

«VENEZUELAN» UNUSUAL COINS. 1997

Low-mintage silver and gold unusual coins in honor of the 15th Anniversary of friendship between The SADR and Venezuela⁶⁷ depict national hero Simon Bolivar (*1783-†1830), and co-founder of the POLISARIO Front El-Uali Mustapha Sayed (*1949-†1976).

This issue was promoted by the famous Venezuelan numismatist and collector Vladimir Gamboa Salazar (*1942), presumably, with participation of Ali Moukhtar, who represented the interests of the POLISARIO Front in Latin America in the 1990s.

Unusual coins were presumably⁶⁸ produced by Italcambio C.A. (Venezuela) and the mint of Metalor Acuñaciones, C.A. (Venezuela).

Design was created by Rita Panfili, who designed many other coins and medals, produced by Italcambio C.A. (Venezuela).

Nowadays representatives of the POLISARIO Front do not confirm the series of «Venezuelan» unusual coins under the name of The SADR to be official.



Fig. 66.1. Original certificate for 1 000 and 40 000 Sahrawi pesetas 1997 unusual coins

⁶⁷ Diplomatic relations were established in 1982, soon after Venezuela recognized the independence of The SADR.

⁶⁸ There have been repeated suggestions about its production by FNMT-RCM. However, its representatives deny that they had ever produced any «official» issues of coins of The SADR.

	Face value	1 000 Sahrawi pesetas
	Year	1997
	Composition	silver
	Weight	31.1 g
	Diameter	35.0 mm
	Mintage	1 000 ⁶⁹
	Mint	Metalor Acuñaciones
	Number	A-ESH#66, KM#37
	Obverse	Coats of arms
	Reverse	Bolívar and El-Uali
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	R

Fig. 66.2. 1 000 pesetas «Friendship between The SADR and Venezuela» 1997 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 Sahrawi pesetas
	Year	1997
	Composition	copper
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	35.0 mm
	Mintage	8
	Mint	Metalor Acuñaciones
	Number	A-ESH#66a, KM#E1
	Obverse	Coats of arms
	Reverse	Bolívar and El-Uali
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	RR

Fig. 66.3 1 000 pesetas «Friendship between The SADR and Venezuela» 1997 unusual coin

	Face value	40 000 Sahrawi pesetas ⁷⁰
	Year	1997
	Composition	gold (.900)
	Weight	15.5 g
	Diameter	30.0 mm
	Mintage	90
	Mint	Metalor Acuñaciones
	Number	A-ESH#67, KM#38
	Obverse	Coats of arms
	Reverse	Bolívar and El-Uali
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	RR

Fig. 67.1. 40 000 pesetas «Friendship between The SADR and Venezuela» 1997 unusual coin

⁶⁹ Including 800 pieces in «Proof» quality.

⁷⁰ «40 000» face value is rather rare, and until 1997 one could meet it on low-mintage gold commemorative coins of Colombia, Laos, Spain and Yugoslavia only. Piedfort for this unusual coin (with weight of 31.1 g) had a mintage of 8 pieces.

 No image available	Face value	40 000 sahrawi pesetas
	Year	1997
	Composition	gold (.999)
	Weight	15.5 g
	Diameter	30.0 mm
	Mintage	10
	Mint	Metalor Acuñaciones
	Number	A-ESH#67a, KM#38a
	Obverse	Coats of arms
	Reverse	Bolivar and El-Uali
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	RR

Fig. 67.2. 40 000 pesetas «Friendship between The SADR and Venezuela» 1997 unusual coin

 No image available	Face value	40 000 Sahrawi pesetas
	Year	1997
	Composition	copper
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	30.0 mm
	Mintage	8
	Mint	Metalor Acuñaciones
	Number	A-ESH#67b, KM#Pn2
	Obverse	Coats of arms
	Reverse	Bolivar and El-Uali
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	RR

Fig. 67.3. 40 000 pesetas «Friendship between The SADR and Venezuela» 1997 unusual coin

	Face value	40 000 Sahrawi pesetas
	Year	1997
	Composition	silver
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	30.0 mm
	Mintage	8
	Mint	Metalor Acuñaciones
	Number	A-ESH#67c, KM#Pn3
	Obverse	Coats of arms
	Reverse	Bolivar and El-Uali
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	RR

Fig. 67.4. 40 000 pesetas «Friendship between The SADR and Venezuela» 1997 unusual coin

SRH UNUSUAL COINS. 1999

In 1998-99, Sir Rowland Hill Limited (SRH) (Weddel, Germany)⁷¹ has established issuance and exclusive sale of numerous series of unusual coins of similar design under the name of Congo (DRC), Liberia, The SADR, Uganda, Zambia and other African countries⁷². There is no information on official authorization of these issues by the states mentioned above. The series were presumably minted by Valcambi SA Mint (Balerna, Switzerland)⁷³.

A single copper-nickel planchet and various colored stickers were used within each series, which significantly reduced cost of production.

«Pioneers of Mankind: to Triumph through Adventure» series of 36 unusual coins under the name of The SADR is dedicated to travelers and pioneers, researchers and inventors, scientists and humanists. Vast majority of them represent European countries (almost half are from Germany and Switzerland), only one is from Africa (i.e. South Africa). Inscriptions on each planchet are made in Arabic and Spanish, while inscriptions on colored stickers are in English only.



Fig. 68.1. Official booklet for «Pioneers of Mankind» 1999 series by SRH

⁷¹ The business of distributing stamps, coins and unusual coins was founded in 1978. Nowadays the company is called Sir Rowland Hill (Stamps) Limited (Gesellschaft) für alte und neue Philatelie m.b.H.&Co. KG.

⁷² «The Currency of a United Europe» (Zambia, 1998-99, 16 unusual coins),
No. 268 «Titanic» (Zambia, 1998, 36 unusual coins),
No. 272 «The New Currency of Europe» (Uganda, 1998-99, 32 unusual coins),
No. 274 «50 years of the Berlin Air Bridge» (Liberia, 1998, at least 14 unusual coins),
No.279 «International Philatelic Exhibition. Vienna 2000» (Liberia, 1999, 15 unusual coins),
No. 282 «Royal Dynasties of Europe» (DRC, 1999, 77 (!) unusual coins),
No. 283 «Pioneers of Mankind» (The SADR, 1999, 36 unusual coins) and other series.

