

Italian Somaliland

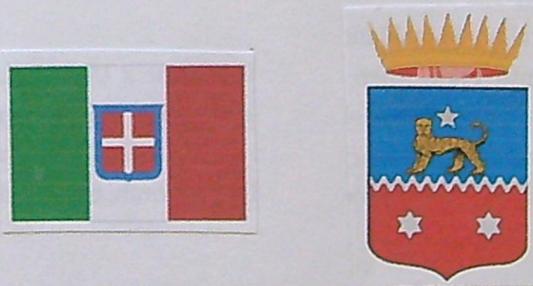
The colonial period 1880s-1936

In the 1880s, Italy joined other European powers in the 'scramble for Africa' through a series of treaties with local rulers in the centre and north of present day Somalia. These recognised the Italian presence but gave the Italians no effective control there. They also concluded an agreement with the Sultan of Zanzibar ceding them control of the Benadir coast, centred on Mogadishu and parts of the south. A border was agreed between the UK and Italy in 1894, leaving the UK in control of the Kismayu area as far as the Juba River.

In the early days Italian influence was in practice confined to the Benadir coast, initially operating by a Company under charter but given colonial status in 1905. This remained the case until the early 1920s. Early stamp issues were accordingly inscribed Benadir, with 'Somalia Italiana' not making an appearance until after the First World War, and then only in overprints on Italian issues. The local currency at this period hovered uncertainly between annas and rupees, as further south in BEA, switching to cents and Lira in 1906, reverting to besa and rupees in 1923 before finally adopting the Italian currency in 1926.

The Kismayu area - 'Oltre Giuba' - was transferred from British to Italian control in 1925, in recognition of Italian participation on the allied side in the First World War. The new border was delineated by my great uncle - the Clifford Line. Initially the postal administrations remained separate, but were unified in late 1926.

From the late 1920s, Italian colonisation accelerated, moving from a handful of administrators to a community 50,000 strong by 1935 - still however largely concentrated in a few coastal areas. In June 1936, following the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, Somaliland was incorporated into the new Italian East Africa. This remained the case until defeated by the Allies in Eastern Africa in mid-1941, and a British Military Administration established.



Flag and Coat of Arms of the colony

Italian Somaliland

October 1903

First issue, inscribed BENADIR with currency in annas



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First issue, inscribed BENADIR with currency in annas

MOGADISCIO

The capital of Somalia, and centre of administration during the Italian period.



27 November 1905 card franked at the 1 anna rate, addressed to Adi Ugro in Eritrea. Massawa transit stamp and Adi Ugro arrival mark dated 18 December. It was presumably carried by an Italian vessel by sea as far as Massawa, but still took three weeks to make the relatively short journey

Italian Somaliland

December 1905

Surcharges in Italian currency

Italian currency was introduced at the very end of 1905. As an emergency measure pending the arrival of the new series, small quantities of the top two values were surcharged with the single internal and foreign rates at the offices of the Zanzibar Gazette



Signed L.Gazzi & B.Oliva

Italian Somaliland

1906-7 (plus 20c value, issued in 1916) Italian currency

'Benadir' issue of 1903, surcharged at the base with new values in centesimi (C) and Lira, but with original denominations in annas not obliterated



Italian Somaliland

1906-7 (plus 20c value, issued in 1916) Italian currency

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Italian Somaliland

1906 -16 (20c value)

1903 series surcharged at foot in Italian currency



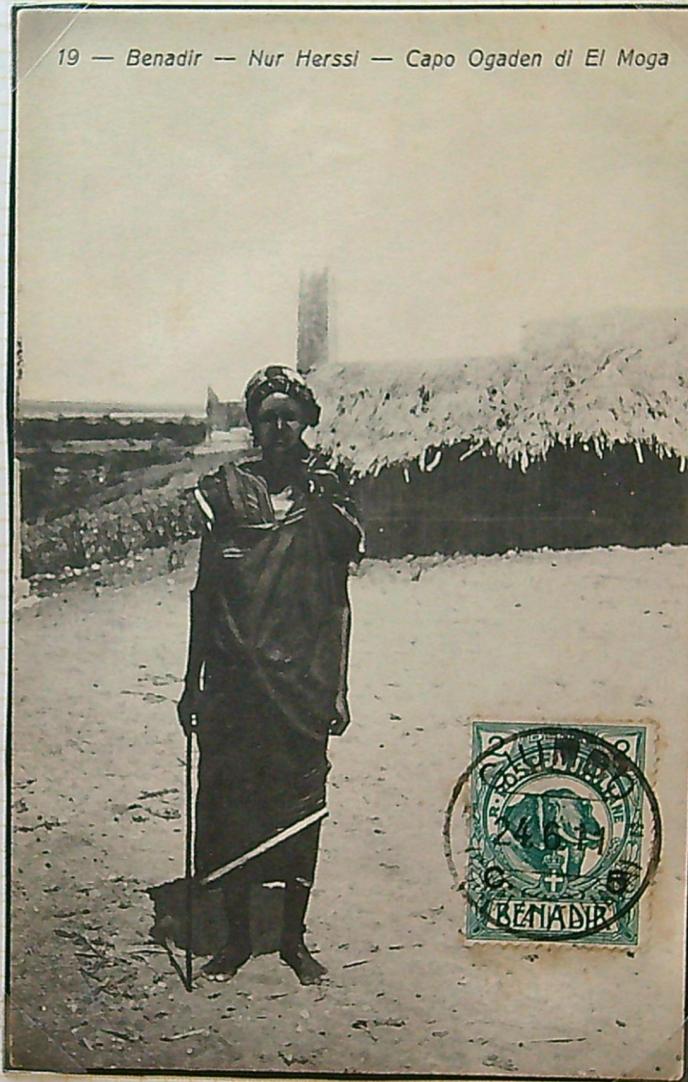
Italian Somaliland

1906 -16 (20c value)

1903 series surcharged at foot in Italian currency

GIUMBO

A coastal settlement just east of the mouth of the Juba River, which at that period marked the border with British East Africa



*June 1911 postcard to Rome, franked 5c on the picture side, representing the single
'Italian area' postcard rate*

Italian Somaliland

1906-7

Benadir series surcharged in Italian currency

MOGADISCIO

The capital of Somalia, and centre of administration during the Italian period.



December 1912 registered postcard to Milan, franked 15 centesimi, representing 5c for the card with greetings but no substantive message plus 10c registration fee.

