

UNESCO World Heritage Sites Depicted on Bank Notes – Angola

The Republic of Angola is located on the west-central coast of Southern Africa. It is the second-largest Portuguese-speaking country in both total area and population next to Brazil and is the seventh-largest country in Africa. It is bordered by Namibia to the south, the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the north, Zambia to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. Angola has only one World Heritage Site; the Mbanza Kongo.

Mbanza Kongo, the leftovers of the capital of the former Kingdom of Kongo, represents the political and religious center of a vast African kingdom until the arrival of the Portuguese in the late 15th century. The site is located on a plateau. It comprises both archaeological remains of the pre-colonial period as well as colonial structures – often overlapping each other. The Kingdom of Kongo has strong intangible links with the slave trade and the early conversion of African kings to the Catholic religion. The only note depicting the only site is the 5000 Kwanza of 2020, P163a / B561a



Angola 5000 Kwanza front with António Agostinho Neto and Bakama mask



Angola 5000 Kwanza back with Kulumbimbi church ruins in M'banza Kongo and coat of arms