

ITALIAN CONSULAR OFFICE IN GUINEA

In 1958, French Guinea chose immediate independence, thereby losing French aid and financial support. Confiscation of French property and businesses led to a quick departure of most colonial families. Diplomatic relations were broken with France in November 1965, and the French Embassy in Conakry was closed. The Italian Embassy there remained open, and looked after the interests of the few remaining French citizens.

Rappresentanza
Interessi
Francesi

Fees for passports and visas were collected with Italian Consular stamps specially overprinted, to permit separate accounting for this emergency purpose.

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1966. Issue in Gold Lire currency, of 1948 (cent values, wmk wheel) or 1956 (wmk stars, probably all the Lire values), with three-line ovpt "Rappresentanza/Interessi/Francesi".

1. 25c brown
2. 50c blue
3. 1L rose
4. 3L yellow
5. 20L blue



1966. Issue in ordinary Lire of 1960, wmk stars, with same three-line ovpt "Rappresentanza/Interessi/Francesi".

6. 50L chestnut
7. 200L red
8. 500L yellow-orange
9. 1000L orange
10. 2000L red

These issues are left unpriced as all are extremely rare and seldom offered.

