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The Problem of the Caucasus

Caucasus



Georgia



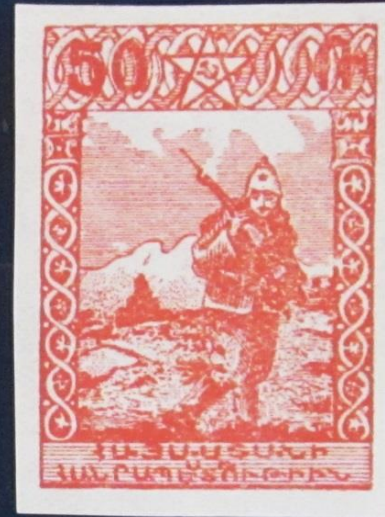


Stamps from Georgia

Azerbaijan



Armenia



Georgia



Nagorno-Karabakh

**Nagorno
Karabakh**



Armenia

Caucasus



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The West Africa Problem



West Africa

Cape Verde



Cape



Verde

Cape Verde





Gambia





Sierra
Leone



West Africa

Liberia





Liberia

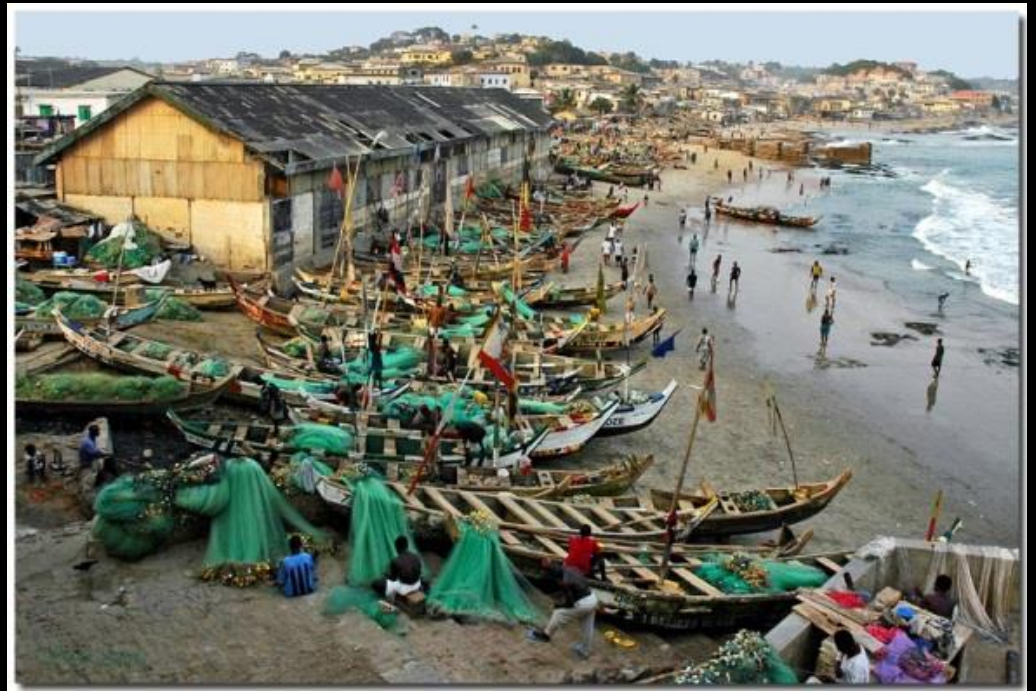
LIBERIA



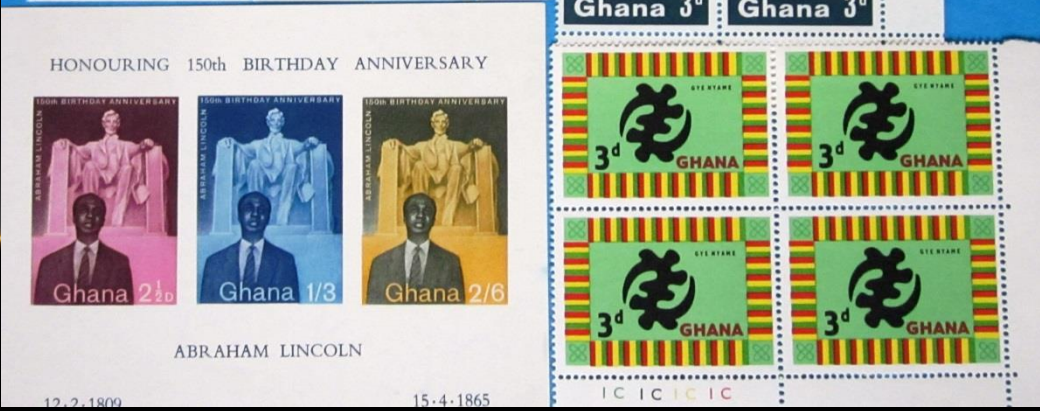


**Liberian 1941
Two Cent Piece**

Images of Ghana



Ghana



Coins and Stamps

12-2-1809

15-4-1865



TOGO



TOGO
1925
50 CENT.
VF
THREE
YEAR
TYPE.  \$12.50





Nigeria



Cameroon





West Africa

Belgian Congo



Belgian Congo



Katanga—Breakaway from 1960-1963. RIP



African Colonialism

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**Guinea and Guiana
(And Papua New Guinea)**

AFRICA

- French Guinea → Guinea
- Portuguese Guinea → Guinea Bissau
- Spanish Guinea;
(Rio Muni; Fernando Po) → Equatorial Guinea

SOUTH AMERICA—THE GUIANAS

- Spanish Guiana → Guayana region in Venezuela
- British Guiana → Guyana
- Dutch Guiana → Suriname
- French Guiana → French Guiana (Overseas Dept.)
- Portuguese Guiana → Amapa State of Brazil

