief of independent " State of Anjouan " is Fundi Abdallah Ibrahim (5th August)

1997 11th August: Moheli proclaims independence

1997 28th August: FIRC army troops landing at Moheli. They take control of the island, which consequently immediately returns to FIRC

1997 2nd September: landing of FIRC troops in Ouani airport (Anjouan), but the operation is stopped in the suburbs of Mutsamudu and fails.

1997 26th October: referendum for independence in Anjouan

1997 September to approx. December: **first blockade** of Anjouan by FIRC authorities

1998 9th November: interim of President Tadjidine ben Saïd Massounde after the sudden decease of President Taki

1998 5th -16th December: civil war in Anjouan, destruction and raids in Mutsamudu

1999 April: negotiations in Antananarivo (Madagascar) between Anjouan government, Comoros political parties, and FIRC authorities, care of OAU (Organisation of African Unity). Agreement rejected by the Anjouan delegation

1999 30th April: military coup in FIRC. The new chief of state is Colonel Azali Assoumani

1999 3rd August: a new Anjouan chief of state, Lieutenant-Colonel Saïd Abeid Abderemane

2000 27th March: start of the **second blockade** of Anjouan by FIRC authorities and OAU, consequence of the failure of the Antananarivo negotiation

2001 17th February: agreement signed at Fomboni (capital of Moheli) starting the "process of reconciliation". This date can be considered as the official end of the blockade (item 24 of the agreement). The reconciliation has led to the substitution of the FIRC for the new constitution and official name of the state: " Union des Comores " (meaning Union of the Comoros), validated by referendum on 2001 23rd December.

2001 8th August: coup in Anjouan, the new Head of State is Major Mohamed Bacar.

2002 April - May: election of the President of the Union (Azali Assoumani) and the President of each "self-governing island" (Grand Comoro: Mzé Abdou Soulé El Bak, Anjouan: Mohamed Bacar, Moheli: Mohamed Saïd Fazul). Each island chooses its own government, its own parliament (deputies not yet elected), its own flag, etc. The

present situation is extremely complex and unstable, with power conflicts between Union and islands Presidents, and almost monthly coup d'état attempts. No doubt that the political face of Comoros will continue to recombine in the very next years.

2°) Philatelic consequences of the cash-flow failures of FIRC postal administration

a) Provisional local overprints

- causes of the operation

From 1992 up to 1997, various local overprints appeared on Comoros stamps, presenting some common characteristics: the initial postage value is masked by a rectangular ink mark (generally black ink) and a new and smaller postage value is affixed nearby. The reason of these overprint operations is the chronic shortage of both usual and small postage values. The cash-flow failures of the SNPT (Société Nationale des Postes et Télécommunications - see the glossary for more information) is probably the main explanation of the lack of any new orders of stamps to foreign printers from 1992 to 1995.

At least three other French-speaking African countries have overprint old stocks of stamps in the last years, in similar conditions: Madagascar and Bénin (for the same reasons as Comoros), and also Congo-Brazzaville (overprint "AUTORISE" or "LEGAL" during the civilian war) [3].

We draw up an inventory of the different types of Comoros overprints, with regards to the overprint letters and numerals typography, which indicates three periods.

- First period (1992-95) – types Ia and Ib overprints

The overprints made during the first period define the type I, with two sub-types depending on the rectangular obliterator's shape: dots (type Ia) or a bar (type Ib): see Fig. II-1. The stamps were taken from the stocks of stamps having a high postage value and issued from year 1981 to 1992, without usefulness. The principal overprint values are: 75 fc (local mail of less than 10 grams), 150 fc (letters to France and to the French-speaking African countries, weight < 10 grams, before July 1994), and 225 fc (letters to the other European and African countries < 10 gr., until 9th December 1997). To our present knowledge, the first date of using a type Ia stamp is 6th January 1992 (Scott number 796 U, Michel 1095), and 29th August 1994 for a type Ib stamp (Scott number 800 I, Michel 1067). The printing quantity is not known, except for the overprints 225 fc: it varies from 2.560 stamps (Scott 804 I, Michel 1078) to 8.000 stamps (Scott 804 J, Michel 1079).

- Second period: types II and III 200 FC overprints (December 1996)

Some very specific sets have been issued in 1995-97 (described on paragraph 3°), but the changing of tax rates to France + French-speaking African countries (from 150 fc to 200 fc for a < 10 grams mail in July 1994) have bring gradually to a new lack of 200 fc values, and consequently to the manufacture of a second wave of overprints in Dec. 1996. These overprints are classified in types II and III (Fig. II-1b). No constant variety exist for the type II. The printing quantity varies from 5.000 to 10.000 pieces each.

