

ANGOLA



1986

UNITA - Illegal Stamp Issue

Printed in the USA by Marc Rouso

2 separate sheets containing 4 different designs in each sheet

2 by 10Kz, 2 by 20Kz, 2 by 30 Kz and 2 by 40Kz. Plus surcharge

UNITA fought a gorilla war against Portugal along with the MPLA. At independence the two groups went to war with each other with the socialist MPLA getting the upper hand with assistance from Cuba. Peace was finally achieved in 2002. The UNITA sheetlets were produced by Marc Rouso and printed in the USA in Florida. This followed a visit to the USA by President Savimbi at which time an agreement was reached on the sharing of profits 50/50. The stamps were issued in March 1986 with some covers illegally passing through the US postal System. The supposed route was through South Africa, but this did not take place. The issue is not recognised by the UPU. The added value was for the support of the UNITA forces. Note the Bengali tiger, a bit out of its native territory of India. Overprints were later added, mainly **Liberdade / Julho 1986**.

Angolan Issues Overprinted "UNITA"