Papua New Guinea

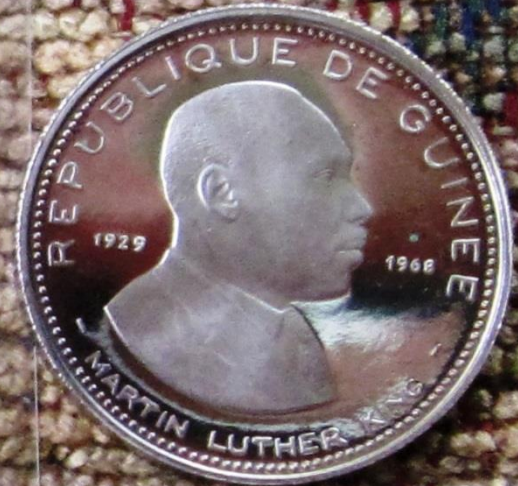


Guinea



Guinea market scene

GUINEA

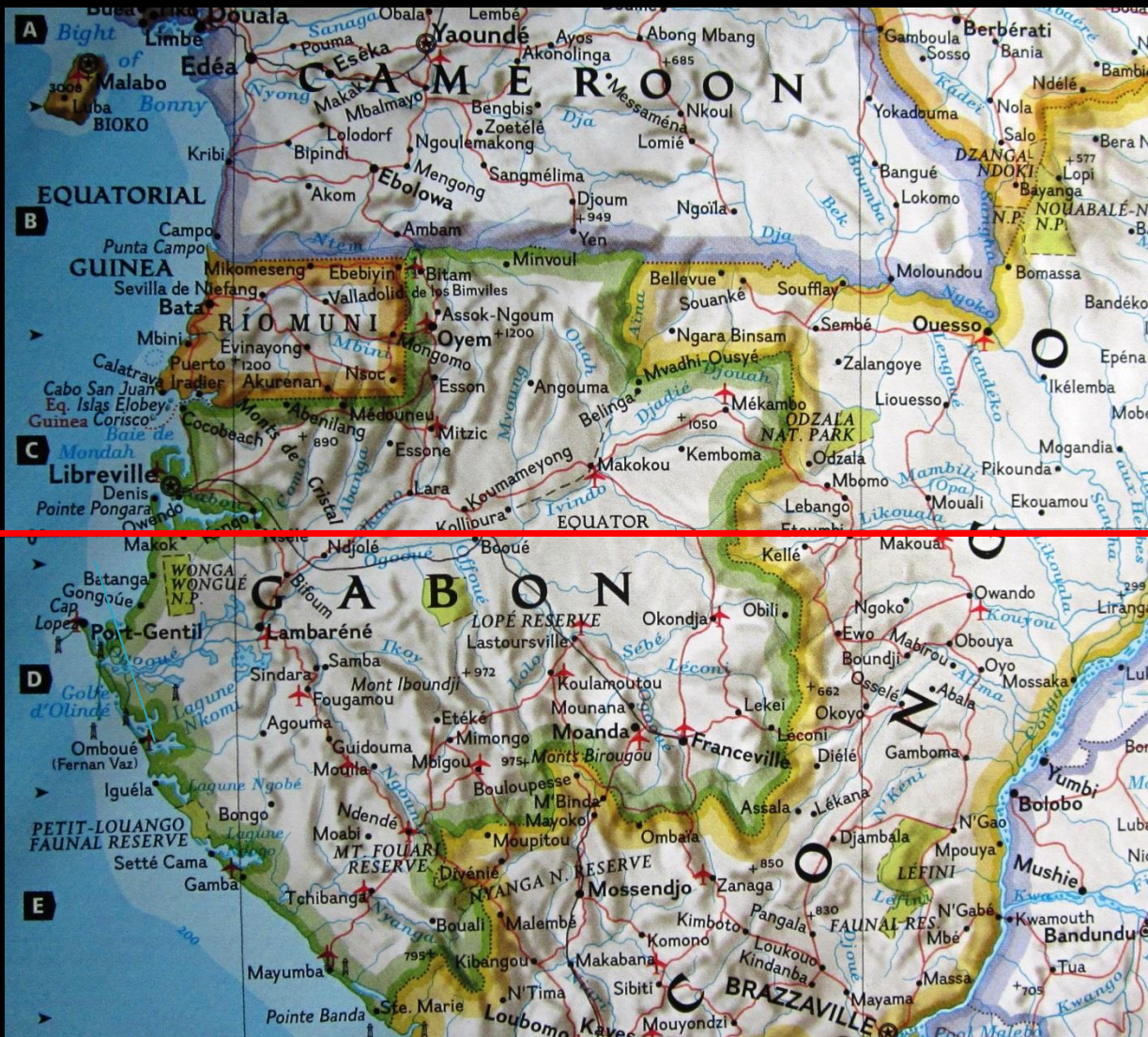






Portuguese Guinea becomes Guinea Bissau





Equator

Equatorial Guinea— close but not on the Equator

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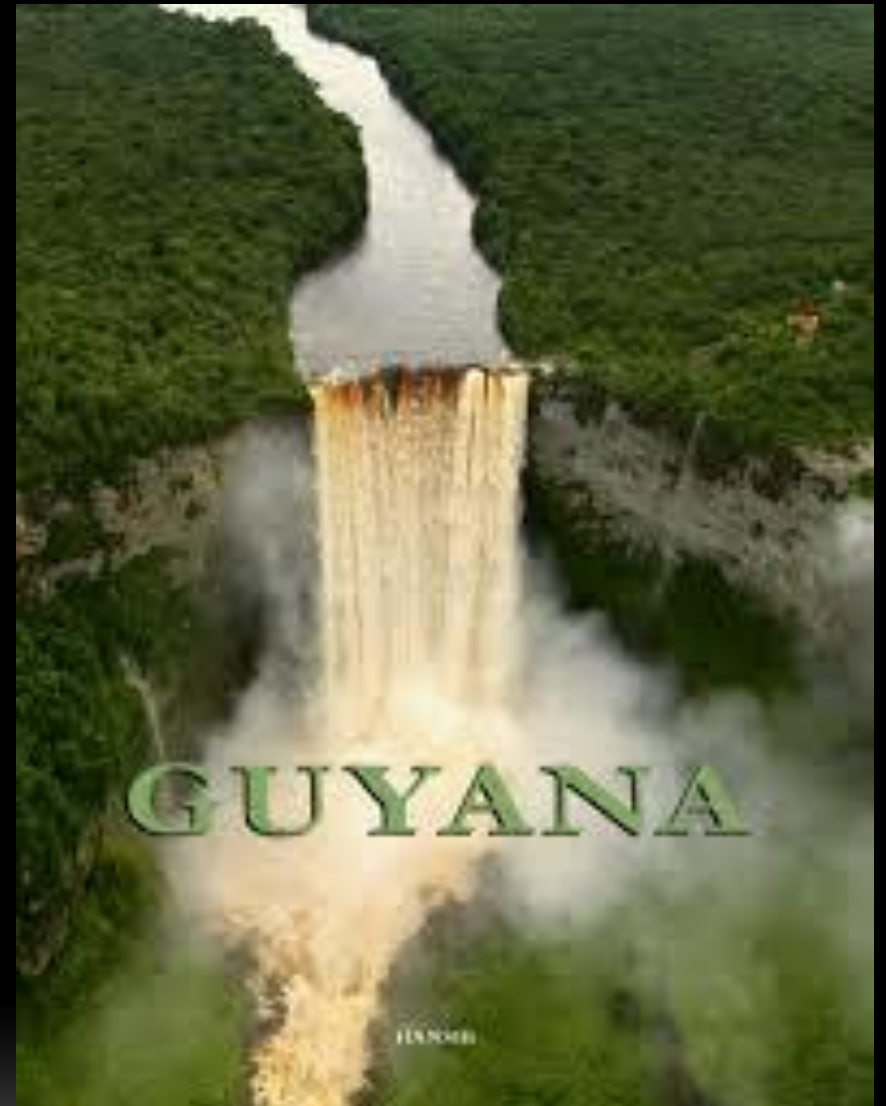
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Papua New Guinea



Assorted Guyanese stamps from past and present countries





Inini—an inland division of French Guyana



Essequibo and Demarary



Assorted Guyanese coins from past and present countries

CARRIBEAN SEA

THE GUYANAS

-  GUYANA REGION, VENEZUELA (SPANISH GUYANA)
-  GUYANA (BRITISH GUYANA)
-  SURINAME (DUTCH GUYANA)
-  FRENCH GUYANA (OVERSEAS DEPT. OF FRANCE)
-  STATE OF AMAPÁ (BRAZILIAN GUYANA)

ATLANTIC OCEAN



VENEZUELA

COLOMBIA

PERU

BRAZIL

Amazonas

Bolívar

GUYANA

SURINAME

French Guiana

Amapá

Orinoco Shield, sometimes included

Demerara Shield

Claimed by Venezuela (Guyana Essequibo)

Claimed by Suriname



The Island of New Guinea is divided into the country of Papua New Guinea to the east, and a part of Indonesia to the west





People of Papua New Guinea





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Mauritania, Mauritius, and Martinique