- Third period: 1997 – types IV to VI

These overprints occurred punctually during the year 1997. In this period, the stamps were mainly taken from the stocks of the 1995-97 sets. With regards to the obliterator shape, the overprints can be classified in types IV to VI, with a lot of sub-types (see Fig. II-1c and Fig. II-5), and also some casual varieties (see Annexe 2). Some

printing quantity are known: 20.000 pieces for Scott 826 M (Michel 1163), and 105.250 stamps for the overprints 200 Fc type VI (Scott 826 B + 826 C - Michel 1164 I and II).

- Fourth period: June 2001 – type VII and VIII overprints

They affect three stamps of the 1995-97 sets (described on paragraph 3°). The bars are replaced by two horizontal and some oblique lines (see Fig. II-1d). There is not variety known. The 300 fc / 15 fc stamp (Scott C220) has two characteristics: a blue ink, and a overprint postage value higher than the initial value.

- reasons of the rarity of these stamps

Up to now, **121** overprints have been discovered (see [4] or Scott or Michel catalogues).

Except some 225 fc overprints or some of the third and fourth periods, most of them are now very scarce (some are known in only one or a few pieces). Two major series of reasons explain the rarity:

- the Comoros general situation, including particular points such as a small population, illiteracy, development of telephony (cardphone system), low level of international trade and tourism development, no philatelists or philatelic clubs in Comoros. Hence, very few Comoros local issues or covers reach the philatelic sphere.
- the overprints have been home-made in the SNPT offices by employees of the philatelic services, in order to answer the punctual and urgent need of stamps transmitted by the post-offices of the three islands. Consequently, some overprinted stamps have probably been ordered by and delivered to a small part of the Comoros post-offices, for an immediate using. For instance, the stamp representing the Queen Mother, with an overprint 50 fc of type Ib (Scott # 800 A, Michel # 1058) has probably been sold only in Ouani post-office, in summer 1995). No specimen keep in the SNPT archives.

The French philatelic magazines have only been informed in year 2001 [4] and the main stamps' catalogues editors (Scott, Michel and Yvert & Tellier) in the same period, by the care of the organisation MweziNet [1]. Consequently, not any stock exists anywhere for 90 % of theses local overprints.

- constant and casual varieties

The "home-made" manufacture has bring to mistakes during the overprint operations, which become varieties for the philatelists. According to Mrs Fatima Béramou, responsible for the overprint operations at the SNPT, the mistakes have mainly been caused by the frequent power cuts in Moroni.

Two kinds of varieties exist: constants defects (*i.e.* appearing on all the printing), or casual defects, due to problems of inking adjustments for instance (concerning generally one or two prototype sheets). In particular, we have found in September 2000, and more recently in October 2003, in the SNPT "caveau" (vault) in Moroni several sheets with very spectacular casual defects (see annexe 2 and Fig. II-4). Others have been discovered fortuitously in Comoros post-offices, or on covers.

The annexes 1 and 2 provide the results of the first attempt to describe and classify respectively all the constant varieties and the most spectacular casual varieties discovered up to now (to our knowledge). Some minor differences in the size or

relative position of numerals and letter F exist in a few stamps of types I and III (not described in this article).

In conclusion, the subject of Comoros local overprints is very complicated and exciting, and lot of discovers are still to come for the philatelists, regarding the issue conditions, the final number of overprints, or unknown varieties for instance. We did not yet obtained access to the archives of the SNPT, but it is possible that information about these overprints has remained there (issue dates, quantities, post-offices orders, ...). We are also in quest for all complementary information from philatelists dealing with this subject (to contact us, see [1]).

b) Use of SATAS postage meters

Using a postage meter is the second solution brought to deal with the shortage of stamps in Comoros. The franking machines are branded SATAS (name of a French subsidiary company of the company Neopost), but contrary to the usual use in France - *i.e.* reserved for clients holding an account with the Post Office allowing them to frank themselves - they are used at post-office counters for individual customers in Moroni, Mutsamudu (see Fig. III-2), and Fomboni main post-offices. The first illustrated cancellation by a such franking machine in Moroni R.P. shows the famous Comoran "prehistoric fish" called coelacanth. It has been used during years 1992 and 1993 (see Fig. II-6a).

Let's note that during a short period (dates seen: from 10th August to 4th September 2001), a postage meter without any indication has been used in Moroni RP (see Fig II-6b).