⁷³ During 1990s, SRH actively collaborated with Valcambi Mint and ordered, for example, the issue of commemorative unusual coins with CHI and SRH mintmarks. See also the research by Peter van Jezuss (<https://jezuss.nl/ro/rowland.htm>, date of access - 15.09.2023).

Last unusual coin of this series (Fig. 103) is dedicated to Sir Rowland Hill (*1795-†1879), inventor of postage stamp. Coincidentally SRH is named after this person.

The year of the series of unusual coins is not specified, and previously⁷⁴ it was attributed to 1997. However, both plot of one of unusual coins, a round-the-world non-stop balloon flight in March 1999 (Fig. 68), and its number 283.001 on the certificate by SRH, give grounds to attribute the entire series to 1999.



Fig. 68.2. Varieties of certificate by SRH



Fig. 68.3. First unusual coin's certificate by SRH

Unusual coins of the series were sold with certificates from SRH (Fig. 68.2-68.3). First 30 unusual coins of the series could be purchased in special gift boxes: each contained 2 tablets with 7 or 8 cells (Fig. 68.4). Probably, later the complete series was sold in a box with 3 tablets for 12 cells each (Fig. 68.5). SRH representatives claim that they completed distribution of the series in 2000.



Fig. 68.4. Special gift box with 2 tablets for 7 or 8 cells each



Fig. 68.5. Special gift box with 3 tablets for 12 cells each

⁷⁴ Krause WCC contains the only unusual coin of this series (A-ESH#81), which is dated 1997.

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#68, KM#90
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 68. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#69, KM#87
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Neil Armstrong
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 69. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Neil Armstrong» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#70, KM#86
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Auguste Piccard
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 70. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Auguste Piccard» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#71, KM#89
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Montgolfier Brothers
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 71. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Montgolfier Brothers» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#72, KM#75
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Yuri Gagarin ⁷⁵
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 72. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Yuri Gagarin» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#73, KM#79
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Orville Wright
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 73. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Orville Wright» 1999 unusual coin

⁷⁵ The name «Juri» in German instead of «Yuri» in English indicates the German-speaking nature of the author of design.

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#74, KM#92
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	George Stephenson
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 74. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. George Stephenson» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#75, KM#68
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Christiaan Barnard
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 75. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Christiaan Barnard» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#76, KM#67
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Charles Lindbergh
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 76. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Charles Lindbergh» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#77, KM#91
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Henri Dunant
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 77. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Henri Dunant» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#78, KM#88
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Karl Friedrich Benz
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 78. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Karl Friedrich Benz» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#79, KM#76
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Leonardo da Vinci
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 79. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Leonardo da Vinci» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#80, KM#78
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Nicolaus Copernicus
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 80. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Nicolaus Copernicus» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#81, KM#53
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Ferdinand von Zeppelin
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 81. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Ferdinand von Zeppelin» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#82, KM#71
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Gerhard Mercator
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 82. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Gerhard Mercator» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#83, KM#83
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Thomas Alva Edison
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 83. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Thomas Alva Edison» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#84, KM#66
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Charles Darwin
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 84. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Charles Darwin» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#85, KM#72
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Johann Gutenberg
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 85. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Johann Gutenberg» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#86, KM#73
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	James Cook
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 86. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. James Cook» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#87, KM#81
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Pierre de Coubertin
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 87. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Pierre de Coubertin» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#88, KM#63
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Albert Einstein
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 88. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Albert Einstein» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#89, KM#70
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Galileo Galilei
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 89. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Galileo Galilei» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#90, KM#65
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Alexander von Humboldt
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 90. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Alexander von Humboldt» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#91, KM#69
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Fernando de Magellan
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 91. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Fernando de Magellan» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#92, KM#84
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Werner von Braun
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 92. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Werner von Braun» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#93, KM#80
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Paracelsus
Edge	reeded	
	Estimate	S

Fig. 93. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Paracelsus» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#94, KM#77
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Marco Polo
Edge	reeded	
	Estimate	S

Fig. 94. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Marco Polo» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#95, KM#85
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 95. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#96, KM#64
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Albert Schweitzer
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 96. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Albert Schweitzer» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#97, KM#74
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	James Watt
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 97. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. James Watt» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#98, N#348027
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Christopher Columbus
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 98. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Christopher Columbus» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#99, N#348197
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	William IV, Duke of Bavaria
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 99. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. William IV, Duke of Bavaria» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#100, N#348198
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Martin Luther
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 100. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Martin Luther» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#101, N#348199
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Otto Lilienthal
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig.101. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Otto Lilienthal» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#102, N#348200
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Rudolf Diesel
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 102. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Rudolf Diesel» 1999 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (1999)
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	26.0-28.6 g
	Diameter	38.1 mm
	Mintage	1 999
	Mint	Valcambi SA
	Number	A-ESH#103, KM#82
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Sir Rowland Hill
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	S

Fig. 103. 1 000 pesetas «Pioneers of Mankind. Sir Rowland Hill» 1999 unusual coin

AFRICA MINT UNUSUAL COINS. 2004-2015

During 2003-2013, on private initiative of Belgian entrepreneur Ivan Florine, numerous series of unusual coins appeared on numismatic market under the name of such states as Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, The SADR, Senegal and Togo. Most of unusual coins have «CFA» or «Africa» as face values. These issues were intended to promote African culture.

Both production and distribution of unusual coins was carried out by Africa Mint (Cotonou, Benin)⁷⁶, the private mint of Ivan Florine. Certain types of those items have a mintmark  with the letters «AM» stylized as the image of an elephant.

There is no information on official authorization of these issues by the states, claimed as issuing states. Representatives of the POLISARIO Front do not confirm the series under the name of The SADR of 2004-2015 to be official.