Italian Somaliland

1906-7

Benadir series surcharged in Italian currency

GELIB GIUBA

An inland settlement on the Juba (Giuba) River, representing a border post on what was then the frontier with British East Africa



March 1913 picture postcard to Milan, with substantive message, franked at the 10 centesimi normal postcard rate

Italian Somaliland

1906-7

Benadir series surcharged in Italian currency

MERCA

A fishing village on the coast south of Mogadishu



July 1909 picture postcard to Rome, featuring a Merca village scene and franked at the 5 centesimi rate for greetings cards with no substantive message

Italian Somaliland

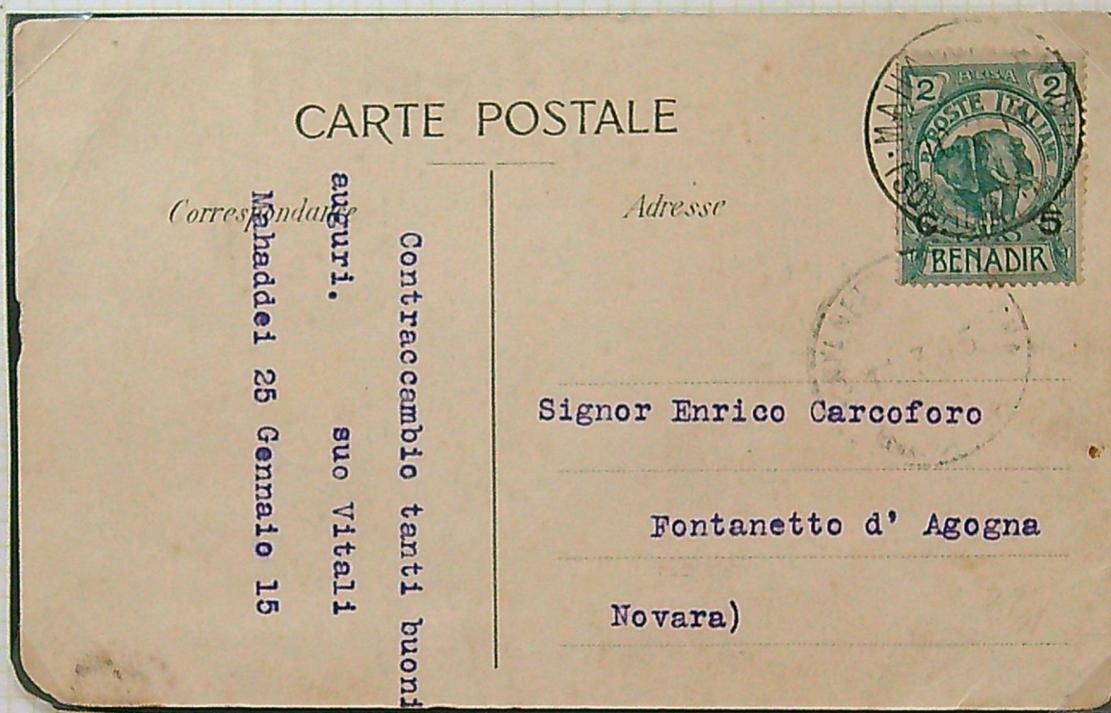
1906-7

Benadir series surcharged in Italian currency

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MAHADDEI UEN

A settlement on the Webi Shebelle river directly north of Mogadishu



January 1915 picture postcard to Novara, franked at the 5 centesimi rate for greetings cards with no substantive message

Italian Somaliland

1906-7

Benadir series surcharged in Italian currency

UEGIT (WAJID) //

A settlement near the Ethiopian border north west of Mogadishu



January 1921 merchant's cover in local script addressed to Mogadiscio, and franked at the 15c rate. Ink smudge affects one stamp but extremely rare. Biondi certificate

Italian Somaliland

April 1916

'Benadir' series values surcharged locally at Mogadishu

In 1916 the single letter rate was raised from 15c to 20c. These stamps were produced as an emergency measure, by surcharging the two least-used values of the 1906-7 series to bridge the gap while awaiting a supply of the new 20c value from Italy.



Two examples on piece from Bulo Burti, an inland settlement on the Webi Shebelle river, some 150 kms north of Mogadishu.

Italian Somaliland

April 1916

'Benadir' series values surcharged locally at Mogadishu

BARDERA

An agricultural settlement on the Juba (Giuba) River, north of Kismayu and approximately on a level with Mogadishu



August 1916 cover to Mogadiscio, franked at the new internal rate of 20c using one of the interim surcharge values to pay the postage, Signed Biondi

Italian Somaliland

1916

Red Cross: Italian series overprinted SOMALIA



April 1922

Victory: Italian stamps overprinted and surcharged in besa



Italian Somaliland

February 1922

Reversion to Rupie-based currency: 100 besa = 1 rupia

Interim issue, New printings of 'Benadir' issues surcharged with new values in Italian currency and in besa.



Italian Somaliland

July 1923

Reversion to Rupie-based currency: 100 besa = 1 rupia

'Benadir' issues from 1907 onwards, with denominations in Italian currency obliterated with bars and surcharged with new values in besa and rupia



Italian Somaliland

July 1923

Reversion to Rupie-based currency: 100 besa = 1 rupia

'Benadir' issues from 1907 onwards, with denominations in Italian currency obliterated with bars and surcharged with new values in besa and rupia



Italian Somaliland

October 1923

'March on Rome' : Italian stamps overprinted



Italian Somaliland

October 1923

'Propaganda Fide'

Italian stamps overprinted and surcharged



Italian Somaliland

1923

Manzoni commemoration

Italian stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA in red and surcharged with new values in besa & rupie



Italian Somaliland

June 1925

Holy Year

Italian stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA and surcharged in new currency



Italian Somaliland

June 1925-26

King's Silver Jubilee

Italian stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA in black

Perforation 11



1L.25
(very rare)



60c

Perforation 13 1/2



Italian Somaliland

March 1926

Introduction of Italian currency

'Benadir' issues from 1907 onwards, with old denominations obliterated with bars and surcharged with new values in centesimi (C) and Lira (L)



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Italian Somaliland

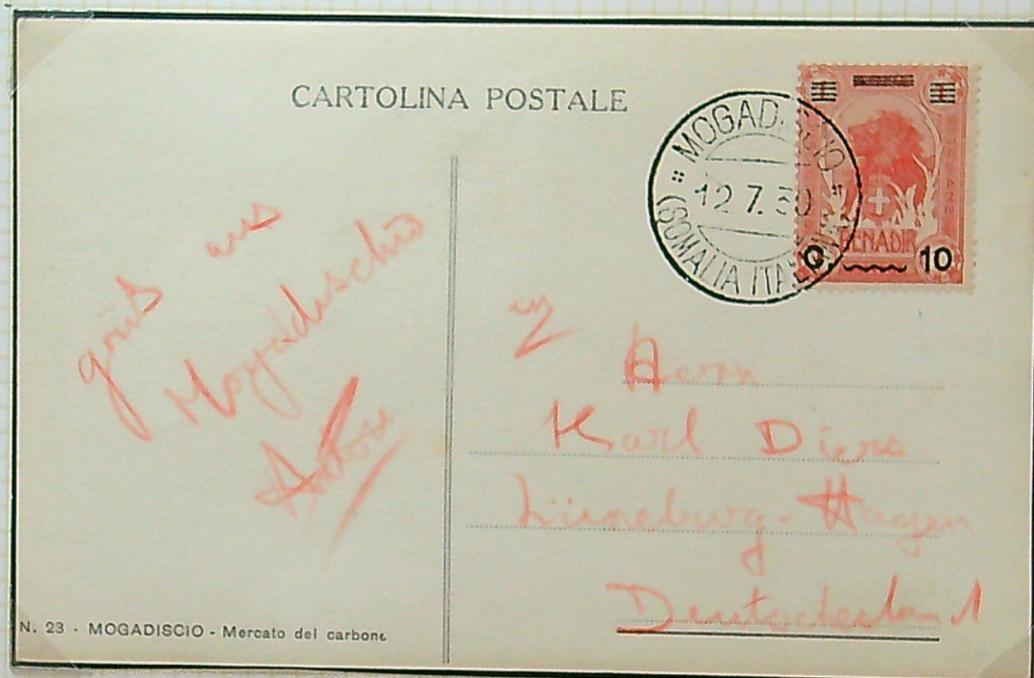
March 1926

Re-introduction of Italian currency

'Benadir' values surcharged, with the old denominations obliterated with bars

MOGADISCIO

The capital of Somalia, and centre of administration during the Italian period.



