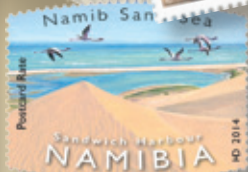


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Dear esteemed Philatelist,

Namibia celebrates 25 Years of Independence in 2015, and NamPost is proud to announce the stamp issue commemorating our independence anniversary as the most prestigious issue of the year. A special, limited edition commemorative folder will be released as part of this issue. The folder will include an imperforate souvenir sheet and other special products that will only be available in the folder, making this a very special and exciting collectors item.

NamPost will release eight stamp issues and a total of 27 stamps during 2015, featuring an exciting diversity of designs and themes. A preview of all stamps is featured in this brochure, accompanied by informative text. Pick out your favourites amongst them — and purchase them at any post office in Namibia.

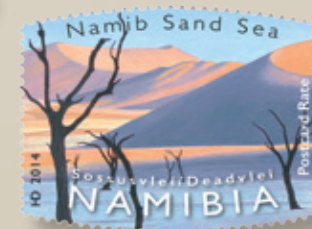
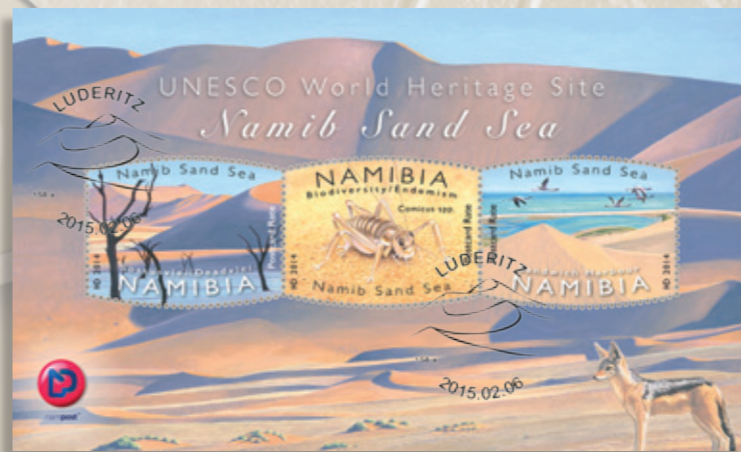
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Over the last 25 years, NamPost has issued a lot of wonderful stamps. They have travelled the world as miniature ambassadors, have portrayed Namibia in its colourful natural and cultural splendour — and have won several international awards, including the 'Most beautiful Stamp in the World' award (twice). Most stamps of earlier issues have been sold out, but a few copies of some popular themes, and limited numbers of some year packs, are still in stock.

Visit www.nampost.com.na to find out which ones are still available. Stamp collecting is a good investment of time and money; it is highly educational — and just plain good fun! Get started this year!

With its spectacular and diverse dune formations, its unique, varied and wonderful life forms, and its Atlantic oceanfront, the Namib Sand Sea is a true marvel of the natural world. The Namib, said to be the oldest desert in the world, stretches along the entire length of the Namibian coastline. The area's arid periods have prevailed for around 80 million years and the Namib is thought to have existed in its current state for the last five million years.

While smaller dune fields occur elsewhere in the Namib, its main dune expanse, known as the Namib Sand Sea, stretches basically unbroken from around Lüderitz in the south to the Kuiseb River in the north. In 2013, most of this area was proclaimed as Namibia's second UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site will be officially launched by the President of Namibia during 2015.



Issue date: 6th of February 2015
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: three-stamp souvenir sheet; special canceller
Stamp size: 40 mm x 30 mm (ovoid))
Quantity: 15,000 sheets





Issue date: 21st of March 2015
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: single-stamp souvenir sheet; special canceller; limited edition commemorative folder
Stamp size: 75 mm x 25.71 mm
Sheet size: 115 mm x 65 mm
Quantity: 5,000 sheets; 1,000 commemorative folders

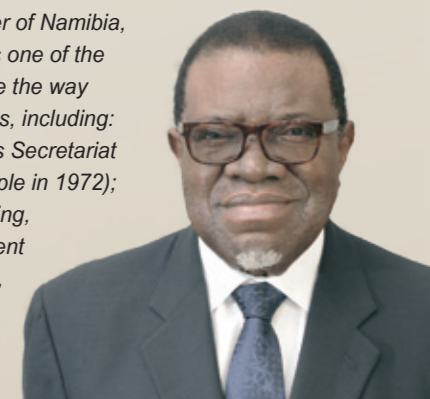


25 Years of Independence is an important milestone in the history of one of Africa's youngest and brightest nations. A large country rich in nature's wealth, yet with less than three million inhabitants, Namibia has enjoyed stability and continuity since its independence from South African apartheid rule in 1990. As heads of the sovereign state, the country's Presidents have led Namibia on its democratic path.

Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, H.E. Dr. Sam Nujoma brought freedom, peace and prosperity to Namibia after a long struggle for independence that already began as a determined resistance to German colonial rule in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Dr. Nujoma prudently served the country as President for 15 years. He was succeeded in 2005 by H.E. Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, himself a central figure in the independence struggle, who continued to build upon the foundation of the young nation. On the 21st of March 2015, H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob, another veteran of the fight for self-determination and one of the key architects of Namibian democracy, becomes the third President of Namibia, taking over the responsibility of expanding the nation's legacy of peace, stability and prosperity from his predecessors.



H.E. Dr. Hage Geingob... At Independence in 1990, Hage Geingob became the first Prime Minister of Namibia, a position which he held for a total of over 14 years (from 1990-2002 and from 2012-2014). Dr. Geingob was one of the key architects of Namibian democracy, having helped to build the country's democratic foundations and pave the way for independence through his work. During his time in exile, Hage Geingob served in various crucial positions, including: Swapo Representative at the United Nations from 1964 to 1971; Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations Secretariat from 1972 to 1975 (the UN General Assembly recognised Swapo as the representative of the Namibian people in 1972); Director of the United Nations Institute for Namibia from 1975 to 1989 (the institute was responsible for training, research and policy development in preparation for Namibian independence); and Chairman of the Constituent Assembly which formulated the Constitution of Namibia in 1989. Succeeding H.E. Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, Dr. Geingob takes office as the third President of Namibia on the 21st of March 2015, having been elected with 87% percent of the vote during the presidential elections of 2014.



Issue date: 21st of March 2015
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: single stamp; first-day cover with special canceller & information insert
Stamp size: 30 mm x 40 mm
Quantity: 100,000 stamps; 500 first-day covers



With their colourful aerobatics, bee-eaters are amongst the most striking of all small birds. As their name implies, bee-eaters live on bees and other flying insects, which they hawk in flight during spectacular aerial pursuits, or snatch from vegetation or the ground. Using their long, sharp, curved bills, the birds will pound stinging insects against a perch to discharge their sting before eating them. Bee-eater species vary significantly in size, yet all are relatively small birds with intricately-coloured plumage. Most bee-eaters are gregarious and roost together, as well as congregating on favourite perches that overlook ideal hunting grounds. Some species nest in large colonies, gathering in spectacular flocks during the breeding season. Some migrate to Namibia from other parts of Africa or Europe and are seen in our country only during the summer months.

Issue date: 15th of May 2015

Artist: Helge Denker

Products: five stamps;
first-day cover with special canceller and information insert

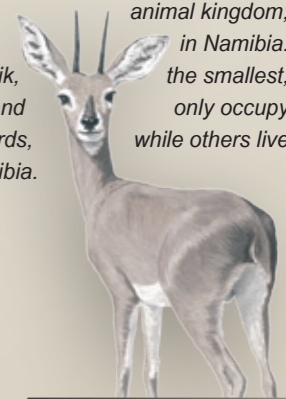
Stamp size: 48 mm x 30 mm

Quantity: 30,000 stamps of each denomination; 500 first-day covers



Antelopes are swift-running, cloven-hoofed ruminants. They are the ubiquitous indigenes of the African continent. Close to 20 species occur in Namibia. All male antelopes, as well as the females of some species, carry horns. From the largest, the eland, to the dik-dik, all Namibian antelopes are uniquely fascinating and beautiful. Some are highly specialised in their habitat needs and isolated tracts of suitable terrain; others occur in different biomes across the country. Some congregate in large herds, while others live mostly solitary lives. Four small antelopes, each weighing less than 20 kilos, are relatively widespread in Namibia.

animal kingdom;
in Namibia.
the smallest,
only occupy
while others live



Issue date: 22nd of June 2015

Artist: Helge Denker

Products: four stamps;
four first-day cards with
special canceller & information

Stamp size: 48 mm x 30 mm

Quantity: 25,000 stamps
of each denomination;
500 first-day cards of each design

The Klipspringer - the boulder hopper - is a fearless mountain acrobat bounding with incredible speed and ease along steepest rock faces or across deep crevasses in a characteristic strutting, tip-toed run. Klipspringers are confined to rocky country across Namibia, living in pairs or family groups. They are mostly browsers and may gather where food is plentiful. One animal will often stand vigil on a high, rocky lookout, a status-sentinel watching for danger as other group members feed.

