

## ONCE UPON A TIME ...

Entities that at some point issued or overprinted postage stamps,  
and that ceased to exist as such

### AFARS & ISSAS



Period : **1967** --- May 5, **1977**

French Territory

Main city or capital: Djibouti

#### HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS

TERRITOIRE FRANÇAIS

DES AFARS ET DES ISSAS

#### HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Around 300 BC, immigrants came from Arabia to this region; the Afars are their descendants. Later, the Somalis (Issas) arrived in this region from the south. In 825, Islam arrived in the region with missionaries. The Arabs controlled trade in this region until the 16th century, when the Portuguese began to compete. In 1862, France acquired Obock and established French Somaliland. Djibouti became the capital of this French territory in 1892. This territory was renamed "The French Territory of Afars & Issas" in 1967. In 1977, they gained independence and became the Republic of Djibouti.

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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