Design of Africa Mint unusual coins features original drawings presumably by Ivan Florine himself⁷⁷, and publicly available photos as well (Fig. 106.4-107.4).



Fig. 106.4. Arab tea ceremony



Fig. 107.4. King Juan Carlos I of Spain greets Pope John Paul II in Madrid (Reuters, May 2003)

⁷⁶ See www.AfricaMint.com (date of access – 01.01.2013). In 2003-2004, Ivan Florine distributed numismatic products through www.MiaScrib.com (date of access - 01.01.2005).

⁷⁷ Certain types of above-mentioned issues bear initials «IF», «GF» or «LF».

2004

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2004
	Composition	steel, brass
	Weight	7.4 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	5 000 ⁷⁸
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#104, X#51
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Fennec foxes
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 104.1. 500 pesetas «Nature of Western Sahara. Fennec Fox» 2004 unusual coin

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2004
	Composition	gold, silver
	Weight	9.0 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#104a, X#51a
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Fennec foxes
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 104.2. 500 pesetas «Nature of Western Sahara. Fennec Fox» 2004 unusual coin

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2004
	Composition	silver
	Weight	11.0 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#104b, X#51b
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Fennec foxes
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 104.3. 500 pesetas «Nature of Western Sahara. Fennec Fox» 2004 unusual coin

⁷⁸ 8 pairs of patterns are known, minted in brass and red copper, nordic gold and steel, gold and copper-nickel, copper-nickel and brass, brass and steel, brass 63%, brass 70%, red copper.

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2004
	Composition	steel, brass
	Weight	7.4 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	5 000
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#105, X#52
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Western Sahara map
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 105.1. 500 pesetas «28 Years of The SADR Independence» 2004 unusual coin

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2004
	Composition	gold, silver
	Weight	9.0 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#105a, X#52a
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Western Sahara map
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 105.2. 500 pesetas «28 Years of The SADR Independence» 2004 unusual coin

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2004
	Composition	silver
	Weight	11.0 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#105b, X#52b
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Western Sahara map
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 105.3. 500 pesetas «28 Years of The SADR Independence» 2004 unusual coin

2010

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2010
	Composition	steel, brass
	Weight	7.4 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	ca. 5 000
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#106, N#84350
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Arab Tea Ceremony
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 106.1. 500 pesetas «Arab tea ceremony. Namur Fair»⁷⁹ 2010 unusual coin

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2010
	Composition	gold, silver
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	n.a.
	Mintage	ca. 25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#106a
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Arab Tea Ceremony
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 106.2. 500 pesetas «Arab tea ceremony. Namur Fair» 2010 unusual coin

⁷⁹ FERIA DE NAMUR (in Spanish). Official representatives of Fairtime, Belgian runner of annual Antica Namur Art & Antiques Fair (Namur, Belgium), do not confirm any connection with this unusual coin. Meanwhile, for sales promotion, Africa Mint used to participate in numismatic fairs, and during 2005 presumably took part both in the International Basel Coin Trade Show (Basel, Switzerland) and Piacenza Expo (Piacenza, Italy).

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2010
	Composition	silver
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	n.a.
	Mintage	ca. 25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#106b
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Arab Tea Ceremony
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 106.3. 500 pesetas «Arab tea ceremony. Namur Fair» 2010 unusual coin

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2010
	Composition	steel, brass
	Weight	7.4 g
	Diameter	26.0 mm
	Mintage	ca. 5 000
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#107, N#84351
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Juan Carlos I and John Paul II
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 107.1. 500 pesetas «Pope John Paul II's visit to Spain»⁸⁰ 2010 unusual coin

⁸⁰ In 2005-2007 Africa Mint issued «Visits of Pope John Paul II to Africa» series of unusual coins under the name of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Chad and Gabon. This plot has indirect relation to Western Sahara. Pope John Paul II (*1920-†2005) has never visited The SADR, Algeria and Mauritania, while he did visit Morocco only once in 1985. Sahrawi people practice Sunni Islam, although religious practices have been pragmatically adapted to their lives, and currently do not play an important role.

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2010
	Composition	gold, silver
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	n.a.
	Mintage	ca. 25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#107a
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Juan Carlos I and John Paul II
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 107.2. 500 pesetas «Pope John Paul II's visit to Spain» 2010 unusual coin

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2010
	Composition	silver
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	n.a.
	Mintage	ca. 25
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#107b
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Juan Carlos I and John Paul II
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	R

Fig. 107.3. 500 pesetas «Pope John Paul II's visit to Spain» 2010 unusual coin

2015

During 2015-2019, new generation of over 120 types of unusual coins under the name of various African countries was put on sale⁸¹. Once again common bimetallic planchet and various colored stickers were used for this series, to reduce cost of production. Each unusual coin had face value in the «national» currency, and in «Afro» as well.

 No image available	Face value	500 pesetas / 1 afro
	Year	2015
	Composition	steel, brass
	Weight	12.1 g
	Diameter	30.5 mm
	Mintage	ca. 1 000
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#108
	Obverse	The SADR flag
	Reverse	Map of Africa
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C
		

Fig. 108. 500 pesetas «National flags. Western Sahara» 2015 unusual coin

 REP. ARABE SAHARAÏ DEMOCRATICA ET LIBRE 500 PESETAS 2015	Face value	500 pesetas / 1 afro
	Year	2015
	Composition	steel, brass
	Weight	12.1 g
	Diameter	30.5 mm
	Mintage	ca. 1 000
	Mint	Africa Mint (Benin)
	Number	A-ESH#109, N#114953
	Obverse	Camels
	Reverse	Map of Africa
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C
		

Fig. 109. 500 pesetas «African Animals. Camels» 2015 unusual coin

⁸¹ See www.NovaMania.info (date of access – 01.01.2020), another site led by Ivan Florine.

UNUSUAL COINS OF OTHER SERIES. 2013-2025

In 1990-2000 almost 100 unusual coins under the name of The SADR in 4 independent series were issued.

During next 10 years an interest in such an issues declined significantly: only 14 unusual coins in 2 independent series were minted.

From 2011 to 2020, almost 40 unusual coins were minted in 5 independent issues.

