



# The Sierra Leone Stamp Collector

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## REGARDING SIERRA LEONE ISSUES

We have heard from several readers complaints regarding the number of issues of Sierra Leone Stamps that have no relevance to Sierra Leone. It is unfortunate that so many countries have seen fit through their Government Philatelic Agencies to issue some sets that have nothing to do with their country. I know this is a matter of economics and to some extent greed but we certainly hope that Sierra Leone does not become another Bhutan.

There are certainly many aspects of Sierra Leone natural history, geography and cultural life that could be the basis of delightful stamp issues.

In all due respect, Sierra Leone has issued some very nice stamps featuring native birds, plants and animals as well as important people and events associated with Sierra Leone life.

We hope with the new government in power that consideration will be given to production of issues that truly reflect Sierra Leone.

DWC

## REGARDING ADVERTISING

Several people have asked about the possibility of advertising Sierra Leone stamps they have for sale or exchange in the newsletter.

Since this is strictly a nonprofit operation and a labor of love we do not accept any paid advertisements. From time to time the editors have cited certain dealers and vendors that they have found as a satisfactory source of Sierra Leone Stamps, books and reference materials.

If you have some legitimate Sierra Leone Stamp

## THE SIERRA LEONE STAMP COLLECTOR TAKES OFF

We are pleased to announce that our little newsletter has hit a responsive vein among many of you who are interested in Sierra Leone matters. Your responses have been most gratifying.

We have been contacted by quite a few people with questions regarding Sierra Leone Stamps and we are happy to say that we have been able to supply answers to most of your inquiries.

Keep those e-mails coming folks we love to hear from you. It keeps us motivated.

Don and Paul

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

If you have a story or short piece you would like to share with other collectors of Sierra Leone Stamps that deals with Sierra Leone Philatelic matters please send us copy by e-mail. This would also include letters to the editors. We will consider inserting such offerings in future issues. Please understand we can not pay for contributions. Everything in this newsletter is free and we want to keep it that way. We are people with similar interests, brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone Stamp Collecting.

materials you would like to list with us we will consider inserting your offer at least once in our letter. No speculative stuff please!

## NOTICE OF PHILATELIC ERRORS

We have received notification from **Steve Farago** [salone@indirect.com](mailto:salone@indirect.com) that there are a couple of errors appearing on 1995 Sierra Leone Stamps you should be aware of and watch for.

Steve states that **The Year of The Pig** issue has an error. The 100 Le stamp was initially issued by mistake as a 75 cent stamp.

The second error to watch for is the **FAO souvenir issue 1500 Le**. It is incorrectly dated 1945-55 when it should have been dated 1945-95.

If you have questions contact Steve.

## MORE SL STAMP HISTORY



Type A5    Type A6

In 1897 a series of stamps were issued for Sierra Leone that were called Stamp Duty Stamps. Scotts identifies these stamps as types A5 and A6, No.'s 47-63A. No. 47 has a denomination of 1p lilac on green. No.'s 48-63A have 2 1/2 p overprints on values ranging from 3p for No. 48 to 2 sh on No.'s 60-63A. These stamps are Wmk C A over Crown (46). Scott lists MVNH No. 63 and 63A at \$30.000 in their 1996 catalog. No.'s 56-59A are often found discolored according to Scott. According to some sources these stamps were dropped in the sea and the colors ran. the values of these overprinted 1 sh stamps is about half of the undamaged stamps. These Revenue stamps are unusual in that they are vertically oriented and are almost twice as tall as wide. (4 mm x 2 1/2 mm., perf. 14) Double surcharges are known to exist on the 3p stamp. This may suggest an overlap or a double printing.

The first mention of SL airmail is dated December 16, 1926 via Dakar.

## SLSC LISTED ON THE NET

29 MAY 1996: From **Charles R. Hendricksen** [winphins@ns.netxpress.com](mailto:winphins@ns.netxpress.com)

"I have added your web page on Sierra Leone Newsletters to my Philatelic Links Page at: <http://www.netexpress.com/users/winphins/philp.html>. I have found your articles very interesting."

5 JULY 1996: From **Peter C. Andersen** [andersen@winternet.com](mailto:andersen@winternet.com)

"Take a look at my Links to Sierra Leone Sites page. I have now provided a link directly to your Sierra Leone Stamp Collectors publication."

## SCOTT #156 TYPE A27 CAPE LIGHTHOUSE 1956



Some of our readers may be interested to know that this stamp is of great interest to one of our editors. When Don lived in Africa in the 1930's his family rented the lighthouse keepers house for a vacation. The house was associated with this lighthouse. Don soon became well acquainted with the lighthouse tenders and was allowed to climb up into the tower to the light and assist the keepers when they had to communicate with ships beyond the harbor via marine semaphore or by use of signal flags which Don hoisted on the mast beside the lighthouse. Don has fond memories of the light house and the days he spent wandering about the cape exploring tidal pools and the rocky shore line. This set is one of Don's favorites because it depicts so many Sierra Leone scenes that he remembers well.

In the late 1930's, prior to WW II, airmail service was provided to and from Sierra Leone every fortnight by two flying-boats, the *Clyde* and the *Clare*. The first was lost off Lisbon in 1941 and the second crashed

## FROM OUR READERS

21 June 1996, from **Steve Unger**  
[netpet@internetco.net](mailto:netpet@internetco.net) writes that he has just started collecting Sierra Leone stamps and he would like to trade stamps with other collectors rather than buy them. He is interested in correspondence and exchange with fellow Sierra Leone Collectors.

26 June 1996, from [Dave300@aol.com](mailto:Dave300@aol.com) Thanks us for giving him the straight dope on the Face on Mars Stamp with respect to their true value. He states that he had a contact with a man who was trying to sell the set for \$12,000.00.

(I purchased a complete set in June from a FL dealer for slightly over \$80.00. DWC. Watch out for this one folks!)

30 June 1996, from **Steve Farago**  
[salone@idirect.com](mailto:salone@idirect.com) "Gentlemen congratulations on your bytes and bits on Sierra Leone Stamps. Little did I expect your great issue 3 when I typed into Altavista...Sierra Leone Stamps."

## SOME UNUSUAL SHAPES FOUND ON SIERRA LEONE STAMPS



Type A40



Type A41



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LOVE TO HEAR FROM S.L. COLLECTORS

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