3°) "Union des Comores" new philatelic policy

Comoros is unfortunately known to be one of the country producing the larger quantity of stamps issues per inhabitant, with thematics dictated by commercial instead of cultural considerations. Two periods are very typical for this phenomena:

- the post-independence years (the name of the state is "Etat Comorien" between 1975 and 1977): approximately 350 stamps (sheetlets not included !) issued from 1975 to 1982 with less than 20 % related to a Comoran subject,
- the years 1998-99: 595 stamps issued with less than 10% of the subjects related to Comoros.

This is the reality, but surprisingly the philatelic policy of years 1995-1997 is at the complete opposite: only 4 sets (19 stamps printed by the French Cartor and ITVF companies), with 100 % of local subjects (sea turtle, craft, or aromatic plants for instance: see Fig. II-7). These sets have been issued exclusively in Comoros, without any parallel supply circuit from the foreign printers to the main stamp dealers. Consequently, these sets have been "discovered" only in year 2001 (in the same time and ways as the local overprints), no stock exist outside Comoros, and some of them have become extremely rare in mint conditions (for the same reasons as the local overprints).

These sets can be seen as a forerunner example of the present philatelic policy of Comoros postal authorities. Indeed, only one set of 5 stamps (+ 3 stationeries) have been issued by the "Union des Comores" in 2002, presenting traditional Comoran

clothes: see Fig. II-8. The 2003 issues (First Day Cover: 9th October 2003) confirm this philatelic policy.

Figure II-1: the different types of overprint

- a) types Ia and Ib: lower-case " f " letter
- b) types II and III: upper-case " F " letter
- c) types IV (obliterator of bar, dots, and semicircles, different size of numerals, Printer ITVF - Périgueux - France, Michel 1163, Scott 826 M),
type V
type VI (it concerns the stamp Scott C215D, Michel 1117: craft and seashell
initial value 225 fc)
- d) types VII and VIII: " FC " instead of " F "

Figure II-2: numeral "zero" **0** and **o** constant varieties (type Ib only)

- a) Scott 800 x, Michel 1058: Queen Mother
- b) Scott 800 Q, Michel 1094, pair with the variety **0**
- c) Scott 800 H, Michel 1108: **0** on tens digit
- d) Scott 800 F, Michel 1064, shift overprint with varieties:
0 (u: positions 4A, t: position 4B)
o (u: position 5A)

Figure II-3: some spectacular constant varieties

- a) 150 f instead of 100 f (Scott 800 y, Michel 1062 F)
- b) 225 without " f " (variety of Scott 804 M, Michel 1111)
- c) **F** instead of **F** (variety of Scott 812 R, Michel 1167)

Figure II-4: some casual varieties (see a description on annexe 2b)

Figure II-5: type VI overprint

A complete sheet of Scott 826B, Michel 1164 I. Different sub-types exist according to the size of surcharge numerals and letter

Figure II-6:

- a) SATAS* franking machine, "Baby" trademark* without registration number, illustrated by a coelacanth (used in Moroni RP around 1992-93)
 - b) SATAS, "Baby électronique" trademark*, without registration number (it should probably be SG 1462), and without mention of the post-office (Moroni RP) in the circle, on a local registered cover with back to the sender
 - c) Official paid postmark
- (* Data concerning the company and trademarks provided by Laurent Bonnefoy)

Figure II-7: 1995-97 local issues

- a) sea turtle (the 25 fc and 50 fc are scarce in mint conditions), printed by Cartor 20th April 1995
- b) 20th anniversary of independence (very rare in mint conditions): cover to Marseille (France) with a unusual postmak meaning "undelivered due to the strike"
- c) aromatic plants growing in Comoros (the 25fc - 50fc - 100fc - 125fc and 300 fc are very hard to find in mint conditions): First Day Cover 15th December 1997

Figure II-8: the first "Union des Comores" stamp set, issued in April 2002 (printed by Cartor), showing Comoran traditional clothes:

125 fc: Miss Zainaba Ahmed (a famous Comoran singer, see [1]) wearing a "lesso"

150 fc and 300 fc: Mrs Assoumany (SNPT Director for international philately) wearing a "sahare" (loincloth) and a "soubahiyi" (shawl).

150 fc and 300 fc: "Dragila" men's costume

Total quantity printed: 150.000 stamps and 10.000 stationeries.

III) Philatelic witnesses of Anjouan island secession (1997-2001)

1°) Situation of the postal services in Anjouan

These political changes have deeply perturbed the administration in Anjouan. However, Anjouan state not being recognised by UPU, the postal administration has continuously worked under FIRC official SNPT rules. In particular, only the FIRC postal stamps were used in Anjouan during all the independence period: see Fig. III-1 and III-2. So the mail service worked correctly excepted during the two blockade periods. The name of the postal services is the only noticeable modification due to Anjouan authorities: SNPT has been replaced by APT (Anjouan Poste et Télécommunications).