After 2020 and until 2026, no new unusual coins under the name of The SADR appeared.

Quality of unusual coins of 2013-2025 series is low, both from a technical and artistic point of view.

Design of unusual coins normally features publicly available photos and drawings, which plots have poor relation to Western Sahara. Commercial use of original images is not agreed with their authors.

Producers and beneficiaries of most issues remain unknown. To minimize cost of production, they use coin planchets made of steel, brass or aluminum. As a rule, «bimetallic» unusual coin turns to be monometallic coin planchet, partially electroplated with copper, brass or nickel.

POLISARIO Front representatives do not confirm these issues to be official.

2013

	Face value	50 centimos
	Year	2013
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	1.3 g
	Diameter	20.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#110, N#106364
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Elasmosaurus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 110. 50 centimos «Prehistoric animals. Elasmosaurus» 2013 unusual coin



Fig. 110.1. Elasmosaurus
(San Marino postage stamp, June 1965)
(design by E. Arseni)



Fig. 111.1. Nesodactylus
(Kelly Taylor, 2010)

	Face value	1 peseta
	Year	2013
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	1.7-1.8 g
	Diameter	22.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#111, N#106365
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Nesodactylus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 111. 1 peseta «Prehistoric animals. Nesodactylus» 2013 unusual coin

	Face value	2 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	2.0 g
	Diameter	24.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#112, N#54711
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Dimetrodon
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 112. 2 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Dimetrodon» 2013 unusual coin



Fig. 112.1. Dimetrodon
(Vietnam postage stamp, August 1984)
(design by Nguyen Hiep)



Fig. 113.1. Thaumatosaurus
(San Marino postage stamp, June 1965)
(design by E. Arseni)

	Face value	5 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	steel, nickel
	Weight	7.9-8.0 g
	Diameter	25.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#113, N#106366
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Thaumatosaurus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 113. 5 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Thaumatosaurus» 2013 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	steel, nickel
	Weight	9.5 g
	Diameter	27.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#114, N#54712
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Balochisaurus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 114. 10 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Balochisaurus» 2013 unusual coin

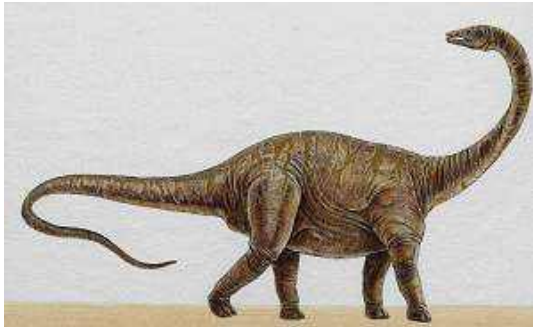


Fig. 114.1. Balochisaurus
(Salamander Picture Library, 2001)



Fig. 115.1. Styraeosaurus
(Salamander Picture Library, 2001)

	Face value	25 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	steel, nickel
	Weight	10.2 g
	Diameter	29.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#115, N#54713
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Styraeosaurus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 115. 25 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Styraeosaurus» 2013 unusual coin

	Face value	50 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	steel, nickel
	Weight	12.0 g
	Diameter	31.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#116, N#54740
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Megapnosaurus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 116. 50 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Megapnosaurus» 2013 unusual coin

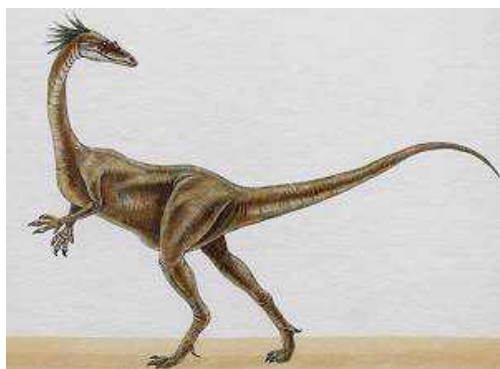


Fig. 116.1. Megapnosaurus
(Salamander Picture Library, 2001)

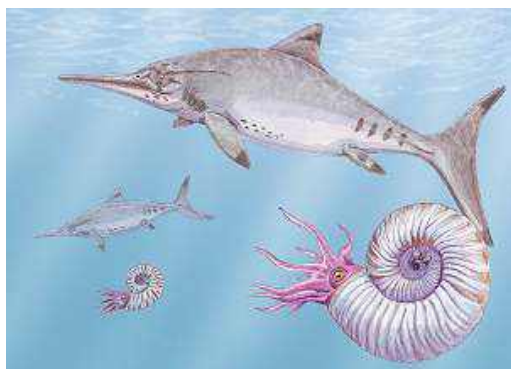


Fig. 117.1. Ophthalmosaurus and ammonites
(Dmitry Bogdanov, 2008)

	Face value	100 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	steel, copper
	Weight	16.3 g
	Diameter	38.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#117, N#106367
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Ophthalmosaurus and ammonites
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 117. 100 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Ophthalmosaurus» 2013 unusual coin

	Face value	200 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	brass
	Weight	5.9-6.3 g
	Diameter	20.0 * 20.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#118, N#106368
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Deinonychus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 118. 200 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Deinonychus» 2013 unusual coin

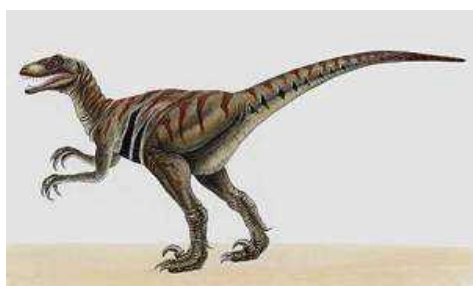


Fig. 118.1. Deinonychus
(Salamander Picture Library, 2001)



Fig. 119.1. Triceratops
(Salamander Picture Library, 2001)

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	brass
	Weight	14.4 g
	Diameter	30.0 * 30.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#119, N#106369
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Triceratops
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 119. 500 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Triceratops» 2013 unusual coin

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	copper and brass
	Weight	11.3-11.6 g
	Diameter	29.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#120, N#106370
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Stegosaurus ⁸²
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 120. 1 000 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Stegosaurus» 2013 unusual coin



Fig. 120.1. Stegosaurus
(Peter Snowball, 1979)



Fig. 121.1. Tyrannosaurus Rex
(Dominic Piché & Mokko Studio, 2010)

	Face value	2 000 pesetas
	Year	2013
	Composition	nickel and brass
	Weight	13.8-14.1 g
	Diameter	32.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#121, N#106373
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Tyrannosaurus Rex
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 121. 2 000 pesetas «Prehistoric animals. Tyrannosaurus Rex» 2013 unusual coin

⁸² «1 000 pesetas» face value on reverse can be shifted horizontally.