Mauritania



Mauritania





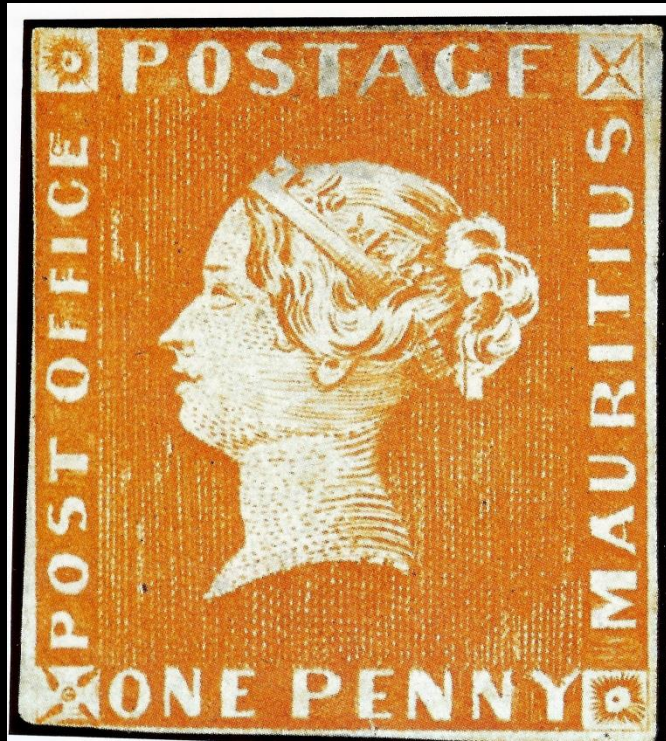
Stamp and Coin of Mauritania



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Mauritius





Mauritius #1 and #2

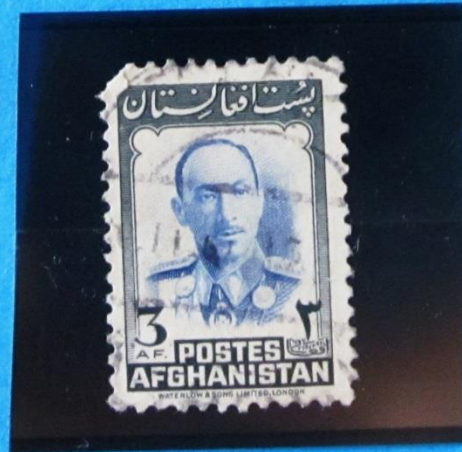


Martinique





The "Stans"

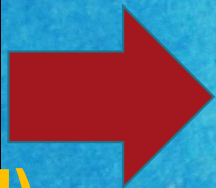


Uzbekistan

Afghanistan

Pakistan

President
Niyazov
(deceased)



TURKMENISTAN



1,200 m.

Kazakhstan

Tajikistan



TATARSTAN



KURDISTAN



Great Mosque in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Save the Aral Sea



Uzbekistan borders on the dying Aral Sea



The “Stans”

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Tibet Herm Island Saint Pierre et Miquelon
Tannu Tuva Transnistria
KUT Straits Settlements Tunisia
North Ingermanland Italian Socialist Republic



STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

Penang
Dinding
Malacca
Singapore
Labuan (07)

Cocos Islands
Christmas Island
Christmas Island

Straits Settlements



Singapore Harbor in the 1940's



1908-11



Straits Settlements

Which



Is it?



