

CERES. 1914 - Congo

ISSUE

This stamp issue was produced in conjunction with the 1914 Ceres issue of Angola at the State mint in Lisbon, Portugal. All the information supplied for the Angolan issue applies to the Congo issue as well. Unlike the Angolan Ceres stamps in Angola, the Congo Ceres stamps were virtually unused in the Congo district.

PLATE FLAWS.

These are found above the "T", "U", "E" and "A' (of PORTUGUESA)

PROOFS

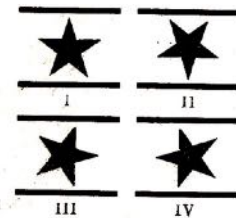
Proof issues of this set are fairly common in the issued colours and are imperf.

ERRORS

The usual printer's waste found its way onto the market: shifted, doubled and inverted o/p, shifted perforation. or no perforations.

PHILATELIC PRODUCTION.

These stamps were an unnecessary addition to the Angolan Ceres issue. They were primarily produced for the Philatelic market rather than for postal service. Of particular interest is the star position varieties which were produced for the keen-eyed collector. The liso paper 0.25c comes in 16 possible star positions, with some rarer than others, and the liso 2c comes in two possible star positions. The Chalk surfaced star varieties are also of interest, but the star variety version was produced in limited quantities. The production quantities of the star variety are as follows, 0.25c=2,000, 0.5c=2,000, 2c=1,000, 2.5c=8,000, 5c=1,000, 7.25c, 8c and 10c = 250 each. 15c through to 1E = 125 each. This makes some of the star variety issues quite rare. Other than the 1c and 1.5c issues which have only one star position, each of the other chalk surfaced Ceres issues come with an extra star variety. It is unnecessary to identify each star position, other than to identify the star variety stamp itself, so for reference purposes, identification for the star variety is provided, as listed by the Catalogo Simoes Ferrera.





Philatelic star varieties of the .25 Liso (smooth plain) paper in all 16 positions and the 2c in its 2 star position

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PAPER. Chalk-surfaced.

Perforation. 15 by 14. * marks the 2 values with one position. The rest have 2.

0.25, III-II

0.5, III-I

1 *

1.5 *

2, I-II

2.5, II-I

5, I-I

7.5, I-I

8, I-I

10, I-I

15, I-I

20, I-I

30, I-I

40, I-I

50, I-I

1\$00, I-I

PAPER. Liso (plain smooth paper), in sheets of 200 stamps

Perforation. 15 by 14.

0.25c dark brown. This stamp exists in all 16 possible star positions.

2c rose. This stamp exists in 2 different star positions, I-I and II-II.