2016

Commemorative medal in honor of the 40th anniversary of declaration of independence of The SADR was minted in November-December 2015, at initiative of Aurelio Quintanilla Fisac (*1944), a member of the Association of Friends of the Saharawi People in Segovia (Spain)⁸³.

Presentation of this medal took place on February 12, 2016 at Segovia Mint with participation of Abdulah Arabi, POLISARIO Front representative in Spain.

	Face value	-
	Year	2016
	Composition	brass
	Weight	n.a.
	Diameter	25.0-26.0 mm
	Mintage	1 000
	Mint	Segovia Mint (Spain) ⁸⁴
	Number	A-ESH#122
	Obverse	The SADR map
	Reverse	The SADR flag
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 122. «40th Anniversary of The SADR Independence» 2016 commemorative medal

Commemorative medals were sold with certificate (Fig. 122.1). Income from the sale⁸⁵ was supposed to be directed to charity.



Fig. 122.1. Original holder with official certificate for 2016 commemorative medal

⁸³ Asociación de Amigos del Pueblo Saharaui de Segovia (in Spanish).

⁸⁴ Segovia Mint stopped minting coins and medals in 1869. The original mechanical steam press designed by Nicolas Thonnelier and used in the minting during 1860s, was restored in 2015 only.

⁸⁵ Medals were on sale for EUR 8, and were distributed by Filatelia Doblon (Segovia, Spain).



Fig. 122.2. Digital image varieties of the commemorative medal



Fig. 122.3. Minting process at Segovia Mint (November-December 2015)

Ordered by Shyhom (China) and Skywnor (China), unusual coins of «Symbols of Egypt» 2016 series were minted in China. They sold these unusual coins in special gift boxes with certificate⁸⁶.



Fig. 123.1. Original gift box for «Symbols of Egypt» 2016 unusual coin

	Face value	1 peseta
	Year	2016
	Composition	silver-plated iron
	Weight	28.9 g
	Diameter	40 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	China
	Number	A-ESH#123
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Pyramid in Egypt
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 123. 1 peseta «Symbols of Egypt. Pyramid» 2016 unusual coin



Fig. 123.1. Pyramid in Egypt

⁸⁶ Allegedly the variety without silver plating and the inscription «999 silver» exists.

	Face value	5 pesetas
	Year	2016
	Composition	silver-plated iron
	Weight	28.9 g
	Diameter	40 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	China
	Number	A-ESH#124, N#272651
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	God of Horus
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 124. 5 pesetas «Symbols of Egypt. Solar Falcon»2016 unusual coin



Fig. 124.1. Falcon Pectoral of Tutankhamun (Egyptian Museum, Cairo)



Fig. 125.1. Wedjat (Eye of Horus)

	Face value	25 pesetas
	Year	2016
	Composition	silver-plated iron
	Weight	28.9 g
	Diameter	40 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	China
	Number	A-ESH#125
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Eye of Horus
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 125. 25 pesetas «Symbols of Egypt. Eye of Horus» 2016 unusual coin

	Face value	100 pesetas
	Year	2016
	Composition	silver-plated iron
	Weight	28.9 g
	Diameter	40 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	China
	Number	A-ESH#126, N#196448
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Goddess of Bastet
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 126. 25 pesetas «Symbols of Egypt. Cat» 2016 unusual coin



Fig. 126.1. Goddess of Bastet as a cat



Fig. 127.1. The Golden Mask of Tutankhamun (Egyptian Museum, Cairo)

	Face value	200 pesetas
	Year	2016
	Composition	silver-plated iron
	Weight	28.9 g
	Diameter	40 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	China
	Number	A-ESH#127
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Mask of Tutankhamun
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 127. 200 pesetas «Symbols of Egypt. The Golden Mask of Tutankhamun» 2016 unusual coin

2018

Reverse of A-ESH#128-130 3 unusual coins features an image of a bedouin with a camel, similar to A-ESH#7, A-ESH#11, A-ESH#13 and A-ESH#19-22 «Cuban» unusual coins.

Reverse of A-ESH#131 unusual coin was stylized to match the original design with a bedouin and ancient ship, of A-ESH#8-10, A-ESH#12 and A-ESH#14 «Cuban» unusual coins.

Design of reverse of A-ESH#132 unusual coin refers to the design of A-ESH#1 coin, but features a publicly available photo with bedouins of Palestine, from a century ago (Fig. 132.1-132.2).

	Face value	1 peseta
	Year	2018
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	4.7 g
	Diameter	20 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#128, N#141333
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Bedouin with camel
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 128. 1 peseta «Traditional transport» 2018 unusual coin

	Face value	2 pesetas
	Year	2018
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	5.6 g
	Diameter	22 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#129, KM#98
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Bedouin with camel
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 129. 2 pesetas «Traditional transport» 2018 unusual coin

	Face value	5 pesetas
	Year	2018
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	6.3 g
	Diameter	23 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#130, KM#99
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Bedouin with camel
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 130. 5 pesetas «Traditional transport» 2018 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2018
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	7.6 g
	Diameter	25.1 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#131, N#141336
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Bedouin and ancient ship
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 131. 10 pesetas «Ancient ship» 2018 unusual coin

	Face value	25 pesetas
	Year	2018
	Composition	copper
	Weight	9.6 g
	Diameter	28.2 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#132, N#141337
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Bedouin with a rifle
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 132. 25 pesetas «42 Years of Independence of The SDR» 2018 unusual coin



Fig. 132.1. «Bedouin sweethearts», Palestine (Matson Photo Service, 1898-1946)⁸⁷



Fig. 132.2. Mirror image of Bedouin on A-ESH#132 unusual coin

⁸⁷ Figure presents a fragment of original photo from the Library of Congress (USA) collection (see <https://www.loc.gov/item/2019697840>, date of access - 15.03.2024).