During the two blockade periods, the covers were able to reach and to leave Anjouan via Mayotte french island. Except some smuggling small boats, the other ships sailing between Anjouan and Mayotte, likely to carry mails during the second blockade period, were the "Tratringa" (name of an Anjouan river): see Fig. III-3, "ville de Sima I" or "II", and "Twamaan" (meaning faith).

2°) Labels produced for the secessionists propaganda

During the period of first blockade of Anjouan, or a few weeks later, unperforated labels concerning the secession have been printed for an absolutely unknown "Anjouan private postal service": see figure III-4a. They figure the map of the island, and the French flag close to the Independent Anjouan symbol (revival of the flag of the last sultan): a red right hand over crescent of moon, also in red. A tax of one French franc (currency used in Mayotte) is written on the label. It is supposed to pay the letter shipping between Anjouan and Mayotte. The background colour is either white or cream. The labels have been put on covers posted at different Mayotte post-office, in addition to a regular stamp (rate to France = 3 FF). The first and most common date seem to be the 2nd January 1998. The recipients of these covers were carefully selected: main French philatelic journals and well-known French philatelists. As consequence, the journals have published the cover information contained in the letter (a 1 page text) without verification concerning the real origin of the mails and sometimes without warning about the authenticity. In my opinion, these label are pure propaganda, may be of the same origin as the postcard on Fig. III-4b.

On the contrary, the existence of letters shipping between Anjouan and Mayotte during the first and second blockade period, such as the cover on Fig. III-3, is well confirmed. These covers don't have any specific transit mark.

3°) Revenue "Etat d'Anjouan" issue

In opposition to postage stamps, revenue stamps have well been delivered to Anjouan secessionist administration after the 1997 events. At least one series has been issued, representing the symbol of Anjouan (a white hand over a red crescent of moon) placed at the centre of the map of Anjouan (in red), on various background colours. Awaiting specific investigations, two clues bring me to assume that these stamps have been printed in Périgueux (France) on 25th June 1998: an indirect witness and also the watermark of the stamps, consisting in four letters "ITVF".

A controversy about the authenticity of these revenue stamps have recently appeared in the philatelic review "Timbres magazine" [6]. However, one can see clearly on Fig. III-5b an official document, dated 2nd December 2000, showing the use of the revenue stamps by the Mutsamudu court of justice.

I confirm that these revenue stamps are still used in Anjouan in year 2003, ie two years after the integration of Anjouan into the "Union des Comores".

Figure III-1 (a) and (b): Anjouan independent

(a) cover from Anjouan to France (Resting Post) - rate 300 fc.

Date: departure Sima (8-9-99), transit via Mutsamudu, arrival Troyes (15-9-99).

The Sima post office employee has not cancelled the stamp: forgetfulness or political action ?

Comoran stamp (issued by SNPT): French team during the 1998 French football world cup.

French stamp: it corresponds to the resting post tax.

(b) cover from Anjouan to France (Resting Post) with Back to Sender - rate 300 fc.

Date: departure Ouani (28-11-2000), arrival Troyes (12-12-2000).

Return to Sender: Troyes (30-12-2000), transit via Moroni (13-3-2001).

Comoran stamp (SNPT local issues 1995-97): aromatic plants (cinnamon 200 fc), craft and shell (15 fc x 4) and sea turtle (10 fc x 4).

Figure III-2: Anjouan independent

Cover from Mutsamudu to Moroni (Grand Comoro).

Local postage rate (125 fc), Registered (+ 500 fc) with acknowledgement (+ 500 fc) + Back to sender (postmark "Retour à l'envoyeur").

Use of a SATAS franking machine

Appending of the "Moroni cabine" postmark, in the cover back 7/10/99 when arriving (delay 7 days) and on the recto when sending back to Anjouan 25/11/99.

Figure III-3: second blockade of Anjouan

Cover from Switzerland to Domoni (Anjouan) via Mayotte (end of year 2000).

Relay-address: a PO. BOX in Mayotte, for transit via passenger and freight ship "Tratinga".

Document from S. Haupaix, published in "Bulletin de la SMPC", n° 23, Mai 2001 [7]

Figure III-4: propaganda label on cover (a) and propaganda postcard (b)

The cover has been sent in Dzoumogne post-office (Mayotte) the 16th April 1998.

The propaganda labels and postcards are described in the French postcards catalogue Neudin.

Figure III-5: revenue "Etat d'Anjouan" issue

There is at least 5 revenue stamps in this series: 100 fc yellow background, 500 fc salmon pink background, 1.000 fc brown background, 2.500 fc bright green background, 5.000 fc dark green background.

