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TANGANYIKA (Mafia Island), 1915, July.

15 Heller, ultramarine of German East Africa, handstamped G.R. Post 6 Cents Mafia in black, var. overprint sideways, S.G. M14 (var.), Gibbs 22 (var.), unused without gum, is in my opinion genuine. The stamp shows the "S" of Cents at left from the adjacent stamp where it was handstamped normally. The stamp is almost certainly from the Bute Collection, lot 372, the colour is washed and it has no gum due to its exposure to moisture when the safe deposit in London was bombed in 1941, most of Bute's stamps were affected in this way.



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The Committee is of the opinion that the

Mafia Island 1915 (May) bc. on 15h.
ultramarine of German East Africa
Yacht type, handstamped "G. R. - POST -
6 CENTS - MAFFIA" in black (vertically,
reading up) and 'S' of 'CENTS' at left
from the adjoining stamp (S.G. M14
Variety) unused without gum is
genuine. Affected by moisture.
Ex. Bute.



David Brandon
Stamp