2019

Design of reverse of A-ESH#133-137 unusual coins features images from www.pixy.org, high-quality free images data base.

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2019
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#133, N#184225
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Common buzzard
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 133. 10 pesetas «Predatory birds. Common buzzard» 2019 unusual coin



Fig. 133.1. Common buzzard
(Margit Wallner, 2015)



Fig. 134.1. Peregrine Falcon (2016)

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2019
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#134, N#184226
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Peregrine Falcon
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 134. 10 pesetas «Predatory birds. Peregrine Falcon» 2019 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2019
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#135, N#184227
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Red-tailed hawk
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 135. 10 pesetas «Predatory birds. Red-tailed hawk» 2019 unusual coin



Fig. 135.1. Red-tailed hawk
(Alan Schmierer, 2007)



Fig. 136.1. Sparrowhawk (2016)

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2019
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#136, N#184228
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Eurasian sparrowhawk
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 136. 10 pesetas «Predatory birds. Sparrowhawk» 2019 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2019
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#137, N#184229
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Golden Eagle
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 137. 10 pesetas «Predatory birds. Eagle» 2019 unusual coin



Fig. 137.1. Golden Eagle (Pierre Gaultier, 2017)

Interestingly some of these birds of prey appear on Sahrawi cinderella stamps, issued in 1996 (Fig. 137.2).



Fig. 137.2. «Birds of prey» series of Sahrawi cinderella stamps (March 1996)

2020

Design of reverse of A-ESH#138-142 unusual coins features images from all around the world dinosaur parks, including one made by professional 3D-creature artist.

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#138, N#239882
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Tyrannosaurus Rex
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 138. 10 pesetas «Dinosaurs. Tyrannosaurus Rex» 2020 unusual coin



Fig. 138.1. T-Rex at The Universal Orlando Resort Jurassic Park (Florida, USA, 1999)



Fig. 139.1. Velociraptor (Kylia Zannettacci, 2017-18)

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#139, N#239883
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Velociraptor
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 139. 10 pesetas «Dinosaurs. Velociraptor» 2020 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#140, N#239884
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Carnotaurus
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 140. 10 pesetas «Dinosaurs. Carnotaurus» 2020 unusual coin



Fig. 140.1. Carnotaurus at Houston Zoo (Texas, USA, 2018)



Fig. 141.1. Dakosaurus at Dino Park Rasnov (Romania, 2015)

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#141, N#239885
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Dakosaurus
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 141. 10 pesetas «Dinosaurs. Dakosaurus» 2020 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	brass
	Weight	3.6 g
	Diameter	22.6 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#142, N#239886
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Triceratops
	Edge	smooth with notches
	Estimate	C

Fig. 142. 10 pesetas «Dinosaurs. Triceratops» 2020 unusual coin



Fig. 142.1. Triceratops at Goseong Dinosaur Museum (South Korea, 2009)

	Face value	1 peseta
	Year	2020
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	1.8 g
	Diameter	22 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#143, N#258046
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	The Lovebird Parrot
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 143. 1 peseta «Fauna. Parrot» 2020 unusual coin

	Face value	5 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	6.6 g
	Diameter	22.5 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#144, N#258047
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Buffalo
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 144. 5 pesetas «Fauna. Buffalo» 2020 unusual coin

	Face value	10 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	6.95 g
	Diameter	24 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#145, N#258048
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Lion ⁸⁸
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 145. 10 pesetas «Fauna. Lion» 2020 unusual coin

⁸⁸ There is an error on the known specimens as the lion's left front paw is not stamped.

	Face value	20 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	7.7 g
	Diameter	24.5 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#146, N#258049
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Hippopotamus
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 146. 20 pesetas «Fauna. Hippopotamus» 2020 unusual coin

	Face value	50 pesetas
	Year	2020
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	9.67 g
	Diameter	28 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#147, N#258050
	Obverse	Stylized coat of arms
	Reverse	Gorilla
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 147. 50 pesetas «Fauna. Gorilla» 2020 unusual coin

CAPE DAKHLA: UNUSUAL COINS AND SOUVENIR BANKNOTES

2006

In 2006, a series of 8 unusual coins under the name of Cape Dakhla⁸⁹ appeared on the international numismatic market, with face values in pesetas and dirhams at the rate of 20 to 1⁹⁰.

Release of this series coincided with unveiling of initiative of the Royal Advisory Council for Saharan Affairs (CORCAS) to grant Western Sahara autonomy within Morocco.

The city of Dakhla was founded under the name of Villa Cisneros on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean by Spanish colonists in 1502. Nowadays it is the administrative center of so-called «Southern Province» of Rio de Oro under the control of Morocco. Moroccan dirham is a in monetary circulation in this part of Western Sahara.

To reduce cost of production, each unusual coin is made of copper or aluminum. «Bi-metallic» unusual coin is made of a whole metal piece planchet, partially electroplated with brass or nickel.

Main motives in design of this series is wildlife and a culture of Morocco. As prototypes, unknown designers used publicly available photos and images.

These unusual coins are not a legal tender, and have been never used in a monetary circulation within territory of Western Sahara or Morocco.

⁸⁹ Cabo Dakhla (in Spanish).

⁹⁰ Before introduction of Euro, an exchange rate of Spanish peseta to Moroccan dirham was 17 to 1 approximately.