IV) Mayotte

Mayotte Island has also undergone a blockade from the Comoros authorities, just after the independence events in 1975, as it has refused to join the three other islands, preferring to stay under the French administration. One well-known philatelic consequence of this blockade is the temporary lack of 10 fc and 50 fc stamps in Mayotte post-offices between December 1975 and February 1976. The solution to this stamps shortage, adopted by the island prefect Younoussa Bamana, was to cut the remaining 20 fc, 100 fc and 200 fc stamps in 2 or 4 parts. It concerns around 1.000 pieces, from 5 different stamps, made in two stages (17th December 1975 and 16th January 1976): see Fig. IV-1 [8].

The French franc has replaced the Comorian franc in Mayotte in the last days of February 1976, until the coming of the euro currency (€) at the same date as in France (1st January 2002).

The administrative and legal situations of Mayotte in the last quarter of the XXth century (“territorial community”) were an original mixing of different origins, including the Muslim right still predominant, and also some laws from the colonial period. Nowadays, Mayotte gets clearly involved in the direction of a pure French subdivision called “département”, completely integrated to the European Union. Hence, the present political discussion in Mayotte concerns for instance the ways and delay to stop the polygamy.

In the philatelic point of view, the “territorial community” of Mayotte has adopted the French stamps from March 1976 to the 31st December 1996. Then, the Mayotte postal authorities [9] have issued their own stamps from 1997: see Fig IV-2. However, during a period of three months between the 2nd January and 29th March 1997, the using of both French and Mayotte stamp was authorized in the island: see Fig IV-3. Since 1997, Mayotte issues around 12 stamps each year, showing exclusively local subjects.

The number of post-offices has gradually increased in the two last decades, reaching now about twenty (with three different post-office classes): see the list in annexe 3 (information from the SMPC [7] newsletters, the Mayotte postal service [9], and the reference [10]).

Figure IV-1: Mayotte blockade in 1975-76

A quarter of stamp (representing the mufti Saïd Omar Ben Soumeth) on a cover cancelled in Dzaoudzi on 29th January 1976.

Figure IV-2: the first Mayotte stamp “ylang-ylang flower”, on a FDC postcard created by the SMPC club, dated 2nd January 1997 [9].

Figure IV-3: combination of French and Mayotte stamps on a registered cover, postmark from the Mamoudzou Postal Service, last date permitted 29th March 1997.

Glossary

FC or fc = franc comorien (Comoran currency)

FF = Franc Français (French currency before euro €)

50 fc = 1 FF before the devaluation occurring in the 12th January 1994

75 fc = 1 FF after the devaluation

1 € = 6.55957 FF

FIRC = Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros (in French RFIC: République Fédérale Islamique des Comores)

ITVF = Imprimerie des Timbres et Valeurs Fiduciaires (French Government Printing Office)

OAU = Organisation of African Unity

R. P. = Recette Principale (main Post-Office)

SATAS = a French company building franking machines

SNPT = Société Nationale des Postes et Télécommunications (Comoros postal and telecommunications company)

Address: BP 5000 - Moroni - Union des Comores

Responsible for International Philately: Mrs Jacqueline Assoumany (see Fig. II-8).

References - websites

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Address: MweziNet,
4 quai de la marine
93450 L'île Saint-Denis - FRANCE

E-mail: mwezinet@comores-online.com

Comoros philatelic pages direct address: <http://www.comores-online.com/collections>

For more information about Mayotte, see also www.mayotte-online.com

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about Benin overprints, see L'écho de la Timbrologie, n° 1717, mars 1999, p 78-80
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Le Monde des Philatélistes, n° 526, février 1998, p 6

L'écho de la Timbrologie, n° 1705, février 1998, p 58

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[6] Timbres Magazine, n° 6 octobre 2000, p 105, n° 8 décembre 2000, p 104, and n° 13 mai 2001, p 123.

[7] SMPC is the main philatelic club in Mayotte, created in the occasion of the resumption of Mayotte stamps (1997).

Address: Société Mahoraise de Philatélie et Cartophilie (SMPC)
BP 1000
97600 Mamoudzou, île de Mayotte – FRANCE

[8] Timbroscopie, n°4, juin 1984

[9] La Poste, Direction de Mayotte, BP 83, 97000 Mamoudzou, Mayotte

[10] Le Monde des Philatélistes, n° 470, janvier 1993, p 46-47

Annexes

1 List of the Grand Comoro, Anjouan, and Moheli post offices opened during the period 1992-2003. All the Comoros postmarks are of the same type as the usual French ones: circle of diameter 2.8 mm.

