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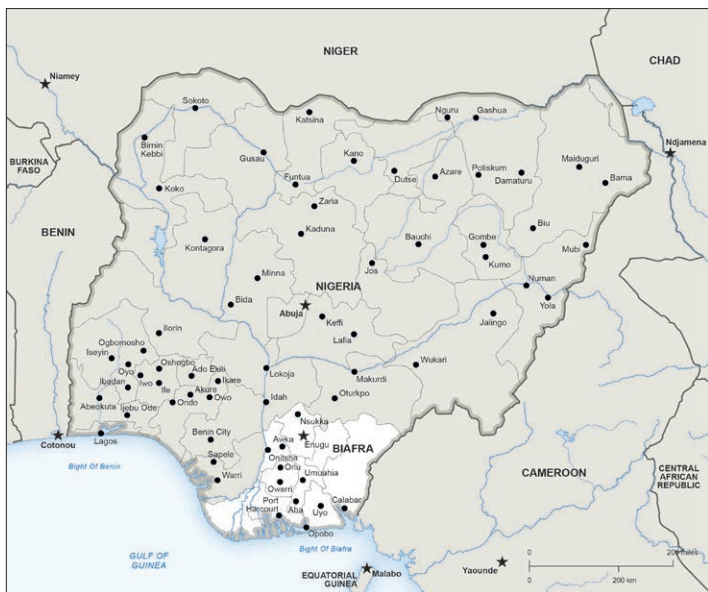
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Biafra

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The Republic of Biafra was a secessionist state in south-eastern Nigeria. Biafra was inhabited mostly by the Igbo people (or Ibo) and existed from 30 May 1967 to 15 January 1970. The secession was led by the Igbo due to economic, ethnic, cultural, and religious tensions among the various peoples of Nigeria and the creation of the new country, named after the Bight of Biafra (the Atlantic bay to its south), was among the complex causes for the Nigerian Civil War, also known as the Nigerian-Biafran War.

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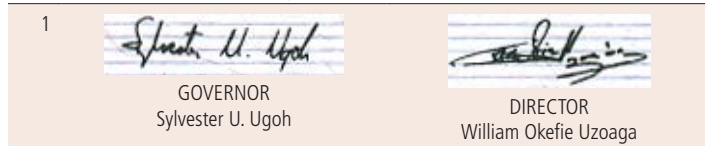
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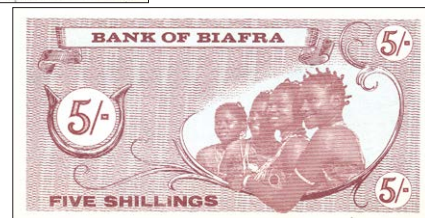
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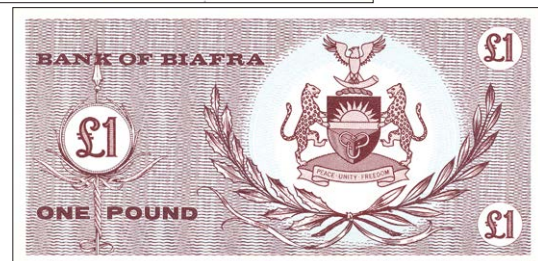
BOB Signature Varieties



1968 Issues



B101 (P1): 5 shillings VG VF UNC
 Blue and lilac. Front: English text; palm tree and large rising sun (color varies from orange to yellow). Back: English text; denomination in manilla; four Ibo girls. Simulated windowed security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 110 x 55 mm.
 a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix A/O - A/P. Intro: 29.01.1968. — 2.50 10
 ar. Remainder: No s/n. — — —



B102 (P2): 1 pound VG VF UNC
 Blue and lilac. Front: English text; palm tree and large rising sun. Back: English text; denomination in disc and spear (alo); coat of arms with eagle and leopards above wreath. Simulated windowed security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 140 x 70 mm.
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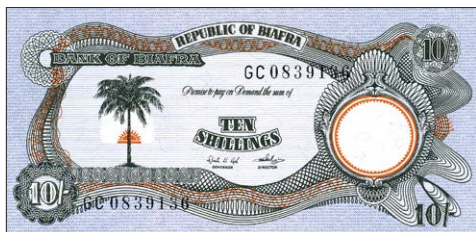
1969 Issues



B103 (P3): 5 shillings VG VF UNC

Blue and orange. Front: English text; palm tree and small rising sun. Back: English text; denomination in manilla; four lbo girls. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 110 x 55 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix MA - NR. Intro: 00.02.1969. 1.50 6 25
- ar. Remainder: No s/n. — — —
- as. Diagonal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n 0000000. — — —



B104 (P4): 10 shillings VG VF UNC

Blue and orange. Front: English text; palm tree and small rising sun. Back: English text; denomination in manilla; oil refinery. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 125 x 60 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix GA - GW. Intro: 00.02.1969. — 2 7
- ar. Remainder: No s/n. — — —
- as. Diagonal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n 0000000. — — —



B105 (P5): 1 pound VG VF UNC

Dark brown and green. Front: English text; palm tree and small rising sun. Back: English text; coat of arms with eagle and leopards above wreath. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 140 x 70 mm.