	Face value	1 peseta / 5 centimes
	Year	2006
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	1.9 g
	Diameter	15.1 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM) ⁹¹
	Number	A-ESH#148, N#42169
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Camel
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 148. 1 peseta / 5 centimes «Camel» 2006 unusual coin



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Fig. 148.1. Camel

Fig. 149.1. Northern Smooth Whale⁹²

	Face value	5 pesetas / 25 centimes
	Year	2006
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	2.73 g
	Diameter	18 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#149, N#79404
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Northern Smooth Whale
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 149. 5 pesetas / 25 centimes «Whale» 2006 unusual coin

⁹¹ According to certain sources, Joseph E. Lang, American numismatist and coin dealer, took part in production of this series.

⁹² This image was taken from Animal Info & Endangered Animals e-page, where it had appeared before August 2002 (<https://www.animalinfo.org/country/morocco.htm>, date of access - 01.11.2005).

	Face value	10 pesetas / 50 centimes
	Year	2006
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	4.3 g
	Diameter	22.9 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#150, N#79405
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Fennec-fox
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 150. 10 pesetas / 50 centimes «Fennec-fox» 2006 unusual coin

	Face value	25 pesetas / 1 ¼ dirham
	Year	2006
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	6.3 g
	Diameter	27.1 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#151, N#79406
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Lappet-faced vulture
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 151. 25 pesetas / 1 ¼ dirham «Vulture» 2006 unusual coin

Design of 10 and 25 pesetas unusual coins features drawings of animals and birds from Multimedia Animals Encyclopedia (MAE) by Applied Optical Media (USA).



Fig. 150.1. Fennec-fox (MAE, 1994)



Fig. 151.1. Lappet-faced vulture (MAE, 1994)

	Face value	50 pesetas / 2 ½ dirhams
	Year	2006
	Composition	aluminium
	Weight	9.9 g
	Diameter	34.9 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#152, N#27167
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Tuaregs on camels
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 152. 50 pesetas / 2 ½ dirham «Tuaregs» 2006 unusual coin

Design of 50 pesetas unusual coin is supposedly based on photos by Austrian travel photographer and writer Manfred Schweda⁹³.

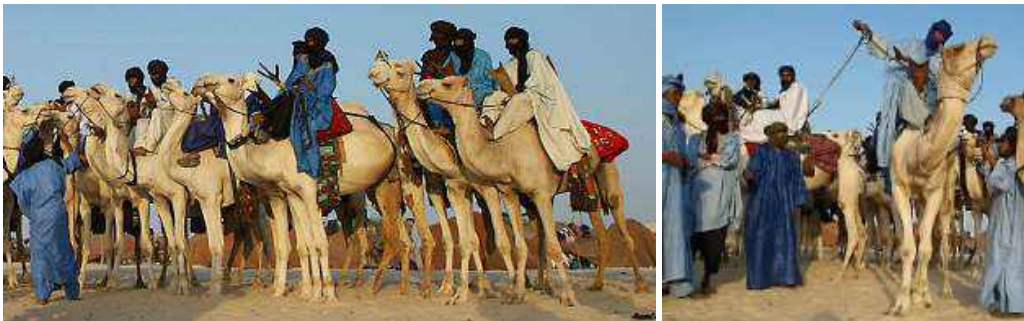


Fig. 152.1. Tuaregs in Essakan, Mali (Manfred Shweda, January 2006)

⁹³ See <https://thisfabtrek.com/journey/africa/mali/20060116-essakane-more.php> (date of access – 15.12.2023). The author of the photos did not agree its use in design of unusual coins.

	Face value	100 pesetas / 5 dirhams
	Year	2006
	Composition	copper-nickel
	Weight	12.7 g
	Diameter	33.0 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#153, N#79408
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Gerrab ⁹⁴
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 153. 100 pesetas / 5 dirhams «Gerrab» 2006 unusual coin

Design of 100 and 200 pesetas unusual coins features photos by Belgian travel photographer and web designer Hans Rossel⁹⁵.



Fig. 153.1. Gerrab from Marrakesh, Morocco (Hans Rossel, August 2005)



Fig. 154.1. Old man with pipe against the background of the Atlas Mountains, Morocco (Hans Rossel, 2000-05)

⁹⁴ Gerrab (tagarrabt, in Arabic) is a water carrier in Morocco. Gerrab wears a red djellaba (long robe), a large ornate hat with tassels, a goatskin bag with cold fresh water, copper mugs for supplying water, as well as a bell to attract the attention of passers-by.

⁹⁵ See <https://www.hansrossel.com/photos/morocco-pictures-images/index.htm> (date of access – 15.11.2023). The author of the photos did not agree its use in design of unusual coins.

	Face value	200 pesetas / 10 dirhams
	Year	2006
	Composition	copper-nickel, brass
	Weight	12.8-13.1 g
	Diameter	26.1 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#154, N#79409
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Old man with pipe
	Edge	smooth
	Estimate	C

Fig. 154. 200 pesetas / 10 dirhams «Old man with pipe» 2006 unusual coin



Fig. 154.2. Example of electroplating shift on 200 pesetas 2006 unusual coin

	Face value	500 pesetas / 25 dirhams
	Year	2006
	Composition	brass
	Weight	12.1 g
	Diameter	22.1 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Mint	n.a. (CM)
	Number	A-ESH#155, N#15507
	Obverse	Palm tree
	Reverse	Moroccan Riad ⁹⁶
	Edge	reeded
	Estimate	C

Fig. 155. 500 pesetas / 25 dirhams «Moroccan Riad» 2006 unusual coin



Fig. 155.1. Traditional courtyard (Riad Maison Belbaraka Hotel in Marrakesh, Morocco, 2022)

⁹⁶ The riad is a traditional oriental mansion with a courtyard surrounded by balconies.

2013-2015

In 2013, a series of 6 souvenir banknotes under the name of non-existent Bank of Cape Dakhla⁹⁷ appeared on sale. Numerator with an eight-digit serial number without letters was used.

In 2015, souvenir banknotes of the same design were issued, but on gray paper and with slightly different sizes. In addition, a machine numerator with a serial number of letters AA and six digits was used.

Design of souvenir banknotes features publicly available photos of tropical fish that live in the Indo-Pacific region of the world Ocean, and have nothing in common with Western Sahara. «Flocks» of fish depicted should not mislead: the same photo of one fish is depicted several times, but in a reduced or reduced and reflected horizontally form.