The last column " % of covers " indicates the percentage of covers with stamps (ie not including the franking machines in Moroni RP, Mutsamudu RP and Fomboni RP) sent from the different Comoros post-offices (Mayotte not included) between 1998 and 2002 (deduced from 800 covers with Return to Sender). If we include the covers with a franking machine mark, the percentage of Moroni RP reaches approximately 85 % of the overall Comoros letters (Mayotte not included).

The recipient is in Metropolitan France at 73.4 % (an important diaspora from Grand-Comoro lives in the cities of Marseille, Dunkerque, and Paris and suburbs), in Indian Ocean Islands (La Réunion, Mauritius, Madagascar) at 11.7 %, Comoros at 4.0 %, Mayotte at 3.6 %, African and Arab countries at 3.8 %, USA + Canada at 1.8 %, rest of the world at 1.7 %.

2 Exclusive lists of Comoros local overprint varieties

2a) the constant varieties

2b) the main casual varieties

3 Mayotte post-offices having at least one postmark (period 1990-2003):

Accoua, Bandraboua (closed around 1993), Bandrele, Boueni, Chiconi, Chirongui (open in 1988), Coconi (open in 1992), Combani (open in 1992), Dembeni (open in 1992), Dzaoudzi (closed on 31st December 1996), Dzoumogne (open in 1992), Kani-Kele (also a postmark Kani-Keli), Koungou (closed on 31st December 1998), Mamoudzou, Mamoudzou Service Postal, Mamoudzou-Kaweni (open in 1995), Mtzamboro (open in 1988), M'tsangamouji, M'zouazia, Ouangani, Pamandzi (open in 1996), Passamainti (open in 1994), Poroani, Sada (open in 1988), Tsingoni.

Annex 2 Postmarks used in the Comores after 1975, according to Olivier Bergossi's 'Histoire Postale et Philatélie Comores Indépendantes – Mayotte'

See: Olivier Bergossi (2016), 'Comores Indépendantes – Mayotte; Histoire Postale et Philatélie, pp. 67-162, 'Chapitre II, Marcophilie comorienne', years indicated are years with a postmark illustration in the book.

Post Office/Postmark	Postmark with 'Comores'	Postmark with 'Etat Comorien'	Postmark with 'R.F.I. des Comores'	Postmark with 'Comores'	Postmark with 'Union des Comores'
GRANDE COMORE/NGAZIDJA					
Moroni				2005	
Moroni R.P.	1976	1977	1979, '80, '82, '83, '84, '87, '97, '98, 2001	1986, '94, '96, '97, '98, '98, 2002, '03, '06	2004, '14
Moroni Cabine			1980, '89, '93, '97, 2014		2004, '14
Moroni CTC/BE					2004
Moroni R.P. CTC					2014
Moroni CTC					2012, '15
Moroni Annexe			1980, '84		
Moroni-Badjajani				1984, '91, '98, 2003, '05	2006, '14
Moroni CD	1976			1988	
Moroni Port				2005, '08,	2007, '14
Moroni-Volo-Volo				2001	2005
(Moroni) Boutique Postale					2005, '14
(M)Bambadjani (BdC)			?		
(M)Bandamadj-Domba (BdC)			?		2014
Bangoi(-Kouni) (BdC)			1989		
Chezani/Chzani Boinkou (BdC)			?		
Chindini (BdC)			1987		
Dembéni (BdC)				2003	2005, '14
Dimani			?		
Dzahani-II					2014
Foumbouni	1975, '76		1983, '84, '85, '97, 2001, '03	1998, '99, 2005	2005, 2014
Hahaya (Aéroport) (BdC)			1995	2003	2005, 2014
Iconi				2003, '05	2004, '14
Itsinkoudi (Oichili) (-					2014

Wachili)					
Ivembeni-Maouéni				1999, 2003, '05	2014
Koimbani (-Oichili) (BdC)			1997, 2003		2005, '14
Mbéni			1997, 2001, '05		2007, '14
Mitsamiouli	1975		1980, '86	1995, '97, 2003, '05	2014
Mitsoudjé (BdC)			1997	2003	2005, '14
Mkazi (Bambao)					2014
Moi(n)dja (BdC)				?	
Mtsangadjou (BdC)			1997		2014
Nioumamilima (Badjani = Badjini)					2014
N(')tsaoueni (BdC)			1995	2003, '05, '09	2014
Ntsoralé (Ntroralé) (Dimani)					2014
Ouellah = Wellah (- Mitsamihouli) (BdC)			1988		2014
Ouzioni			1998, '99, 2003	2005	2004, '14
Singani (BdC)			1999		
ANJOUAN/NDZOUANI					
Mutsamudu	1975, '76, '77,	1978	1980, '83, '87, '91, '92, 95, '98, '99, 2000, '01, 02, '03	1986, '91, '97, '98, 2003	
Mutsamudu CAB(ine)			1992, 2000		2004, '10, '14
Mutsamudu R.P.					2005, '14
Mutsamudu R.P. Par Est			1992		
Mutsamudu R.P. Par Ouest			...		
Mutsamudu Missiri (BdC)			1993		
Bambao-Mtsanga (BdC)					2014
Brandani (BdC)					2014
Domoni	1976		1981, '86	1994, 2003	2005, '14
Moya				2014	
Mramani (BdC)			1995		2014
Mremani			1995, 2001, '03		2005, '14
Ogojou					?
Ouani			1987, '95, 2000	2003	2009, '14

