

UBANGI-SHARI-CHAD

The core of the territory began in 1889 when French explorers set up a French outpost on the Ubangi river, just north of the Congo Free State (to become Belgian Congo). From 1894 it was included in the colony of French Congo, along with Gabon. In 1906 Gabon was again separated. Military expeditions to the north-east considerably extended the frontiers to include Chad in 1906 (bordering Libya and Sudan), without adding much to the European population, and Chad and Ubangi-Shari remained as the twin territory of Ubangi-Shari-Chad. The French government leased vast tracts to private European companies or Sudanese sultanates, who set up cotton plantations in the north, and hardwood logging operations and diamond and gold mines in the south, using forced labour from Africans. In 1909 the sultanates of Zemio and Rafai were taken over from the Belgian Congo.

Briefly from 1910 to 1916 both Ubangi-Chari and Chad were once more administered as part of French Equatorial Africa. Then the two territories returned to joint administrative status as Ubangi-Shari-Chad, and acquired a section of former German Cameroon at the same time. Attempts to impose a standard French colonial regime on this disparate and sparsely settled territory resulted in the few revenue stamps specifically issued for Ubangi-Shari-Chad. The writer André Gide visited the country in the 1920s, and his resulting two books brought the abuses of exploitation in this colonial backwater to the attention of the French public.

From 1934 the see-saw administration again brought Ubangi-Shari and Chad within the broader framework of French Equatorial Africa, for economy of administration, and the revenue stamps of French Equatorial Africa were used there until 1958. During WWII, this area was initially under the control of Vichy France, but quickly joined the Free French Forces under De Gaulle.

Movement towards independence took shape when Ubangi-Shari was granted internal autonomy as the Central African Republic, and full independence took place on 13th August 1960. For the post-independence revenue stamp issues, see under "Central African Republic".

UBANGI-S-CHAD CONNAISSEMENTS

Bills of Lading.



1922. Postage stamps ovpt "Timbre connaissance" and new value. Leopard and frame in first colour stated.

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| 1. 0F60 on 4c blue & brown | 35.00 |
| 2. 1F20 on 4c blue & brown | 35.00 |
| 3. 2F40 on 4c blue & brown | 75.00 |

UBANGI-S-CHAD DIMENSION

Legal documents taxed by size.



1922. Postage stamps ovpt TIMBRE DE DIMENSION and new value. Leopard and frame in first colour stated.

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| 1. 2F on 2c violet & brown | 25.00 |
| 2. 3F on 2c violet & brown | 35.00 |
| 3. 4F on 2c violet & brown | 50.00 |
| 4. 6F on 2c violet & brown | 65.00 |
| 5. 8F on 2c violet & brown | 85.00 |



1959. Dimension key type of France, ovpt TERRITOIRE / DE / L'UBANGUI / CHARI. With wmk.

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| 6. 100F orange & black | 85.00 |
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UBANGI-S-CHAD PROPORTIONNEL

Used in the same way as Effets de Commerce stamps, for a proportional tax on bank drafts, depending on the amount of the draft.



1922. Postage stamps ovpt "Timbre proportionnel" and new value. Leopard and frame in first colour stated.

1. 5c on 4c blue & brown	25.00
2. 10c on 4c blue & brown	35.00
3. 20c on 4c blue & brown	35.00
4. 25c on 4c blue & brown	35.00
5. 50c on 4c blue & brown	35.00
6. 1F on 4c blue & brown	35.00
7. 2F on 4c blue & brown	50.00

UBANGI-S-CHAD QUITTANCE

Tax on receipts.



1922. Postage stamps ovpt TIMBRE QUITTANCE and new value. Leopard and frame in first colour stated.

1. 25c on 1c sepia & brown	100.00
2. 50c on 1c sepia & brown	10.00
3. 1F on 1c sepia & brown	10.00
4. 5F on 1c sepia & brown	15.00
5. 10F on 1c sepia & brown	20.00
6. 20F on 1c sepia & brown	35.00
(7. 50F on 1c sepia & brown)	
(8. 100F on 1c sepia & brown)	

The 50F and 100F were issued, but none reported in existence today.

UBANGI-S-CHAD TIMBRE SPECIAL

Poster tax.



1922. Postage stamps ovpt "Timbre spécial". Leopard and frame in first colour stated.

1. 0F12 on 4c blue & brown (150)	200.00
2. 0F24 on 4c blue & brown (150)	200.00
3. 0F36 on 4c blue & brown (150)	200.00
4. 0F48 on 4c blue & brown (75)	350.00

A limited quantity were issued, figures indicated in brackets.

UBANGI-S-CHAD MUNICIPALS



1955. Unappropriated Affiche stamp of France, ovpt TAXE / MUNICIPALE / VILLE / DE / BANGUI" and bar.

1. 10F CFA blue, red & black 75.00



1957. Taxes Communales key type of France (Ceres design by Daussy), value in last colour stated, ovpt VILLE / DE / BANGUI in red (R).

2. 5F blue, violet & red (R) 50.00
3. 10F blue, violet & red (R) 50.00
4. 15F blue, violet & red (R) 65.00

Further stamps in a similar design were issued from 1958-68, some after independence as Central African Republic. Exact dates of issue of individual values vary, but are not known, so they are grouped together below for convenience as one set.



1958-68. Taxes Communales key type of France, value in last colour stated, ovpt VILLE / DE / BANGUI in blue (B) or red (R).

5. 5F orange, red & blue (B) 50.00
6. 10F orange, red & blue (B) 50.00
7. 20F orange, red & blue (B) 50.00
8. 25F orange, red & blue (B) 50.00
9. 45F orange, red & blue (B) 50.00
10. 50F pale green, green & violet (R) 65.00
11. 60F pale green, green & violet (R) 65.00
12. 60F orange, red & blue (B) 75.00
13. 100F orange, red & blue (B) 85.00