July 1930 postcard to Germany, franked 10 centesimi, representing the international rate for a card with greetings but no substantive message.

Italian Somaliland

March 1926

Re-introduction of Italian currency

'Benadir' values surcharged, with the old denominations obliterated with bars

(RAS) HAFUN

A coastal settlement, on a headland in the far north-east of the country

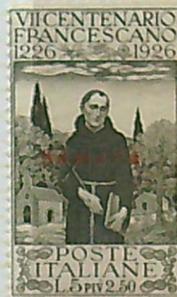


October 1927 postcard to Emilia, franked 20 centesimi, representing the international postcard rate

Italian Somaliland

April 1926

St Francis: Italian stamps overprinted



Italian Somaliland

April 1926

St. Francis: Italian stamps overprinted

LUGH (LUUQ)

One of the oldest settlements in Somalia, on the Juba River near the Ethiopian border, north west of Mogadishu



June 1927 registered cover, cut down at right, to Mogadishu, franked 1L85, including a pair of the 40c value from this series

Italian Somaliland

June 1926

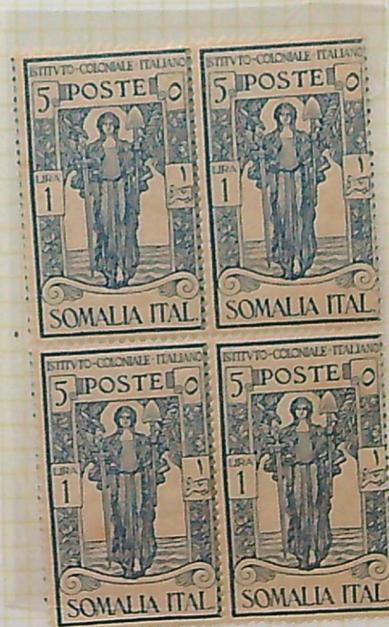
Colonial institute charity series



Italian Somaliland

June 1926

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Colonial Institute charity series



Italian Somaliland

1926-1930 Italian stamps showing a portrait of King Victor Emmanuel III (the 'floreale' series) overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA



Italian Somaliland

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Italian Somaliland

1926-1930

Italian King Victor Emmanuel III series overprinted

MOGADISIO (MOGADISHU)

The capital of Somalia, and centre of administration during the Italian period.



December 1929 card to Naples franked at the prevailing 30c international postcard rate, using a mixture of the 'floreale' and older Benadir series

Italian Somaliland

April 1927

Militia: first series Overprint in large capitals



Italian Somaliland

October 1927

Volta commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted

Somalia Italiana in black



October 1928

Societa Africana semi-postal series



Italian Somaliland

1928-30

Italian three-quarter face portrait values overprinted



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1931

Values from Italian 'Imperial' series overprinted



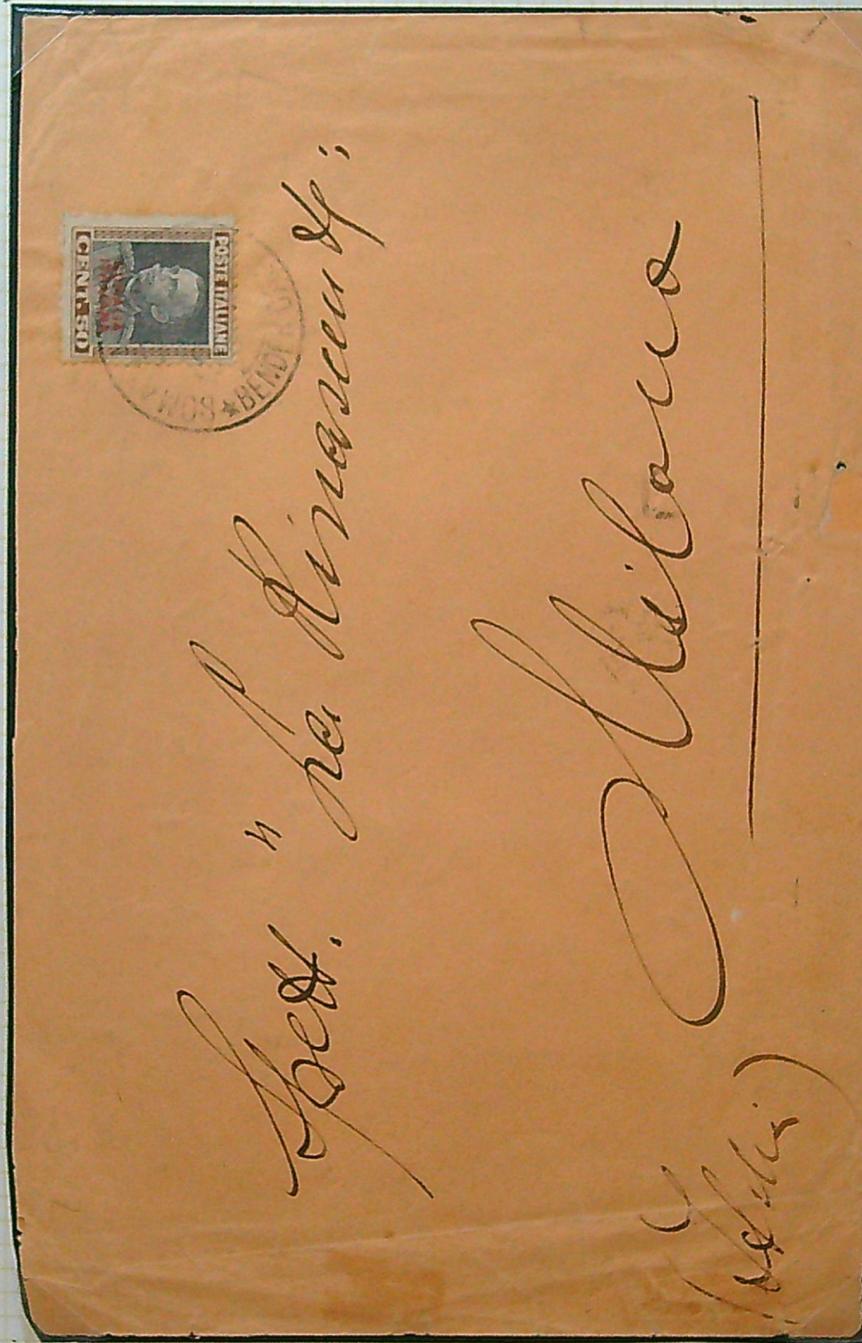
Italian Somaliland

1928-30

Italian three-quarter face portrait values overprinted

BENDER CASSIM

A coastal village on the Gulf of Aden close to the border with what was then British Somaliland



June 1930 cover to Milan, franked 50c using a stamp from the three-quarter face issue. 14 July
Milan arrival backstamp