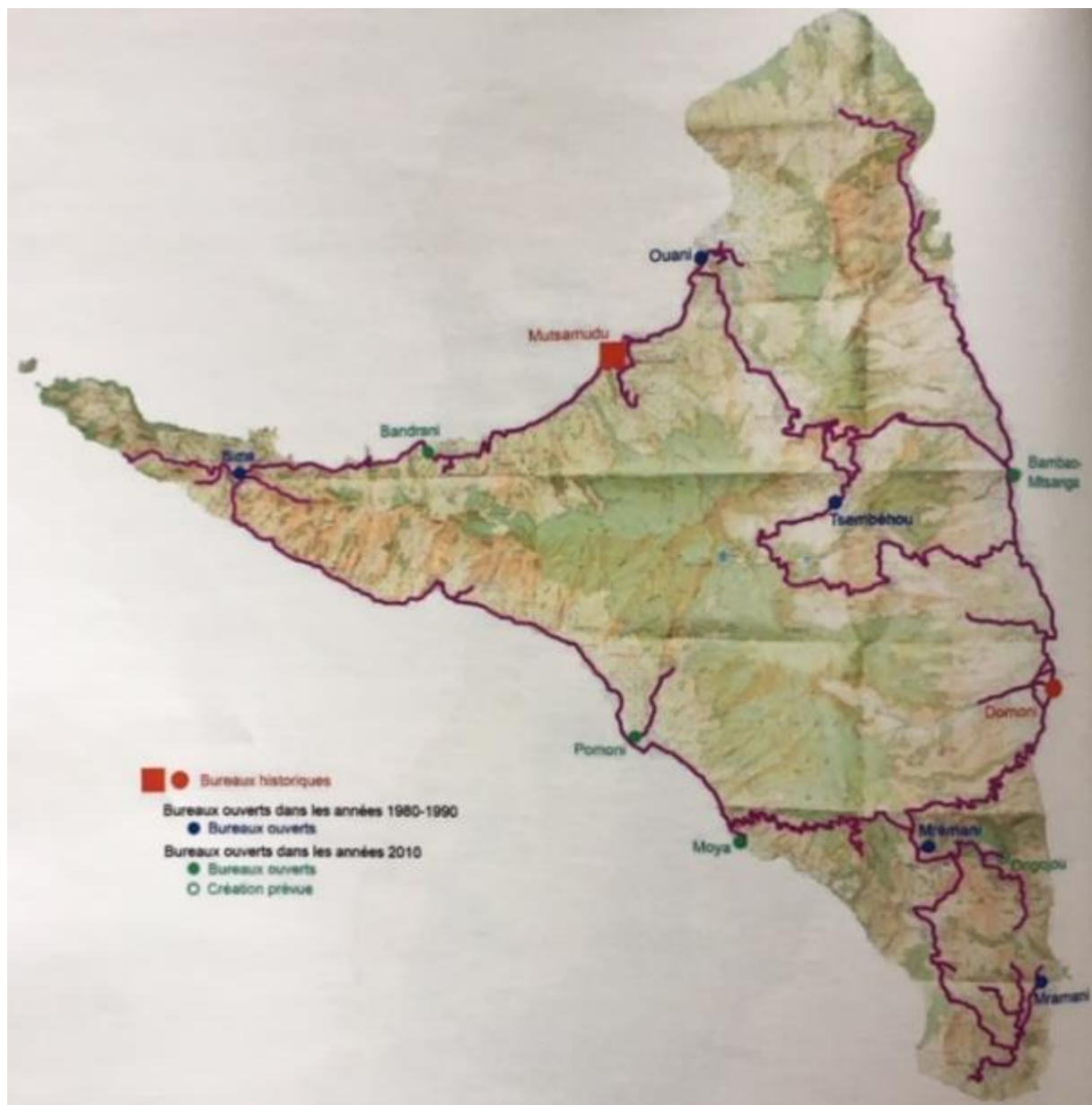
Pomoni					2014
Sima			1999, '2003		2014
Tsembehou (Tsebehou) (BdC)			1995		2014
MOHELI/MOALI					
Fomboni	1977	1978	1981, '91, '92		2014
Fomboni R.P.				1998, '99, 2000, '01, '03	2012, 2014
Fomboni- Mdjawache					2014
Djoiezi Moheli					2014
Howani					2014
Miringoni			1993		
Ni(h)oumachoi/chioi			1986, '93, 2003		2014
Wanani					2014

