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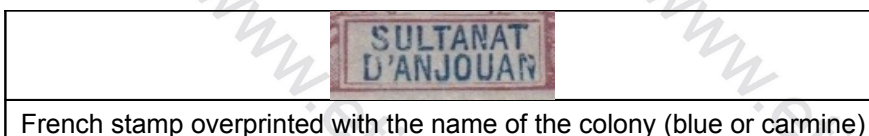
ANJOUAN



Period: **1892 - 1912**

French colony

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS

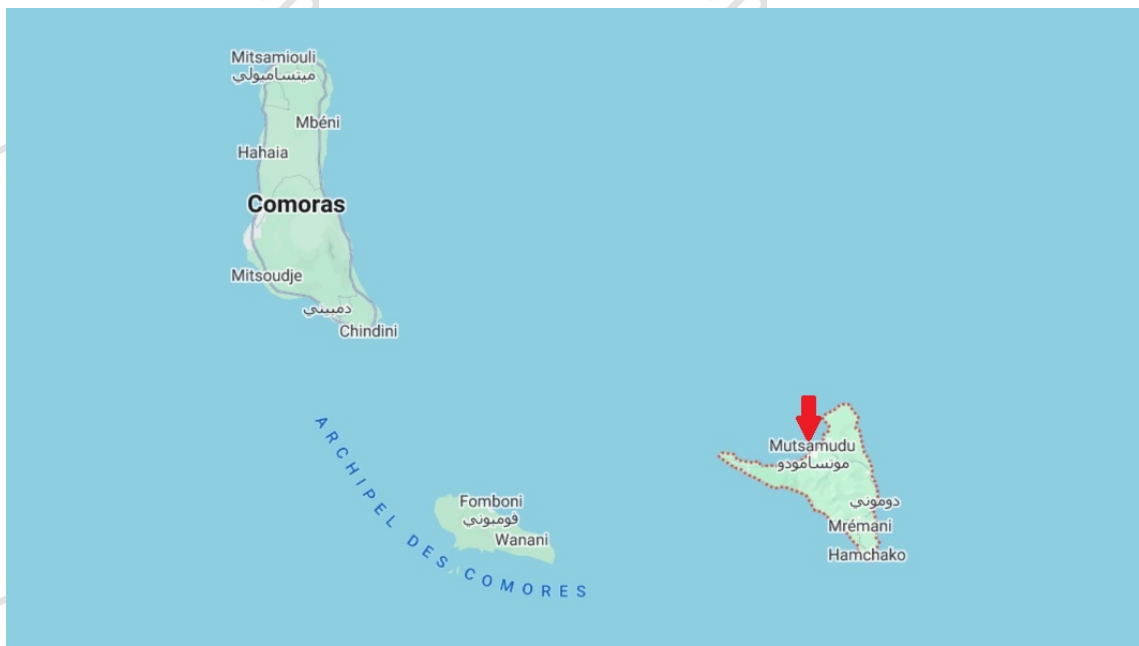


HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

From the 16th century onward, the Comoros archipelago (to which the island of Anjouan belongs) occupied a strategic position on the maritime trade routes linking Europe with the East via Africa. This situation made Mutsamudu (Anjouan's main city) the region's principal commercial port for several centuries and Anjouan the archipelago's wealthiest and most powerful island. In 1885, the Berlin Conference concluded, in which the European colonial powers agreed on the division of their mutual influence in the world, and particularly in Africa. In 1886, France placed Anjouan under its protection.

In 1891, a revolt by poor peasants and industrial workers seriously threatened French control of the island, and the French evacuated it before attempting to recapture it through a military expedition. On July 25, 1912, the islands of the Comoros archipelago were annexed to the colony of Madagascar.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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