



Where in the world are:
Mozambique Company, Nyassa and Lourenco Marques?
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Where in the world are Mozambique Company, Nyassa and Lourenco Marques? Well, if you guessed Africa you are correct! All of these are former Portuguese Colonies on the southeastern coast of Africa.

The Mozambique Company was a private company that by 50 year royal Portuguese charter acquired and exercised extensive rights in the Mozambique districts of Manica and Sofala between 1892 and 1942. The territory was under the direct control of the company until July 18, 1941. In 1942, the stamps of the Mozambique Company replaced by those issued directly by Portugal. During the time stamps were issued 207 regular issues, seven semi-postal, fifteen airmails, forty postage due one newspaper, and four postal tax stamps were issued.





Nyassa issued stamps between 1897 and 1929. The “county” was also administered by a private company under charter with the Portuguese Crown. In 1929, the Nyassa Company’s rights reverted to Portugal. This company governed a district in northwestern Mozambique. Between 1898 and 1921 a total of 125 different stamps were issued with an additional nine postage due, one newspaper, three postal tax stamps and three postal tax due stamps issued.



The stamps of both the Mozambique Company and Nyassa are widely collected with many depicting animal life from the region.

Lourenco Marques is a district in southeastern Mozambique. Stamps were issued for this district between 1895 and 1920. In 1920 the stamps for this district were replaced by those of Mozambique. During the time stamps were issued, however, 161 regular issues, twelve semi-postal and two newspaper stamps were placed in circulation. The stamps used for Lourenco

Marques are almost exclusively stamps used in the Portuguese Colonies, with the name of this district imprinted upon them.



The stamp issuing statuses of these three “countries” are considered by Linn’s Stamp News to be inactive.

Up until June 25, 1975 Mozambique was a Portuguese colony. On this date Mozambique gained its independence from Portugal. It now operates as a multiparty republic with the primary languages being Portuguese (official) and various Bantu languages.

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