Klipspringer
Oreotragus oreotragus

Common Dik-dik: *Sylvicapra grimmia*

Small Antelopes of Namibia

While **Big Five babies** appear cute and cuddly, as adults all of these animals can be highly dangerous — if not treated with their due respect and caution. The title 'Big Five' for this group of very disparate animals is an old moniker, which originated during the early days of big game hunting by European explorers in Africa well over a century ago. The Big Five were considered to be those five African big game species most dangerous to hunters. It is true that elephants, black rhinos, buffaloes, lions and leopards have all attacked and killed hunters who were not diligent enough in their pursuit of them. Today, the Big Five are much more of a tourist attraction than a hunting quarry, and the Baby Big Five stamps are a celebration of the animals as adorable youngsters.



Issue date: 6th of July 2015
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: five stamps; first-day cover with special canceller & information insert
Quantity: 30,000 stamps of each denomination; 500 first-day covers



Huge and powerful, the big sharks are the apex predators of the oceans. In search of prey they roam the deep blue sea, which is itself a place of mystery for us, an alien world where we can only survive for short forays, mostly on its surface. If we do submerge into the realm of sharks, it is for brief visits with the aid of specialised diving gear. Within this unfamiliar, cold and blue domain, sharks hold a special place of fascination and fear for us. A shark attack is a notion of primeval horror for most. Yet shark attacks on people are relatively rare, and most sharks are today threatened by human activities, including overfishing, indiscriminate killing and pollution.



Issue date: 19th of August 2015
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: four stamps-stamps; first-day cover with special canceller & information insert
Stamp size: 75 mm x 25.71 mm
Quantity: 20,000 stamps of each denomination; 500 first-day covers



COURSERS OF NAMIBIA

Coursers are inconspicuous, ground-dwelling denizens of open, arid lands or dry woodlands. Subtly beautiful, but often cryptically coloured and patterned, these birds are easily overlooked. They are plover-like, long-legged running birds, standing around 20 to 30 centimetres tall when they raise themselves to their full height in reaction to an intrusion. Although they spend most of their time on the ground, coursers are excellent flyers and are often highly nomadic in response to climate cycles, with some species migrating over large distances between breeding and non-breeding ranges. While some coursers are nocturnal, others are day-occasionally especially during migration.



Issue date: 1st of October 2015
Artist: Helge Denker
Products: four stamps; special canceller
Stamp size: 30 mm x 40 mm
Quantity: 40,000 stamps of each denomination



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NELSON MANDELA * R50
 SOUVENIR FOLDER
 *Approximately US\$4,80 • €3,50 • £2,80

The South African Post Office is commemorating the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela with a special souvenir folder.

The folder contains a miniature sheet with a stamp featuring Nelson Mandela.

A donation will be made to the Nelson Mandela Foundation to ensure the continuity of Mr Mandela's work.

NELSON MANDELA SOUVENIR FOLDER

Nelson Mandela... On 15 December 2013, following a period of mourning, the world said its final goodbyes to South Africa's global icon, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Watched by millions of viewers on television screens throughout the world, Madiba was laid to rest during a state funeral in the small village of Qunu in the Eastern Cape. He died on 5 December at his home in Houghton, Johannesburg at the age of 95, leaving a rich and unique legacy not only to South Africa, but also to Africa and the rest of the world.

In Nelson Mandela's 95 years he accomplished what many thought impossible. Held prisoner for 27 years and later becoming South Africa's first democratically elected president, he practiced reflection, negotiation, forgiveness, reconciliation and incredible perseverance, making him one of the most remarkable and respected individuals of modern times.

Issue date: 11th of February 2014
Photograph: Nelson Mandela Foundation
Design: Thea Clemons
Products: single-stamp souvenir sheet; commemorative folder
Stamp size: 30 mm x 30 mm
Quantity: 5,000,000 folders

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