**CONGO DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly the Republic of Zaire, and earlier the Belgian Congo), located in the south-central part of Africa, has an area of 905,568 sq. mi. (2,345,410 sq. km.) and a population of 174.4 million. Capital: Kinshasa. The mineral-rich country produces copper, tin, diamonds, gold, zinc, cobalt and uranium.

In ancient times the territory comprising former Zaire was occupied by Negrito peoples (Pygmies) pushed into the mountains by Bantu and Nilotic invaders. The interior was first explored by the American correspondent Henry Stanley, who was subsequently commissioned by King Leopold II of Belgium to conclude development treaties with the local chiefs. The Berlin conference of 1885 awarded the area to Leopold, who administered and exploited it as his private property until it was annexed to Belgium in 1908. Belgium received the mandate for the German territory of Ruanda-Urundi as a result of the international treaties after WWI. During World War II, Belgian Congolese troops fought on the side of the Allies, notably in Ethiopia. Following the eruption of bloody independence riots in 1959, Belgium granted the Belgian Congo independence as the Republic of the Congo on June 30, 1960. The nation officially changed its name to Zaire on Oct. 27, 1971, and following a Civil War in 1997 changed its name to the “Democratic Republic of the Congo.”

**MINT MARKS**

(b) – Brussels, privy marks only

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1967 2,470,000 0.25 0.50 1.00 3.00 —
1967 Proof Value: 250
1970 Proof Value: 100
1970 Proof Value: 420
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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

1998 -

REFORM COINAGE

Congo Francs; July 1998

KM# 73 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Royals of Europe Obv: Lion Rev: Multicolor portrait of Queen Juliana (1948-80) and crowned arms Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 14.00 —

KM# 88 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Bernhard Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 84 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Anna Paulowna Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 90 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Willem-Alexander Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 89 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Claus Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 85 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Willem I Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 121 5 FRANCS
Copper-Nickel, 40 mm. Obv: Lion standing looking forward, denomination below Rev: Multicolor holographic parrot with folded wings right Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
2000 — — — — 10.00 12.00

KM# 86 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Willem III Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 91 5 FRANCS
24.3000 g., Copper-Nickel, 38.5 mm. Subject: Willem-Alexander Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination below in outer circle Rev: Multicolor portrait applique within inner circle Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
1999 Proof — — — — 12.00 —

KM# 160 5 FRANCS
26.5300 g., Copper-Nickel, 37.3 mm. Subject: Marine-Life Protection Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Multicolor fish scene, date below Edge: Reeded

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
2000 Proof — — — — 25.00 —

KM# 24 5 FRANCS
Copper-Nickel Obv: Panama Canal Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Sailing ship above inscription and map Note: Prev. KM#47.

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
2000 — — — — 10.00 12.00

KM# 39 5 FRANCS
27.1600 g., Copper-Nickel, 37.3 mm. Series: Wild Life Protection Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Multicolor holographic parrot with folded wings right Edge: Reeded Note: Prev. KM#62.

Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU
2000 Proof — — — — 30.00 —
**KM# 40 5 FRANCS**
Copper-Nickel 27.16, 37.3 mm. Series: Wild Life Protection Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Multicolor holographic parrot with open wings left Edge: Reeded Note: Prev. KM#463.

**KM# 41 5 FRANCS**
27.1600 g., Copper-Nickel, 37.3 mm. Series: Wild Life Protection Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Multicolor holographic toucan left Edge: Reeded Note: Prev. KM#64.

**KM# 63 5 FRANCS**
28.7500 g., Copper-Nickel, 38 mm. Subject: Lady Diana - Visit to India Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Lady Diana at left, Taj Mahal at right, cameo of Queen Mother top center Edge: Reeded Note: Prev. KM#86.

**KM# 64 5 FRANCS**
28.7500 g., Copper-Nickel, 38 mm. Subject: Lady Diana - Meeting with Pope John Paul II Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Rev: Lady Diana front left, Pope John Paul II facing left, cameo of Queen Mother top center Edge: Reeded Note: Prev. KM#87.

