

# The Formation of Spanish Sahara



1885 Spain proclaimed a protectorate over the **Rio de Oro** coast. Stamps were first issued in 1905



**La Agüera**: was an air base on the South America route. Stamps first issued 1920



**Ifni** An enclave of Morocco, ceded to Spain in 1860 and returned to Morocco in 1969



**Spanish Possessions of West Sahara**  
1924 - 1941



**Spanish West Africa:**  
Formed by decree 20 July 1946  
Joint postal issues between Ifni and Spanish Sahara  
October 1949-March 1951



In June 1916 Spanish troops occupied **Cape Juby**  
Incorporated into Spanish Sahara 1950  
Ceded to Morocco in 1958



**Spanish Sahara**  
from 1941



**Sahara:**  
10 January 1958 Spanish Sahara was made an overseas province of Spain.

Sahara was divided between Morocco and Mauritania in 1976.