Country





Tunisia





Typical Tunisian Stamp Design

Tunisian Coins—one weird, one normal





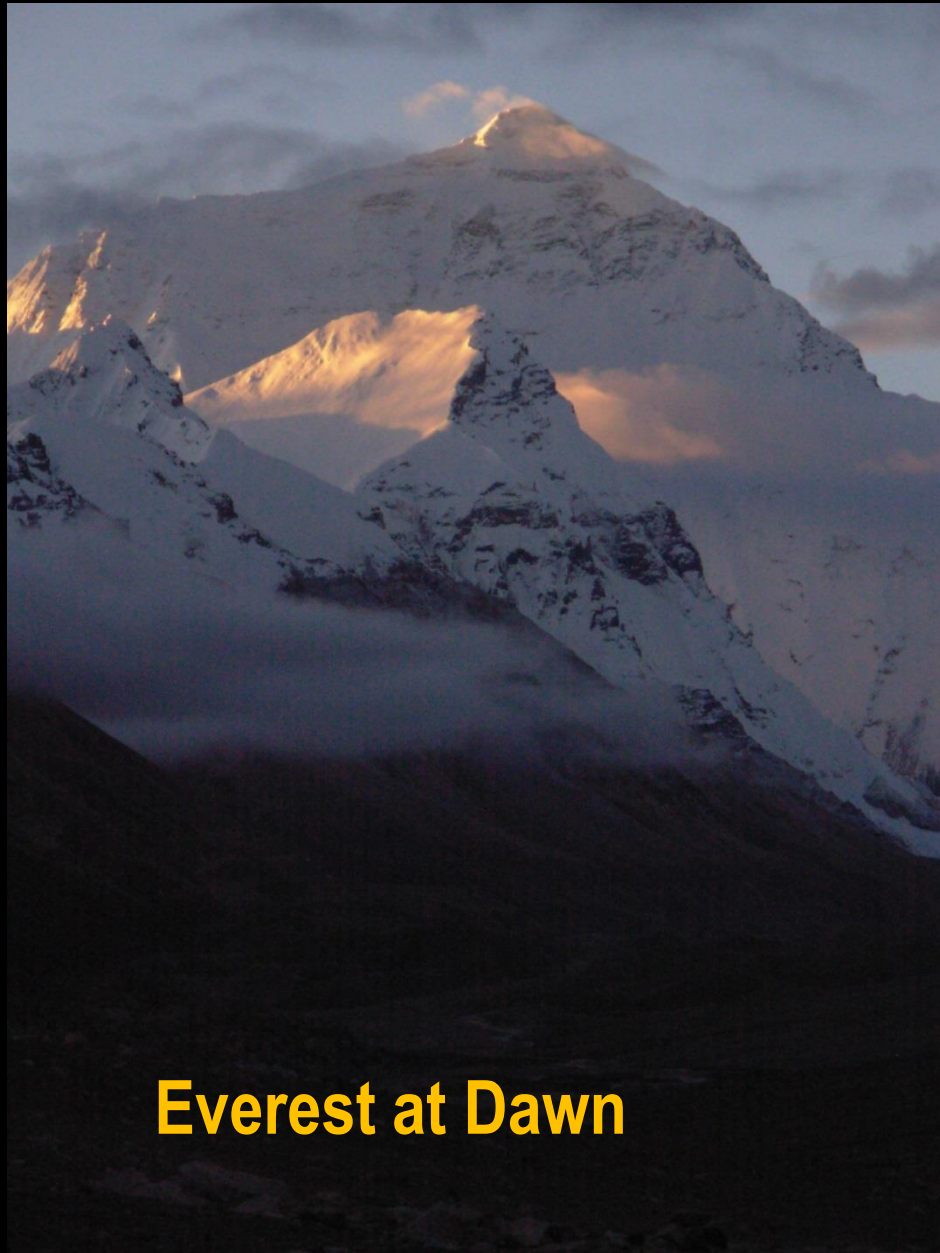


Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet

Tibetan Monks in Debating Exercise



Tibetan Pilgrims Praying at the Wall of the Monastery