**KM# 17 10 FRANCS**
20.0000 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.5948 oz. ASW Series: Endangered Wildlife Obv: Lion within inner circle, date below in outer circle Rev: Water chevrotain left, denomination below Note: Prev. KM#38.

**KM# 14 10 FRANCS**
20.0000 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.5948 oz. ASW Series: Endangered Wildlife Obv: Lion within inner circle, date below in outer circle Rev: Bonobo female chimpanzee with young, denomination below Note: Prev. KM#35.

**KM# 15 10 FRANCS**
20.0000 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.5948 oz. ASW Series: Endangered Wildlife Obv: Lion within inner circle, date below in outer circle Rev: Pygmy hippopotamus right, denomination below Note: Prev. KM#36.

**KM# 16 10 FRANCS**
20.0000 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.5948 oz. ASW Series: Endangered Wildlife Obv: Lion within inner circle, date below in outer circle Rev: Crocodile left, denomination below Note: Prev. KM#37.
KM# 22 10 FRANCS
25.3100 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7527 oz. ASW  Subject: 30th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing Obv: Lion within inner circle, denomination at left, two dates above Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 1999 Proof 10,000 Value: 37.50

KM# 23 10 FRANCS
25.3100 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7527 oz. ASW  Subject: Sydney 2000 Obv: Roaring lion bust left within inner circle, date below in outer circle Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 1999 Proof 10,000 Value: 37.50

KM# 25 10 FRANCS
25.1300 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7473 oz. ASW  Subject: Panama Canal Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 40.00

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KM# 28 10 FRANCS
25.1300 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7473 oz. ASW  Subject: 25th Anniversary - Visit of Pope John Paul II Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 37.50

KM# 29 10 FRANCS
25.1300 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7473 oz. ASW  Subject: 25th Anniversary - Visit of Pope John Paul II Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 37.50

KM# 30 10 FRANCS
25.4500 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7568 oz. ASW, 37.3 mm.  Subject: Wild Life Protection Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 50.00

KM# 31 10 FRANCS
25.4500 g., 0.9250 Silver 0.7568 oz. ASW, 37.3 mm.  Subject: Wild Life Protection Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 50.00

KM# 32 10 FRANCS
31.2600 g., 0.9990 Silver 1.0040 oz. ASW, 47.7 x 27.1 mm.  Subject: Millennium - space travel Obv: Standing lion facing, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 40.00

KM# 33 10 FRANCS
31.2600 g., 0.9990 Silver 1.0040 oz. ASW, 45.1 x 23.4 mm.  Subject: Animal Protection Obv: Standing lion within triangle, denomination below Date Mintage F VF XF Unc BU 2000 Proof — Value: 42.00

KM# 34 10 FRANCS
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### Additional Information
- **ESSAIS**
  - E1 1965: 10 Francs. Silver.
  - Note: Aluminum and copper-nickel essais of the 10 Francs are considered off-metal pieces created as die trials or set-up strikes in the process of producing the official silver and gold coins.

- **PATTERNS**
  - Including off-metal strikes
  - Pn1 1965: 10 Francs. Copper. 18.5100 g. 3.2 mm thick.
  - Pn3 1965: 100 Francs. KM#6, Type II variety.
  - Pn5 1999: 100 Francs. KM#5, Type II variety.
  - Pn6 1999: 100 Francs. KM#5, Type II variety.

- **PIEDFORT WITH ESSAI**
  - PE1 1970: 10 Zaire. Silver. 2.4 mm thick.
  - PE2 1970: 10 Zaire. Silver. 4.7 mm thick.

- **MINT SETS**
  - MS1 1970 (4): 1,000 KM10, 11a-13a.

- **PROOF SETS**
  - PS1 1985 (5): 3,000 KM2-6. Approximately 70 percent melted.