

CAPTIONING ERRORS

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There is a captioning error on the Mozambique Sc#1207 and Sc#1208 Forest Plants stamps issued on 29 December 1993.

It is not clear if the *Equisetum* is supposed to be on the 900m stamp or on the 2000m stamp.

Whichever it is, there is a gross mis-labeling of the two stamps. The stamp image captioned *Encephalartos ferox* is most definitely *Equisetum*, and the image with the *Equisetum* label is most definitely a cycad.

I am not aware that this error has been publicized, and it was not until I bought the set a couple of years ago that I found it. It took me several years of searching before I found a dealer who stocked recent Mozambique stamps.

The Scott New Listings Update in Linn's Stamp News of 9 September 2016 has a ton of listings from the Maldive Islands. Among them are several issues featuring orchids.

The souvenir sheet (Sc#3257) shows a *Paphiopedilum callosum* according to Linn's. But a website that claims to be the "official website of Maldives postage stamps" (<http://maldives.post-stamps.com/category/stamps-issues/>) suggests that it is *P. sukhakulii*.

Both *P. callosum* and *P. sukhakulii* are accepted names, and neither lists the other as a synonym, so one of these must be wrong.

Checking photos on the Internet shows the two species have very similar flowers. Not being an orchid expert, my inclination is that it is *P. callosum*.

However, the souvenir sheet uses the name *Pleurotus ostreatus*, which is a shelf fungus, commonly known as oyster mushroom, and not an orchid at all. So regardless of which orchid it is, the designers have made a labeling error on this souvenir sheet.



Mozambique, 1993, Sc#1207



Mozambique, 1993, Sc#1208



Maldive Islands, 2014, Sc#3257