Italian Somaliland

March 1929

Militia: second series

Overprint in smaller letters



Italian Somaliland

October 1929

1400th anniversary of the Monte Cassino monastery

Italian stamps overprinted Somalia Italiana in red or blue



March 1930

Royal Wedding: Italian series overprinted



Italian Somaliland

October 1929

Monte Cassino monastery: Italian stamps overprinted



March 1930

Royal wedding; Italian series overprinted



Italian Somaliland

July 1930

Ferrucci (Florentine warrior) commemoration. Italian series
overprinted

ANTA FRANC



Italian Somaliland

October 1930

Militia: third series

Overprint in smaller letters



Italian Somaliland

1930

2000th anniversary of the birth of Virgil

Italian series overprinted SOMALIA



Italian Somaliland

December 1930

Virgil commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted



Italian Somaliland

November 1930

Italian Colonial Agricultural Institute

SPECIMEN (Saggio)



Italian Somaliland

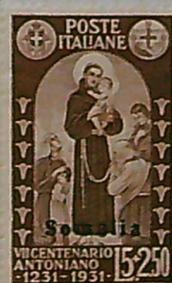
November 1930

Italian Colonial Agricultural Institute



May 1931

St Anthony: Italian stamps overprinted



Italian Somaliland

May 1931

St. Anthony commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted



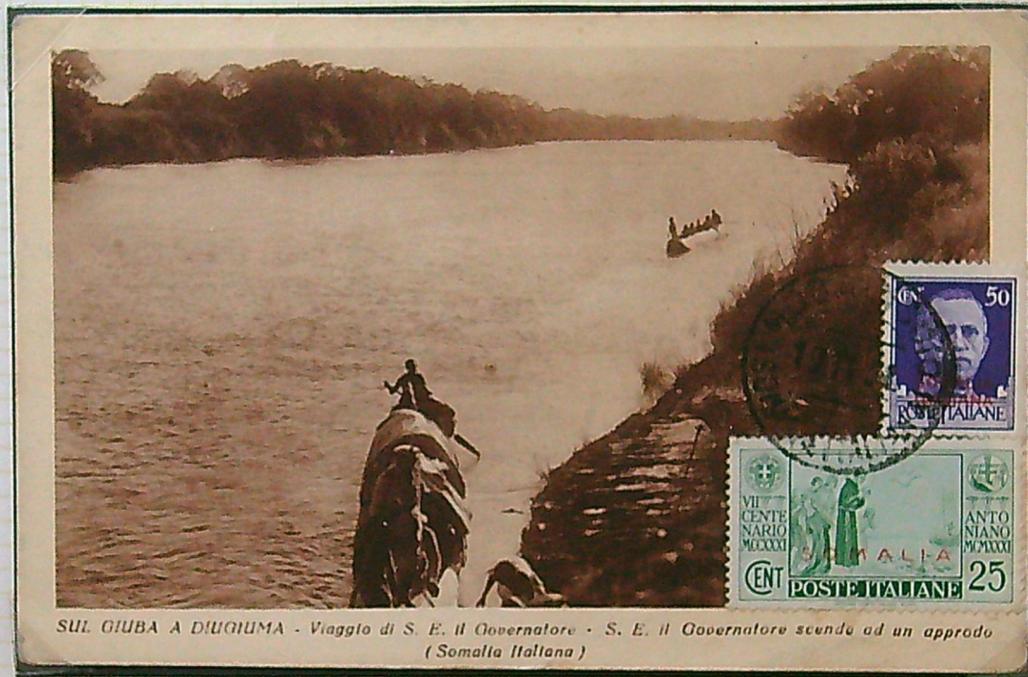
Italian Somaliland

May 1931

St Anthony commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted

MOGADISCIO

The capital of Somalia, and centre of administration during the Italian period.



November 1931 postcard to the UK, franked 75 centesimi, made up the 25c value from the St Anthony series and the 50c value from the 1931 'imperial' series

Italian Somaliland

1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12



Italian Somaliland

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1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12

The colour and thickness of the paper varies considerably in this issue. It would appear that later printings were more highly coloured and on yellower paper, giving a more contrasting effect. Examples are shown below.

From mid-1935 onwards the perforation was changed to 14, but the two were used concurrently until stocks of the stamps perforated 12 were exhausted. This series was also used alongside the stamps issued by the Italian authorities for use in Ethiopia, and examples after 1936 with Ethiopian postmarks are not rare



Italian Somaliland

1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12

MOGADISCHIO (MOGADISHU)



June 1935 cover sent internally to Baidoa and franked at the 50c single domestic letter rate

Italian Somaliland

1932

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 12

MILITARY POST OFFICES



November 1935 airmail cover to Bologna, postmarked Military P.O. no 98 - based at Mogadishu
- franked at the 2L50 double airmail rate

Italian Somaliland

1934

Duca degli Abruzzi (colonial governor) memorial issue:
values of 1932 issue in new colours and perf 14 overprinted



Italian Somaliland

May 1934

Memorial issue to commemorate the Duca degli Abruzzi (colonial governor).
Values from the 1932 series in new colours and perf 14 overprinted



Italian Somaliland

1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Ordinary postage series



Italian Somaliland

1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Airmail series



Italian Somaliland

October 1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Ordinary postage series



Italian Somaliland

October 1934

Colonial Art Exhibition, Naples

Airmail series



Italian Somaliland

November 1934 First non-stop flight from Rome to Mogadishu
Airmail series



Unmounted mint

November 1934

Rome-Mogadishu inaugural non-stop flight

25 lira commemorative stamp in the same design as the Italian commemorative series but with colour changed and inscribed Somalia, overprinted with a crown and SERVIZIO DI STATO in black



Sorani certificate (2006)

Italian Somaliland

January 1935

King's visit to Somalia



Italian Somaliland

January 1935

King's visit to Somalia



Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14



Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14



Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14



*Set (minus 20L value) signed Sorani and with Sorani certificate
25L value also with Carraro certificate*

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14



Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

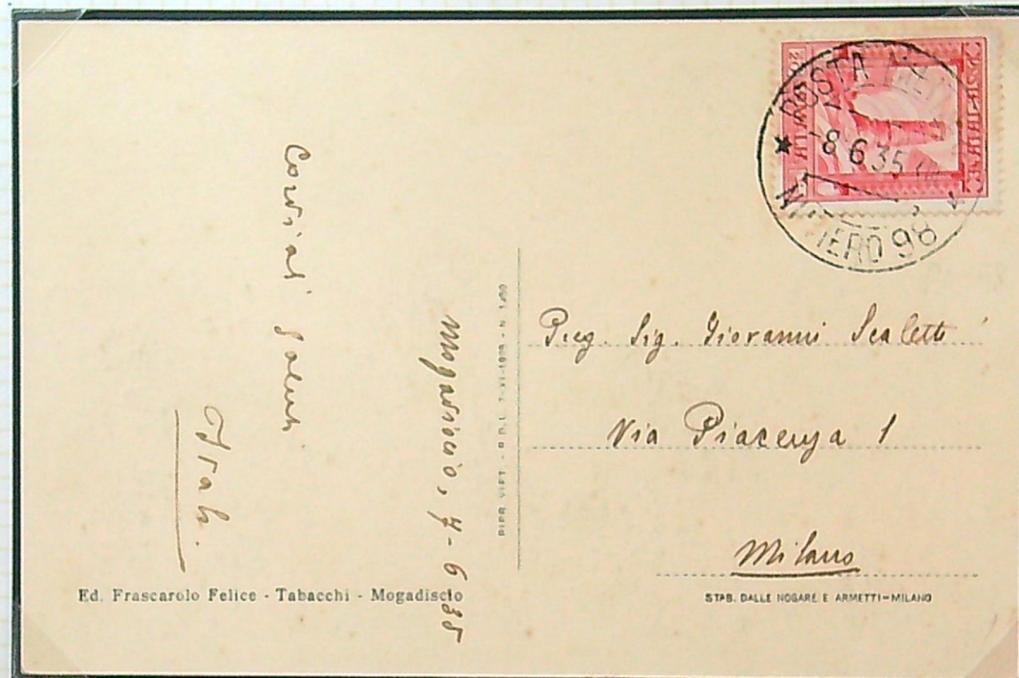


Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

MILITARY POST OFFICES



June 1935 card postmarked Military P.O. no 98 - based at Mogadishu - and sent at the 20c greetings card rate to Milan

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

MILITARY POST OFFICES



June 1936 card to Verona, postmarked Military P.O. no 1, franked 2 x 50c.