Everest at Dawn

Me at Base Camp





Tibet



Coins and Stamp

TIBET



5 SHONG - PROOF 1947





Saint Pierre et Miquelon

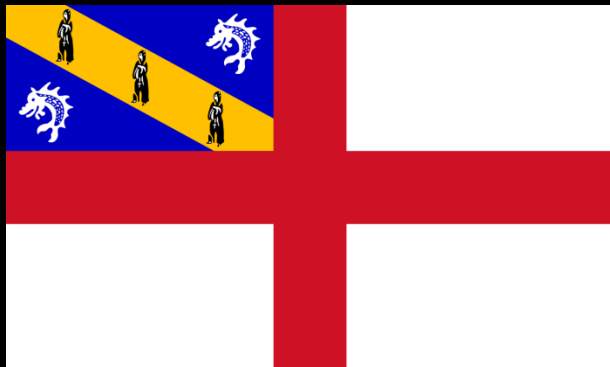
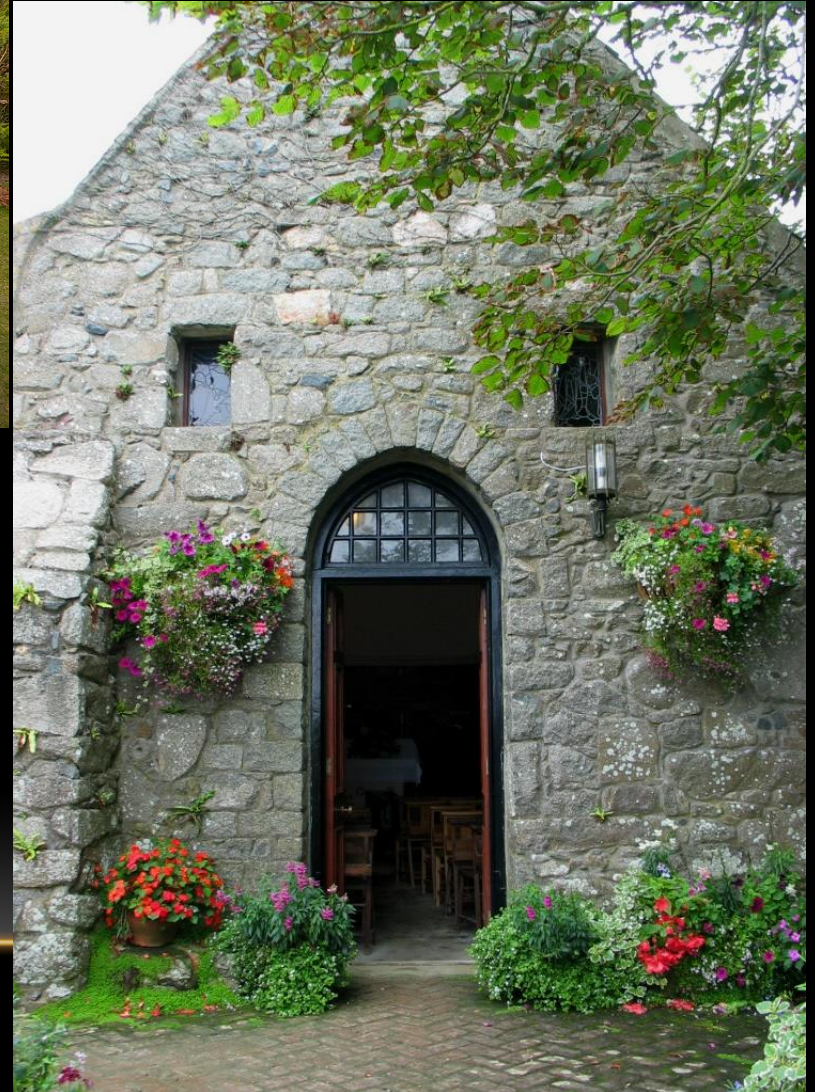
Stamps of Saint Pierre and Miquelon



