

ONCE UPON A TIME ...

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

AGÜERA, LA



Period: June,1920 --- June,1922

Spanish possession

HOW TO IDENTIFY THESE STAMPS

Design	Overprint

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Around 1912, families and businesses from the Canary Islands settled in La Güera (also known as La Agüera), a port in the southern Sahara, where they boosted fishing and the salting industry.

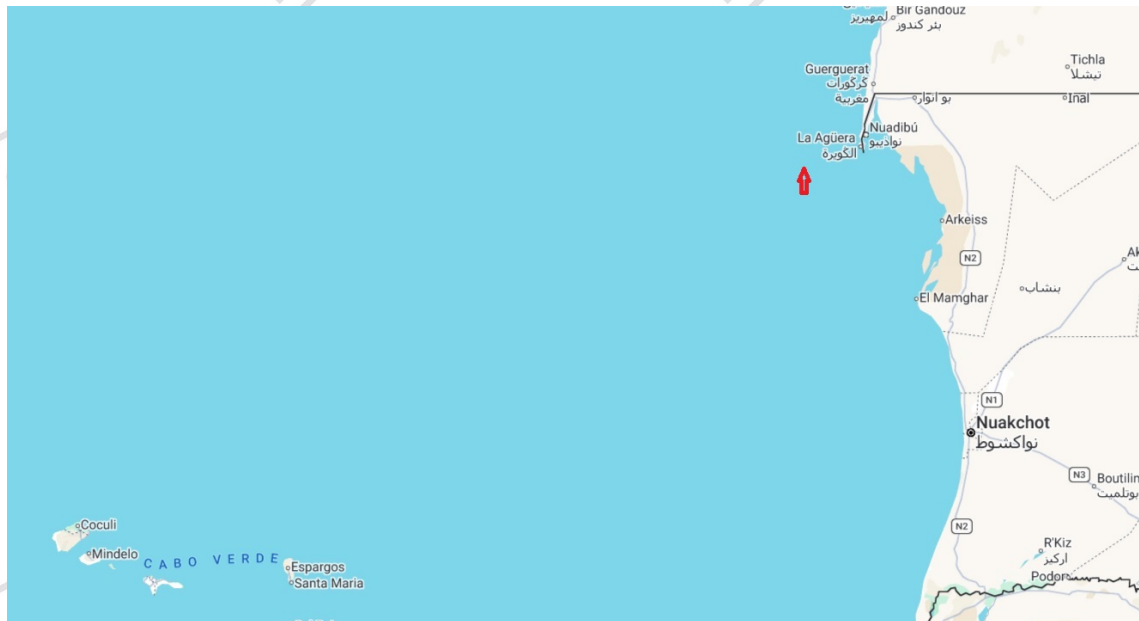
La Agüera was founded on November 30, 1920, by Colonel Francisco Bens, a military officer from Cantabria who had already established Villa Cisneros (present-day Dakhla) and who wanted to secure the southern border of the Spanish Sahara, right next to Mauritania. With the agreement of the local tribes, he built a small fort and a fish-salting factory on the western tip of Cabo Blanco, in an area of approximately 88 square kilometers.

The first fishing factory established in La Agüera was that of Marcotegui, Guedes y Compañía, a Canarian company that opened a dock and warehouses for processing dried and salted fish.

Shortly after, in 1924, the area was incorporated into the Río de Oro district, one of the two districts into which the former Spanish colony was divided, along with Saguia el-Hamra.

It has been uninhabited since 1989.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION



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