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

MOGADISCIO (MOGADISHU)



August 1936 airmail cover to Italy franked 1L60 using a combination of airmail and standard issue stamps - overfranked 10c.

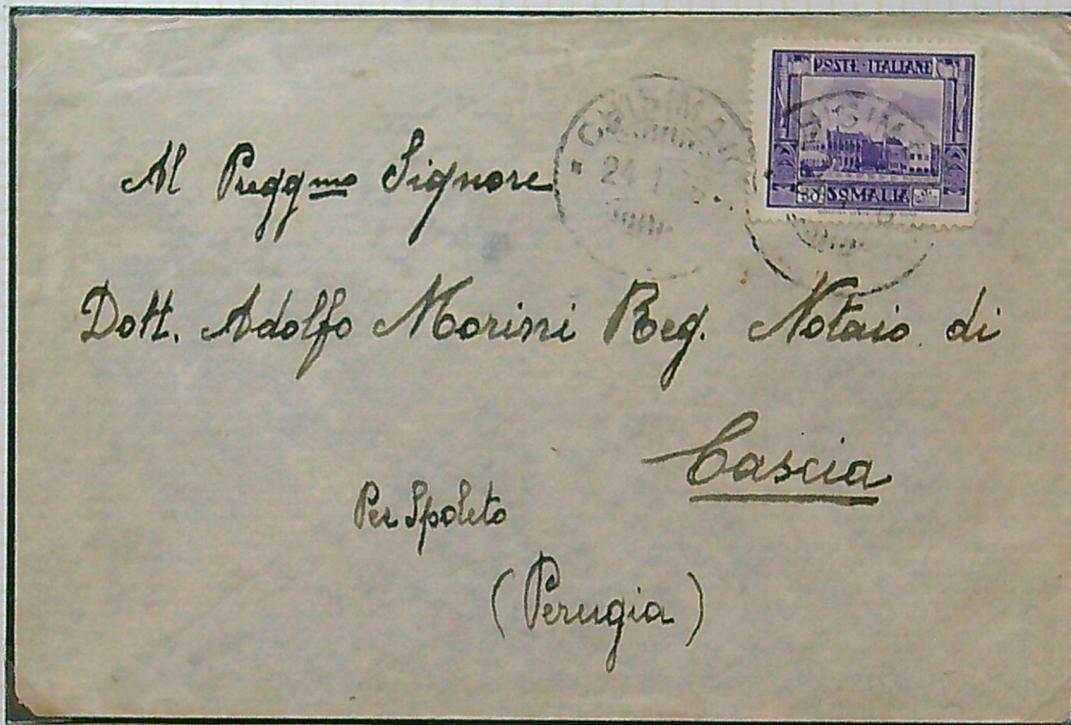
Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

CHISIMAIO (KISMAYU)

Port at the mouth of the Juba (Giuba) River, and main settlement in southern Somalia



January 1936 cover to Cascia (Perugia) franked at the 50c single surface rate

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

VILLAGGIO DUCA ABRUZZI

An agricultural settlement established on the Shebelle River north of Mogadishu by the Duca degli Abruzzi in 1920, becoming something of an agricultural showcase in the 1930s. Now known as Jowhar



Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

DOLO 40

A settlement in S.E. Ethiopia close to the border with Somalia and also Kenya. Taken by the Italian forces in late 1935, and subsequently incorporated by the Italians into Somalia. It was liberated by UK forces in early 1941, and remained under the control of the UK military administration until 1948, when it was returned to Ethiopian sovereignty



April 1938 cover from Dolo to Mogadishu, franked at the 1L75 single registered rate

S. J. & Sons

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

HARAR

A regional centre in northern Ethiopia with a predominantly muslim population. Although not formally under Italian control until 1937, Italian troops dominated the area from May 1936, and postal services were established as the present card shows. Harar was liberated by British KAR forces in March 1941



September 1936 card to Naples, franked at the 25 centesimi rate for a card with no substantive message.

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

GIGGICA (JIJIGA)

A town in northern Ethiopia in the Harar area. Traditionally a staging post for caravans between Harar and the coast, it was occupied by the Italian Army in May 1936, and liberated by British forces in March 1941. It remained under UK military administration until 1948, and then returned to Ethiopian sovereignty



June 1938 cover from Giggica to Ferrara in Italy, franked 60c. Despite the airmail marking, the rate at the time for airmail was 1L50, and this will have travelled by the surface route.

Italian Somaliland

1935-38

Pictorial definitive series: Perforation 14

SODDU

A settlement in south-central Ethiopia, captured by Italian forces in January 1937. Administered by them as a separate province (Galla e Sidama) rather than with Ethiopia or Somalia. Their garrison at Soddu surrendered to British forces in early 1941



29 October 1937 registered cover from the field hospital at Soddu to Potenza in Italy, with an arrival backstamp dated 12 December. Sent at the 1L50 surface registered rate

Italian Somaliland

May-August 1936

Airmail series



Unmounted mint

Italian Somaliland

May-August 1936

Airmail series

25c



60c



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Later printings were often in brighter shades

Italian Somaliland

1936

Airmail series

MOGADISCIO



October 1937 airmail cover from Mogadiscio to Firenze (Florence) franked at the 1L50 single airmail rate

1936

Airmail: regular series overprinted POSTA AEREA



Prepared but not issued. The need for them was doubtful given the issue in the same year of the regular airmail series. But possibly held as stock in reserve in case of shortages

Italian Somaliland

1936-40

Fiscal stamps used for postage

Following the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, and the subsequent fungibility between the various postal authorities for which they were responsible in Eastern Africa, different combinations including fiscal stamps were used to defray postage and accepted without question.

MOGADISCIO (MOGADISHU)



February 1936 airmail cover from Mogadishu to Italy, franked at the 1L50 single rate, made up by a combination of pictorial issue stamps and two values from the fiscal series

Italian Somaliland

EXPRESS STAMPS

July 1923

Italian stamps overprinted and surcharged in besa



June 1924

'Italia turrita' design; values in besa



October 1926

1924 series surcharged in Italian currency



February 1927 - 1940

1924 value surcharged LIRE 1,25



Perforation 14 (1940)

Perforation 11

Italian Somaliland

EXPRESS STAMPS

July 1923

Italian stamps overprinted and surcharged in besa



June 1924

'Italia turrita' design; values in besa



October 1926

1924 series surcharged in Italian currency



February 1927-1940

1924 value surcharged LIRE 1,25



Italian Somaliland

PARCEL STAMPS

1917-19

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA in black



Italian Somaliland

PARCEL STAMPS

February 1923

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted SOMALIA in black



1923

Italian parcel stamps overprinted SOMALIA ITALIANA in black, as the 1917-19 series, but with narrower spacing in ITALIANA



Diena certificate for the set (2007)

These stamps were never formally issued

Italian Somaliland

PARCEL STAMPS

1923

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted in black and surcharged with new values in Besa and Rupie



1926-31

Contemporary Italian issues showing the 'Knot of Savoy' at the centre overprinted in red, using wider spacing for ITALIANA



5c and 10c values signed Raybaudi and with his certificate (1997)

These stamps were never formally issued



Apparently used halves of values from this issue. They are not obviously forged, and low values would not normally attract a forger's attention. Halves in general are not widely collected other than attached to documents. So were a few issued alongside the otherwise similar set from the same period with narrower spacing?