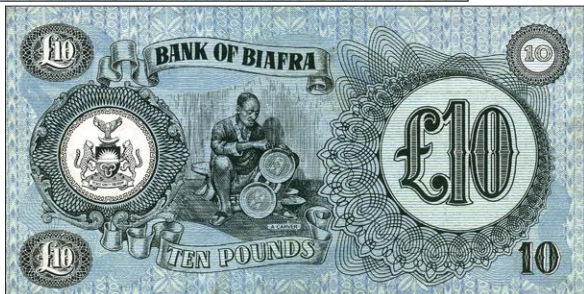
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- as. Diagonal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n 0000000. — — 150



B106 (P6): 5 pounds VG VF UNC

Purple and green. Front: English text; palm tree and small rising sun. Back: English text; coat of arms with eagle and leopards in disc, spear (alo); woman weaving on loom. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 145 x 75 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix WA - WF. Intro: 00.02.1969. 4 17 70
- ar. Remainder: No s/n. — — —
- as. Diagonal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n 0000000. — — —

**B107 (P7): 10 pounds**

VG VF UNC

Black and blue. Front: English text; palm tree and small rising sun. Back: English text; coat of arms with eagle and leopards; man carving. No security thread. Watermark: None. Printer: Unknown. 155 x 80 mm.

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Looking Forward

For later issues, see Nigeria.

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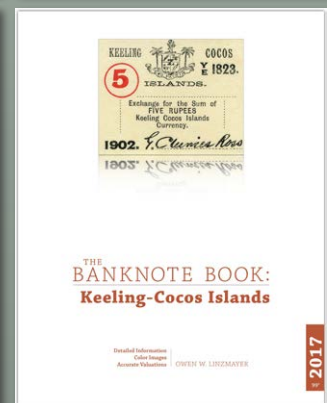
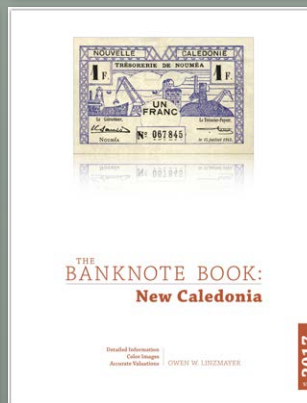
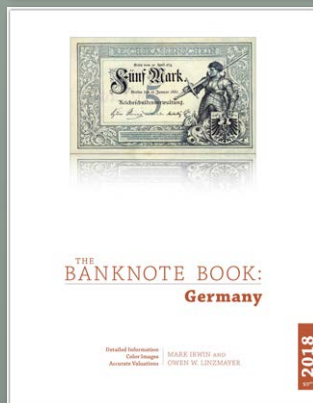
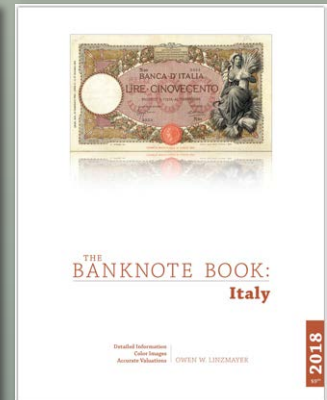
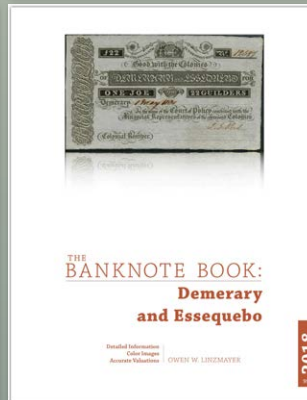
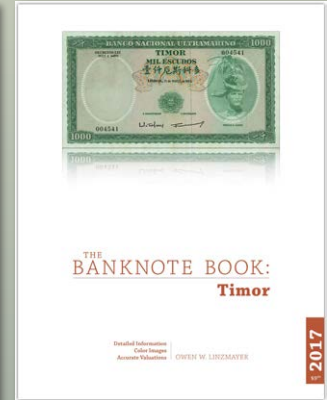
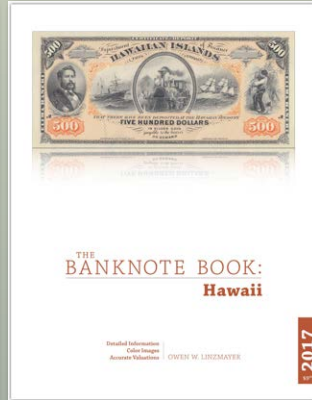
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