BdC = Bureau de Concession ('points de vente des timbres postes') ; 1997-2003, closed in or before 2003; some reopened later as (sub) post office.

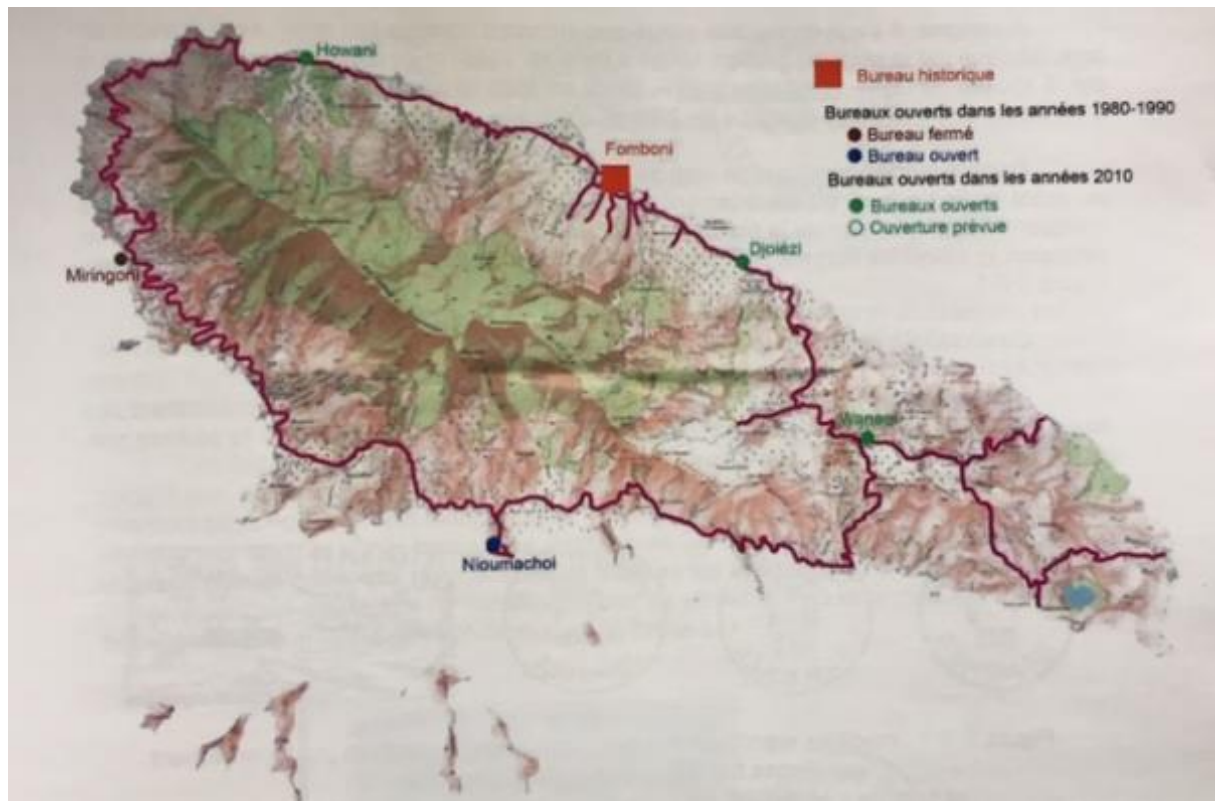
Anjouan: 1997-2002: own 'independent' administration, but using Comores postage stamps, and existing postmarks.

For details about the locations of these postal stations three maps have been copied, provided by Olivier Bergossi in his book.





Olivier Bergossi, *map of Anjouan*, p. 68: Figure II-1-2 : réseau routier (2014) et emplacement des bureau de poste à Anjouan. Fond de carte: carte IGN d'Anjouan (edition 1995).



Olivier Bergossi: *Map of Mohéli*, p. 69: Figure II-1-3 : réseau routier (2014) et emplacement des bureau de poste à Mohéli. Fond de carte: carte IGN de Mohéli (édition 1995).