Italian Somaliland

PARCEL STAMPS

1926 - 31

Contemporary Italian issues, showing the 'Knot of Savoy' at the centre overprinted in red with very narrow spacing in ITALIANA



10 L.

12 L.

15 L.

20 L.

The values to 4 lira were issued in 1926, alongside the higher values overprinted in black.
The higher values overprinted in red were issued in 1931

Italian Somaliland

PARCEL STAMPS

March 1926

Contemporary Italian issues showing the 'Knot of Savoy' at the centre
overprinted in black, with narrower spacing in ITALIANA



Used set signed Biondi and with his certificate

January 1930

Italian issues with 'Fasces' at the centre, overprinted as the 1928-41 series,
with wider spacing in ITALIANA, but in red

November 1931

Italian issues with 'Fasces' at the centre, overprinted in black, with narrower
spacing in ITALIANA



1928-41

'Fasces' series. Overprint in black

BOLLI VALE LIRE 10



CIALI



Italian Somaliland

PARCEL STAMPS

1928-41

'Fasces' series. Overprint in black



Raybaudi certificate for the set ex the 50c (2007);

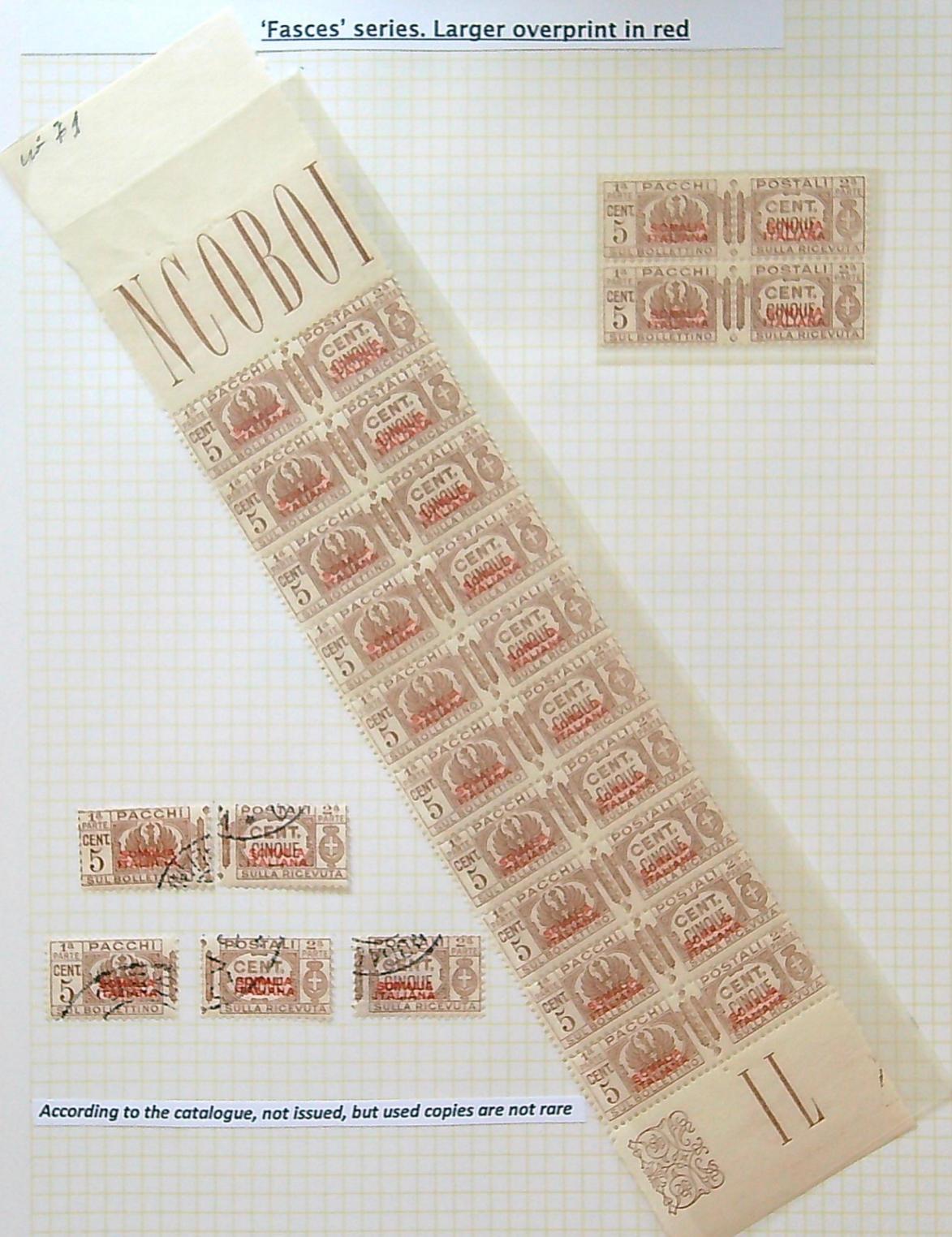
Oliva certificate for the 1L & 2L values (1976)

Italian Somaliland

December 1937

PARCEL STAMPS

'Fasces' series. Larger overprint in red



Italian Somaliland

1909

POSTAGE DUE

Figures of value in reddish-purple. Overprint at top



Italian Somaliland

October 1920

POSTAGE DUE

Figures of value in reddish-purple. Overprint below value



Italian Somaliland

July 1923

POSTAGE DUE

Figures of value in black. Currency in besa and rupia



Italian Somaliland

March 1926

POSTAGE DUE

Reintroduction of Italian currency

Contemporary Italian Postage Due stamps, with value in black, overprinted
SOMALIA ITALIANA



Italian Somaliland

May 1934

POSTAGE DUE

Italian values in new design overprinted



Oltre Giuba

The transition period 1925-26

In 1924, an Anglo-Italian Treaty provided for the transfer of a piece of territory to the west of the Juba river (Oltre Giuba, or Trans-Juba in Italian) from British to Italian control, in recognition of Italian participation on the Allied side in the First World War. The treaty was ratified in early 1925 and the transfer took place on 29 June that year. Initially the Italians administered it as a separate territory, but exactly one year later it was absorbed into Italian Somaliland.

The area included the coastal port of Kismayu (Chismaio) at the mouth of the Juba River, but was otherwise mostly arid scrub. It was not a hard decision for the British authorities. It was a lawless area, marked by feuding between rival nomadic Somali clans. It took resources and a military presence to maintain some semblance of control. My grandfather was briefly part of a campaign there as a young military officer on the eve of the First World war. It was a distraction from the Colonial Office wish to develop Kenya and make it financially self-sufficient.