Herm Island



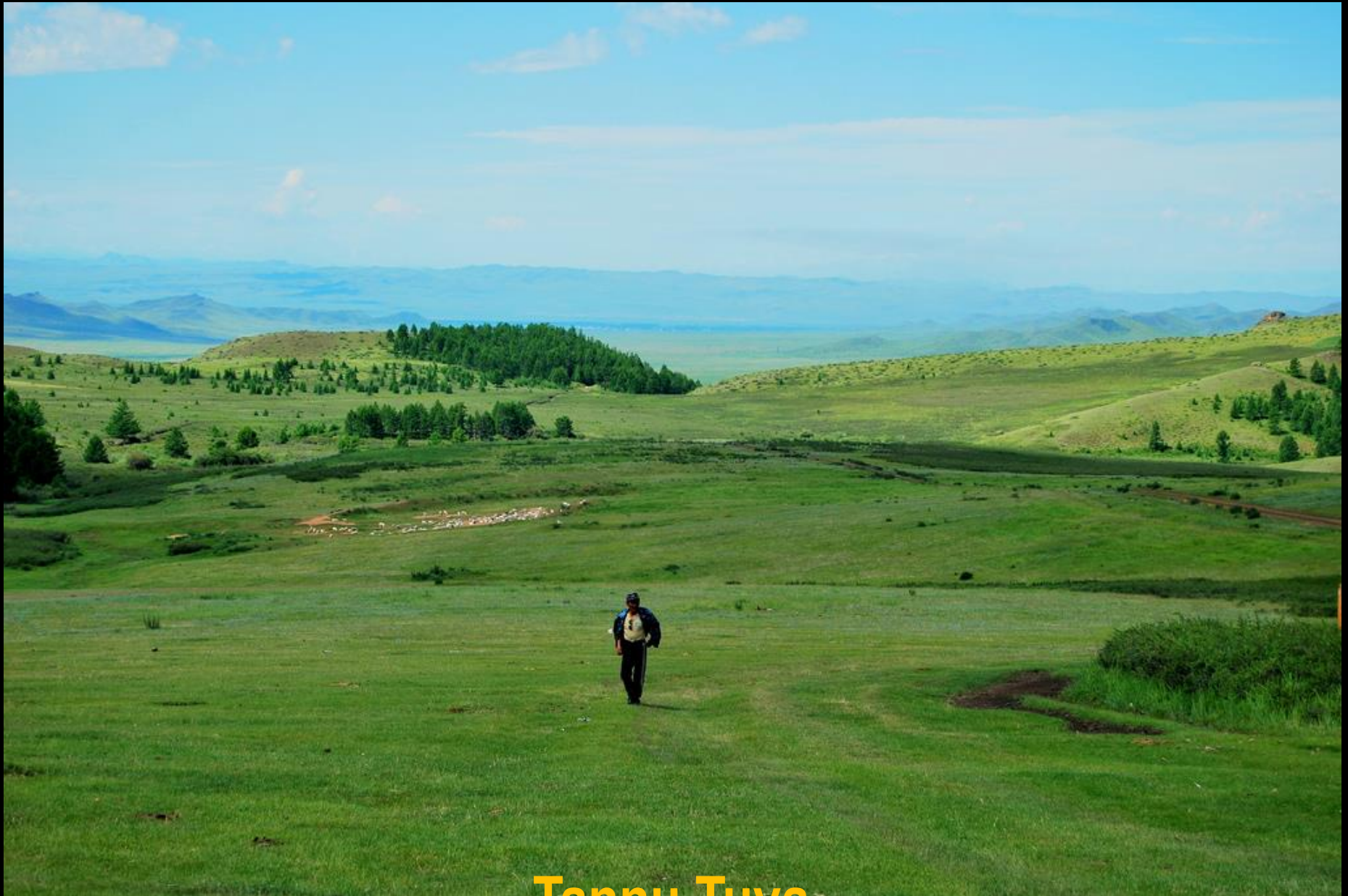
Herm Island





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Illegal Stamps



Tannu Tuva

100 kopecks = 1 Ruble.



sq. mi.;
pop. = 1 1/2



TANNU TUVA

A former republic in northwestern Mongolia. Area: about 64,000 sq. mi.; pop.: approx. 65,000; cap.: Kysylchoto. Annexed by the Soviet Union during World War II. 100 Kopecks = 1 Ruble.



ER MONGOLIA

An autonomous dependency of China south of Outer Mongolia. Under Japanese influence from 1933 to 1945.



Tannu Tuva— Fraudulent Stamps



**Transnistria--
Frozen
Conflict
Country**





Moldova

Transnistria



North
Ingermanland

Italian Social Republic (Republic of Salò)



Italian Socialist Republic



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**Much, much more to come— on another day
The End**