

# ANGOLA



**2001, May 25**

## Africa Day

Designer: Horacio de Mesquita

Printing: Offset by Cartor Security Printers, UK.

2 individual stamps in sheets of 50 stamps

1 miniature sheet of 1 stamp Quantity: 25.000 copies of the 3 stamps

Perforation: 13

Listing Date. CA lists the date as 1/12/00, but this seems unlikely

The philatelic agency for Angolan held by the House of Questa finally comes to an end with a set of Centenary issues, probably the ugliest stamps issued by Angola, and another extensive fauna set, birds and animals. AFINSA of Portugal takes over, with an improvement in quality, collectability and local interest. Again, first day covers are produced for most issues, generally in standard size, although increasingly without a specifically designed cover



Africa Day: Angola has produced a number of issues celebrating Africa Day, 1993, 2001, 2007 and 2010. The first Congress of independent African States was held in Accra, Ghana, in 1958. From that gathering, the Organisation of African Unity developed, holding its first meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, May 25, 1963, with the aim of fostering independence of those African countries still suffering from colonialism. The organisation pledged support for those struggling for decolonisation. Initially May 25 was called Liberation Day, but today it is called Africa Day and usually involves week-long celebrations throughout Africa.

## First Day Cover