The new border was delineated in detail only after the transfer had taken place, by the Jubaland Boundary Commission of which the Assistant Commissioner was my great uncle (then Captain) E.H.M.Clifford. The boundary line still bears his name - the Clifford Line.

The first stamps under Italian administration were issued to coincide with the transfer of control on 29 June 1925. No further issues were made following the incorporation of the territory into Somalia a year later, but Oltre Giuba stamps remained valid for postage until 1 September that year. There were five post offices in operation at the period, but in reality almost all postal activity was restricted to the small foreign community based in Chismaio.



Oltre Giuba

29 June 1925 Contemporary Italian stamps overprinted OLTRE GIUBA in black



June 1926

Additional values overprinted in larger type



Oltre Giuba

October 1925 Additional 'side-face' portrait values overprinted in larger type



November 1925-26 King's Jubilee: Italian series overprinted in larger type

Perforation 11



Perforation 13 1/2



Oltre Giuba

29 June 1925 Contemporary Italian stamps overprinted OLTRE GIUBA in black



June 1926

Additional values overprinted in larger type

Oltre Giuba

October 1925 Additional 'side-face' portrait values overprinted in larger type



November 1925-26

King's Jubilee: Italian series overprinted in larger type

Perforation 11

Perforation 11

Perforation 13 1/2



Oltre Giuba

12 April 1926

St. Francis commemoration: Italian stamps overprinted



Oltre Giuba

21 April 1926

'Map' series showing Oltre Giuba



1 June 1926



1926Italian express postage stamps overprinted OLTRE GIUBA in black

29 June 1925

Contemporary Italian parcel stamps overprinted OLTRE GIUBA in black



Oltre Giuba

29 June 1925

POSTAGE DUE

Contemporary Italian Postage Due stamps, with value in red, overprinted
OLTRE GIUBA at foot



Somalia

April 1950

Definitive series: Somali scenes



Express postage values



Somalia

April 1950

Definitive series: Somali scenes



Express postage values



Somalia

April 1950

Definitive series: Somali scenes



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December 1953 cover to Rappallo (Genoa), sent at the 1s20c single airmail rate;
franked using a mixture of regular postage and stamps

March 1954 internal cover sent within Mogadishu, franked 25 centesimi

Somalia

1950-51

Airmail series



Somalia

1950-51

Airmail series



Somalia

October 1951

Inauguration of Consultative Council



Airmail values

September 1952

First Somali Trade Fair



Airmail value

May 1953

Anti TB campaign



Airmail value

Somalia

October 1951

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May 1953

Anti TB campaign



Airmail value

Somalia

September 1953

Second Somali Trade Fair



Airmail values

December 1953

50th anniversary of first stamp issue



Airmail values

December 1953

UPU anniversary



Airmail values

Somalia

September 1953

Second Somali Trade Fair



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Airmail values

Somalia

December 1953

U.P.U. anniversary



January 1954 cover to Rappallo franked at the 1s20c single airmail rate,
using the relevant value from the U.P.U. commemorative series

Somalia

June 1954

Leprosy care in Somalia



October 1954

Inauguration of the Somali Flag



Airmail value

September 1955

Third Somali Trade Fair



Airmail values

Somalia

June 1954

Leprosy care in Somalia



Airmail values

October 1954

Inauguration of the Somalia Flag



Airmail value

September 1955

Third Somali Trade Fair



Airmail values

Somalia

February 1955-59

Definitive series: Somali flowers

(i) Initial printing: watermark double broken circle



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Express postage values

Somalia

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Definitive series: Somali flowers

(i) Initial printing: watermark double broken circle



Express postage values

Somalia

February 1955-59

Definitive series: Somali flowers

- Initial printing: watermark double broken circle



December 1958 unsealed cover addressed to the Administrator (ie Governor) of Somalia, franked at the local unsealed 10 cents rate

Somalia

February 1955-59

Definitive series: Somali flowers

(ii)

Subsequent printings: watermark star



DIREZIONE POSTE E TELEGRAFI
MOGADISCIO

Valori per posta ordinaria
integrativi della serie "Fiori,"



1. Giorno di emissione 25 Marzo 1958

Somalia

February 1955-59

Definitive series: Somali flowers

(ii) Subsequent printings: watermark star



DIREZIONE POSTE E TELEGRAFI
MOGADISIO

RISTAMPA DEI FRANCOBOLLI "SERIE FIORI," DA SO. 0.10 E 0.25
SU CARTA CON FILIGRANA FORMATA DA PICCOLE STELLE A CINQUE PUNTE



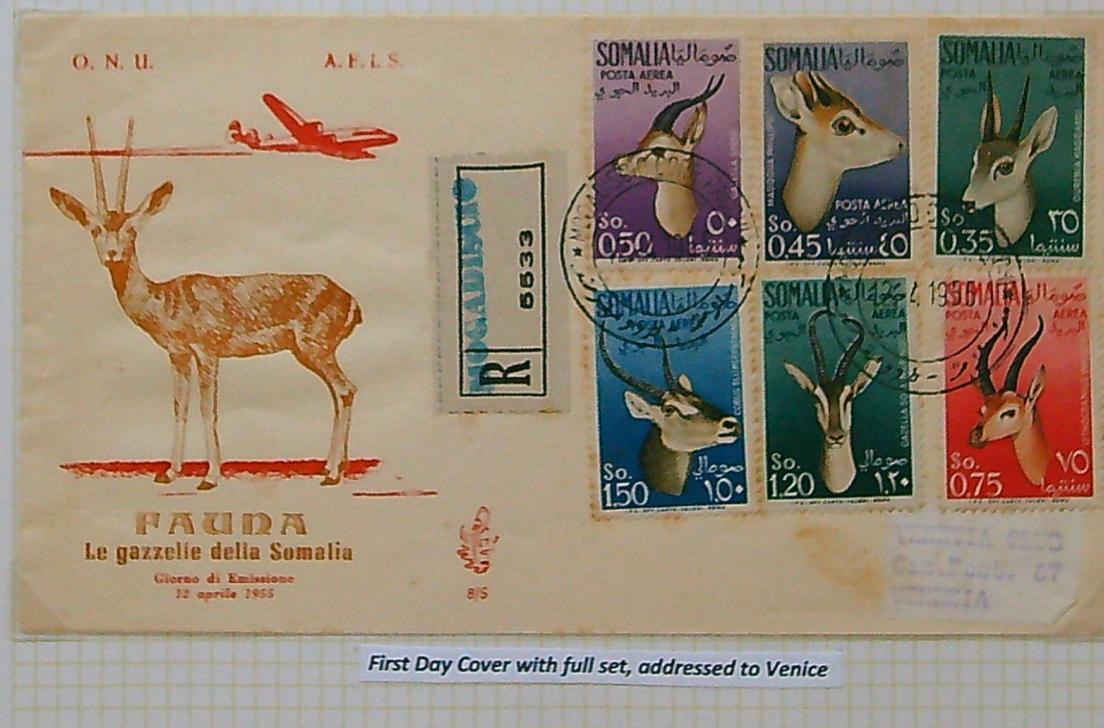
1° giorno di emissione

Somalia

April 1955-59

Gazelles of Somalia: Airmail series

(i) 1955 Initial series: watermark broken double circle



Somalia

April 1955-59

Gazelles of Somalia: Airmail series

(i) 1955 Initial series: watermark broken double circle



(ii) 1958-59 Additional values : watermark star



Somalia

April 1955 - 59

Gazelles of Somalia: Airmail series



18 March 1959 airmail cover from Mogadishu to Aden Camp, franked with two values from this series to make up the 80 cents single regional airmail rate

