

ONCE UPON A TIME...

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

AZORES



Period: **1868 - 1930**

Portugal territory

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS

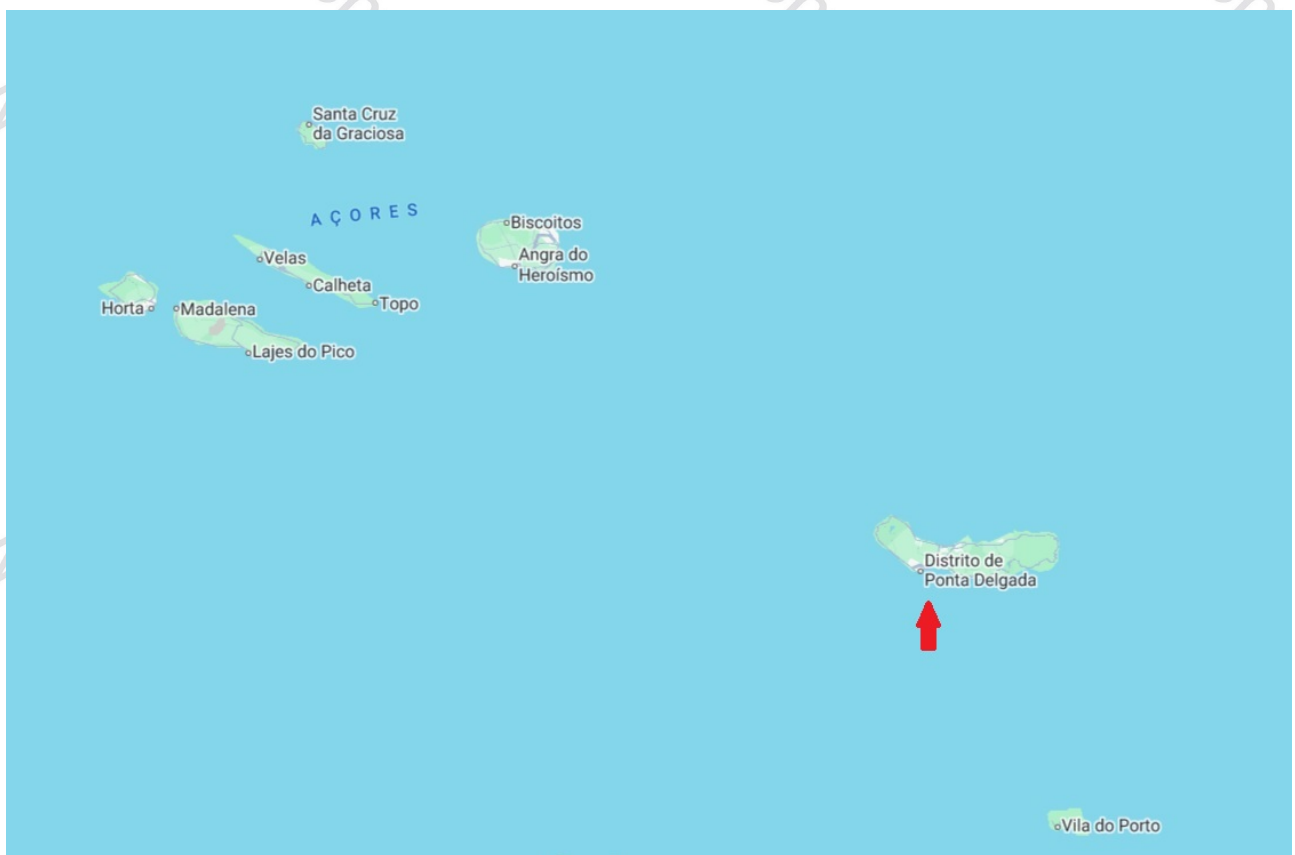
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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

This archipelago was discovered in 1427 by the Portuguese explorer Diogo de Senill; at the time, it was completely uninhabited. Portuguese settlement began in 1432. The islands were under Spanish rule from 1580 to 1640 before returning to Portuguese control. Local government was established in 1766, a constitution was adopted in 1832, and a degree of administrative autonomy was granted in 1895. The economy strengthened thanks to agricultural exports to mainland Europe. The archipelago's importance lay in its role as a transit link to the Americas. Ultimately, following the stabilization of Portuguese sovereignty, the islands were incorporated into—and placed under the authority of—the Portuguese Republic.

Throughout this period, the islands primarily used Portuguese stamps overprinted with "Açores" and "República."

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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