Souvenir banknotes are not a legal tender, and have been never used in a monetary circulation within territory of Western Sahara or Morocco.

⁹⁷ El Banco de Cabo Dakhla (in Spanish).

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	no date (2013)
	Size	137 * 62 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B1.1
	Obverse	Yellow, Green. Lined surgeonfish
	Reverse	Yellow, Green. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 156.1. 500 pesetas «Fish. Lined surgeonfish» 2013 souvenir banknote

	Face value	500 pesetas
	Year	no date (2015)
	Size	127 * 58 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B1.2
	Obverse	Yellow, Green. Lined surgeonfish
	Reverse	Yellow, Green. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 156.2. 500 pesetas «Fish. Lined surgeonfish» 2015 souvenir banknote

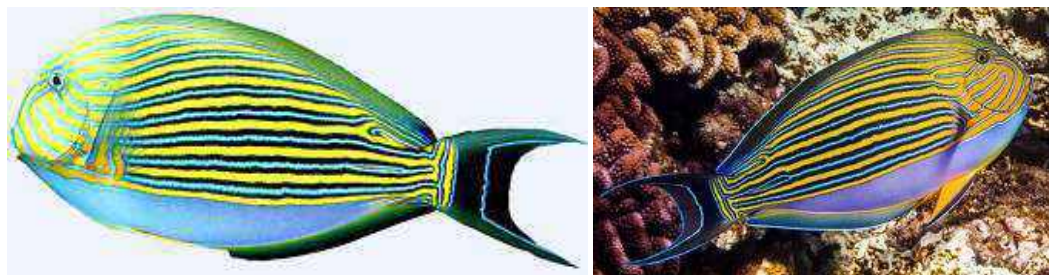


Fig. 156.3. Lined surgeonfish (*Acanthurus lineatus*)

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2013)
	Size	137 * 62 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B2.1
	Obverse	Yellow. Butterflyfish
	Reverse	Yellow. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 157.1. 1 000 pesetas «Fish. Copperband butterflyfish» 2013 souvenir banknote

	Face value	1 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2015)
	Size	131 * 61 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B2.2
	Obverse	Yellow. Butterflyfish
	Reverse	Yellow. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 157.2. 1 000 pesetas «Fish. Copperband butterflyfish» 2015 souvenir banknote



Fig. 157.3. Copperband butterflyfish (*Chelmon rostratus*)

	Face value	5 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2013)
	Size	141 * 63 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B3.1
	Obverse	Yellow, Brown. Clown triggerfish
	Reverse	Yellow, Brown. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 158.1. 5 000 pesetas «Fish. Clown triggerfish» 2013 souvenir banknote

	Face value	5 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2015)
	Size	137 * 63 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B3.2
	Obverse	Yellow, Brown. Clown triggerfish
	Reverse	Yellow, Brown. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 158.2. 5 000 pesetas «Fish. Clown triggerfish» 2015 souvenir banknote



Fig. 158.3. Clown triggerfish (*Balistoides conspicillum*)

	Face value	10 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2013)
	Size	141 * 63 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B4.1
	Obverse	Green, Orange. Flame angelfish
	Reverse	Green, Orange. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 159.1. 10 000 pesetas «Fish. Flame angelfish» 2013 souvenir banknote

	Face value	10 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2015)
	Size	140 * 64 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B4.2
	Obverse	Green, Orange. Flame angelfish
	Reverse	Green, Orange. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 159.2. 10 000 pesetas «Fish. Flame angelfish» 2015 souvenir banknote

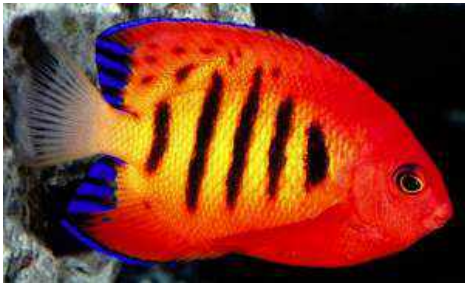


Fig. 159.3. Flame angelfish (Centropyge loricula)

	Face value	50 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2013)
	Size	152 * 70 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B5.1
	Obverse	Green, Blue. Surgeonfish
	Reverse	Green, Blue. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 160.1. 50 000 pesetas «Fish. Powder-blue surgeonfish» 2013 souvenir banknote

	Face value	50 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2015)
	Size	147 * 68 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B5.2
	Obverse	Green, Blue. Surgeonfish
	Reverse	Green, Blue. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 160.2. 50 000 pesetas «Fish. Powder-blue surgeonfish» 2015 souvenir banknote

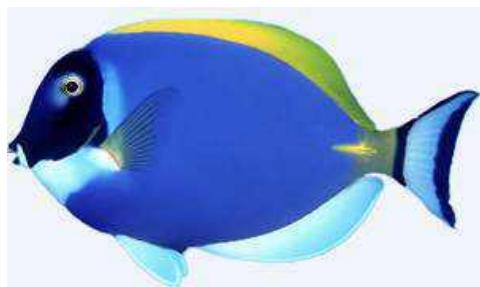


Fig. 160.3. Powder-blue surgeonfish (*Acanthurus leucosternon*)

	Face value	100 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2013)
	Size	152 * 70 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B6.1
	Obverse	Yellow, blue. Royal angelfish
	Reverse	Yellow, blue. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 161.1. 100 000 pesetas «Fish. Royal angelfish» 2013 souvenir banknote

	Face value	100 000 pesetas
	Year	no date (2015)
	Size	152 * 70 mm
	Mintage	n.a.
	Printer	n.a.
	Number	A-ESH#B6.2
	Obverse	Yellow, Blue. Royal angelfish
	Reverse	Yellow, Blue. Stylized flower
	Estimate	C

Fig. 161.2. 100 000 pesetas «Fish. Royal angelfish» 2015 souvenir banknote



Fig. 161.3. Royal angelfish (*Pygoplites diacanthus*)

AFTERWORD

The SADR economy still stays in its infancy. Thus people of Western Sahara need to make an effort to develop their own independent monetary system.



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