Somalia

April 1956

Inauguration of Legislative Assembly



Airmail values

May 1957

Adoption of new Coat of Arms



Airmail values

Somalia

April 1956

Inauguration of Legislative Assembly



Airmail values

May 1957

Adoption of new Coat of Arms



Airmail values

Somalia

September 1957

Fourth Somali Trade Fair



Airmail values

November 1957

Second anti TB campaign



Airmail values

Somalia

September 1957

Fourth Somali Trade Fair



November 1957

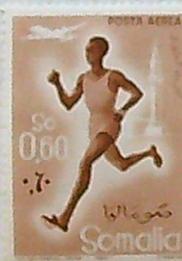
Second anti TB campaign



Somalia

April 1958

Sport



Airmail values

June 1959

Opening of the Constituent Assembly



Airmail value

Airmail value

Somalia

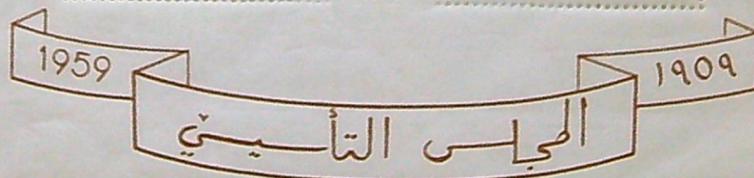
June 1959

Opening of the Constituent Assembly

Miniature sheet



ASSEMBLEA COSTITUENTE



4,50 So.

4,50

Somalia

September 1959

Birds of Somalia



Airmail values

September 1959

Fifth Somali Trade Fair



Airmail values

Somalia

September 1959

Birds of Somalia



September 1959

Fifth Somali Trade Fair



Somalia

January 1960

University inauguration



Airmail values

April 1960

World Refugee Year



Airmail value

Somalia

January 1960

University inauguration



April 1960

World Refugee Year



Somalia

May 1950

PARCEL STAMPS



SAGGIO (Specimen)



Somalia

May 1950

POSTAGE DUE



RAYBAUDI

EXPERTS

Roma, 20 maggio 1997

SOMALIA 1926-31, pacchi postali: 5 c. bruno e 10 c. azzurro della serie "Non emessi" con soprastampa rossa del I tipo (Sass. N. 43-44) nuovi.

A nostro parere gli esemplari qui sotto fotograficamente riprodotti hanno soprastampe originali e gomma integra. Poiché trovansi tuttora in ottimo stato di conservazione, sono stati firmati.

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DOGANE

SOMALIA ITALIANA - 1921 - Annullo Ugeit - P. R - 5 c. su 2 b. verde + 10 c. su 1 a. rosso bruno (Sass. 11/12) su busta.

Ho esaminato la busta affrancata per 15 c. da Ugeit a Mogadiscio del 12 Gennaio 1921 in tariffa per l'interno, qui sotto riprodotta. A mio parere, i francobolli con i loro rari annulli sono originali in ogni loro parte. Poiché è in ottimo stato di conservazione, l'ho siglata. *gbs*

Firenze 05.07.10



CARRARO

Milano, 22 Dicembre 2004

Colonie Italiane, Somalia 1935/38; "Pittorica", Lire 25 azzurro, dentellato 14 x 14. Nuovo con gomma. (Catalogo Sassone N° 230). Ho esaminato il francobollo sopra descritto, del quale è qui unita una riproduzione fotografica. A mio parere l'esemplare è originale, ha gomma originale ed è perfetto. L'ho siglato G.C. *****



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SOMALIA - 1926 - Pacchi d'Italia del 1914-22 con sovrastampa "SOMALIA ITALIANA" del II tipo la serie - (Sass.P.P.50/53) usati.

Ho esaminato gli esemplari, qui sotto riprodotti. A mio parere, i francobolli con i loro annulli e con le loro sovrastampe sono originali in ogni loro parte. Poiché sono in ottimo stato di conservazione, li ho siglati. *gbs*

Firenze 23.09.18



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SILVANO SORANI
VIA WASHINGTON, 74 - MILANO

29 maggio 2006.

SOMALIA ITALIANA: 1934 (5 novembre), Servizio aereo, Lire 25+2, carminio bruno, soprastampato "Servizio di Stato" e Corona, nuovo con gomma (Sass. N. 1).

Ho esaminato il francobollo sopra descritto del quale ho unito una riproduzione fotografica al presente Certificato.

A mio parere il francobollo è originale, ha gomma integra originale ed è perfetto e pertanto l'ho firmato. *****



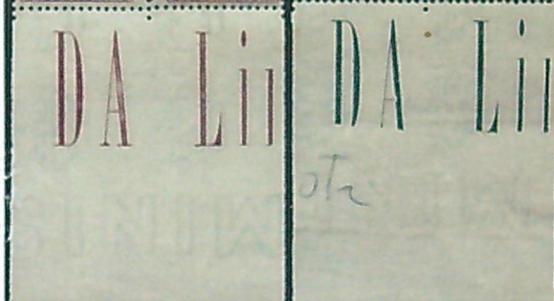
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SOMALIA 1928-41, pacchi postali: serie "fascio littorio" con soprastampa del I tipo
(Sass. e Unif. N. 54-55c-56-57, 59-65) nuova.

A nostro parere la serie qui sotto fotograficamente riprodotta ha soprastampe originali e gomma originale, integra. Poiché trovasi tuttora in ottimo stato di conservazione, data la sua rarità, è stata firmata per esteso.

Roma, 2 aprile 2007

Dorigi *C. M. Raybaudi*



SORANI

VIA WASHINGTON, 74 - MILANO

6 marzo 2007.

SOMALIA ITALIANA: 1937 (dicembre), Pittorica, 5; 7½; 10; 15; 20; 25; 30; 35; 50; 75 centesimi; Lire 1,25; 1,75; 2; 2,55; 5; 10; 25, dentellatura 14, diciassette valori nuovi con gomma (Sass. NN. 213/228; 230).

Abbiamo esaminato i diciassette francobolli sopra descritti dei quali abbiamo unito una riproduzione fotografica al presente Certificato.

A nostro parere i diciassette francobolli sono originali, hanno gomma originale e sono perfetti e pertanto sono stati firmati.*****



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Sorani

Bruno Savarese Oliva

PERITO FILATELICO

Genova, 22 ottobre 1976

SOMALIA - 1928-40 - Pacchi postali, 1 l. lilla bruno e 2 l. verde scuro, nuovi.

Ho esaminato gli esemplari sopra descritti, dei quali una riproduzione fotografica è unita al presente certificato.

A mio parere sono autentici, hanno gomma integra e soprastampe originali e sono privi di difetti occulti. Li ho firmati.

Bruno Savarese Oliva



Enzo Dinea snc
Via Crescenio 19, Roma

16 aprile 2007

Ho esaminato i cinque francobolli non emessi per pacchi postali di Somalia, 1923: 50 cent., 1, 2, 3 e 4 Lire (Cat.Sassone, Nn. 10/14), nuovi con gomma, di cui è qui unita una riproduzione fotografica. A mio parere, i cinque esemplari hanno soprastampate originali, gomma originale e sono perfetti: li ho siglati "RD". * * * * *

