

SPANISH WEST AFRICA

Spain controlled various territories on the west coast of Africa. Those in Morocco are listed under Spanish Morocco.

Another minor territory was Ifni (ceded to Spain 1860, returned to Morocco 1969).

Fernando Poo had long been held by Spain and issued its own revenue stamps from 1896. Rio Muni had formerly been the mainland part of Spanish Guinea until 1960, but was made (along with Elobey and Corisco) a separate overseas province of Spain until it finally joined Fernando Poo again to form the independent nation of Equatorial Guinea in 1968. For these revenue stamps, see Spanish Guinea.

Rio de Oro was acquired by Spain in 1885, and initially administered from the nearby Canary Islands until made a separate colony in 1901. It became known as Spanish Sahara in 1924, in 1958 was made an Overseas Province of Spain, then occupied by forces of independent Morocco in 1975, and split between Morocco (two-thirds) and Mauritania (the southern third) the following year. By 1979 Morocco had taken control of most of the southern part originally given to Mauritania. However, Polisario has maintained an independence movement and civil war in the region outside the main towns.

La Aguera was made a Spanish base in 1920 for a planned air route to South America, and incorporated in Spanish Sahara in 1924.

The small and far-flung nature of the Spanish settlements on the west coast of Africa meant that administration of taxes and production of revenue stamps was at times simplified and centralised. Therefore, general issues for Spanish West Africa were made available for all these colonies (including Spanish Guinea) from 1903 to about 1924.

Rio de Oro may have continued to use Spanish West Africa revenues for the period 1924 to c1945 (information needed). However, issues overprinted "Sahara" appeared from around 1950 for use specifically in Rio de Oro and possibly in Ifni.

SPANISH WEST AFRICA - IMPUESTO



1902. Allegory of Mars, dated 1902.

12.	25c red-brown (12)	10.00
13.	50c black (11)	10.00
14.	1P25 green (10)	15.00
15.	2P plum (9)	20.00
14.	2P50 grey (8)	50.00
15.	5P blue (7)	50.00
16.	10P violet (6)	50.00
17.	15P grey (5)	75.00
18.	25P olive (4)	75.00
19.	50P brown (3)	100.00
20.	75P pink (2)	150.00
21.	100P pink (1)	250.00



1903. Allegory of Music. Imperf.

22.	25c black (12)	10.00
23.	50c orange (11)	10.00
24.	1P25 pink (10)	15.00
25.	2P brown (9)	25.00
26.	2P50 red (8)	50.00
27.	5P black (7)	75.00
28.	10P grey (6)	75.00
29.	15P violet (5)	100.00
30.	25P blue (4)	100.00
31.	50P grey (3)	150.00
32.	75P plum (2)	150.00
33.	100P green (1)	25.00



1905. Allegory of Peace & Justice (both standing). Imperf.

36.	25c orange (12)	5.00
37.	50c grey-green (11)	5.00
38.	1P25 violet (10)	10.00
39.	2P brown (9)	25.00
40.	2P50 blue (8)	25.00
41.	5P violet (7)	50.00

42.	10P sepia (6)	50.00
43.	15P olive (5)	75.00
44.	25P brown (4)	75.00
45.	50P red (3)	100.00
46.	75P pink (2)	150.00
47.	100P orange (1)	250.00



1907. Handstamped 1907 in circle.

48.	25c orange (12)	20.00
49.	50c grey-green (11)	20.00

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c1908. Handstamped with circle only.

50.	25c orange (12)	20.00
51.	50c grey-green (11)	20.00



1911. Allegory of Peace & Commerce (one seated). Pin-perf c14.

52.	10c red-brown (12)	7.50
53.	1P grey-green (11)	10.00
54.	2P violet-blue (10)	15.00
55.	3P vermilion (9)	15.00
56.	4P rose (8)	15.00
57.	5P grey-green (7)	15.00
58.	7P orange (6)	25.00
59.	15P grey-blue (5)	75.00
60.	25P grey-violet (4)	100.00
61.	50P colour? (3)	100.00
62.	75P mauve (2)	150.00
63.	100P deep carmine (1)	250.00



1944. Spanish Impuesto of 1944, Allegory of Law with Nationalist Arms, overprinted A.O.E. (Africa Occidental Espanol) in blue (B).

100. 3P pink (7) (B) 35.00
Other values in the set from 15c to 150P may exist.

SPANISH WEST AFRICA - SAHARA - MOVIL



c1950. Movil stamps of Spain (no imprint, possible values from 2P would be in larger format), overprinted "Sahara" in dark blue (B).

1. 50c brown (B) 10.00
2. 1P violet (B) 10.00
3. 1P50 brown (B) 15.00

Other values in the set to 20P may also exist.

Later printings of the Movil stamps, with F.N.M.T. imprint, may also exist.
