

Fishing Flies from the Republic of Ciskei 1989



Location: Enclave, East Cape Province, Republic of South Africa

Government: Self-governing tribal homeland (1 Aug. 1972)

Area: 2,970 sq. mi.

Population: 2,876,122 (1985)

Capital: Bisho

The World's Second Country to Print Fishing Fly Stamps

Designed and Painted by Barry Kent

Ciskei (/sis'keɪ/ or /sis'kaɪ/) was a Bantustan in the south east of South Africa, almost entirely surrounded by what was then the Cape Province, and possessed a small coastline along the shore of the Indian Ocean.

Under South Africa's policy of apartheid, land was set aside for black peoples in self-governing territories. Ciskei was designated as one of two homeland or "Bantustan" for Xhosa-speaking people. Xhosa speakers were resettled there and to Transkei, the other Xhosa homeland.

The name Ciskei means "*on this side of the Kei River*" (cf. Cisalpine), and is in contrast to the neighboring Bantustan of the Transkei.

About the Stamps

Barry Kent, formerly of High Flies, Ltd, was commissioned to design and paint this series of postage stamps for the Republic of Ciskei, Southern Africa. The new issue of stamps commemorate the trout breeding program in that country. The four stamp designs depict the life cycle of a Rainbow Trout and were issued on 6 June 1989.

With over 25-years of fly dressing and art experience in England, South Africa and the U.S.A., Barry Kent has secured a reputation as a truly fine international artist and fly dresser. The stamps and signed First Day Cover in this section of the fishing fly collection was personally given to Robert T. Burney as a gift while communicating with Barry Kent in March 2012.

Philatelic Specifications

Designer: Barry L. Kent

Arrangement: Printed on four separate sheets, vertically and horizontally.

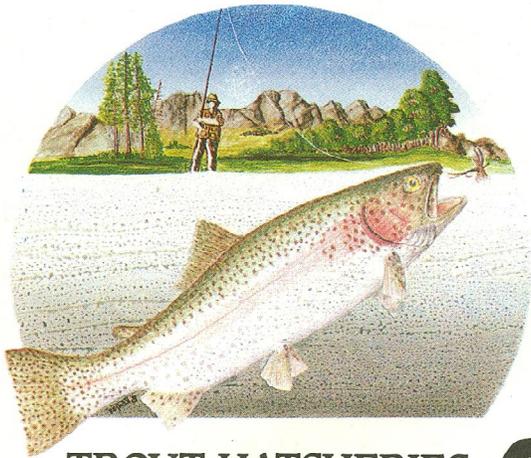
Stamp Format: Horizontal, measuring 38.5 mm across by 29.1 mm down.

Sheet Format: Vertical, measuring 76 mm across and 143.5 mm down. A pane of stamps has 10 stamps in five rows of two stamps each.

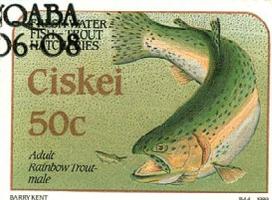
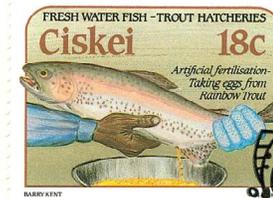
Perforation: 14 x 13.7 (14 x 14.25 on the Instanta perforation gauge). All margins are perforated through.

Print Technique: Lithographed in Ciskei, using four plates, each a different color. Plate numbers are shown in the right margin; printer and printing date in the top margin. The control block is the right column of each pane.

1989 First Day of Issue



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eDONQABA
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Barry Kent

18¢, 30¢, 40¢, 50¢ 08 June 1989, eDonqaba, Ciskei, East Cape, South Africa

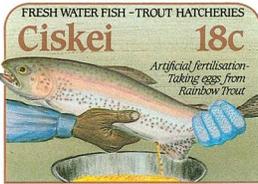
Hi ROBERT -

PLS ACCEPT THE CISKEI
TROUT STAMP SET WITH MY
COMPLIMENT -

HAVE A GREAT EXPO
Best Regards, Barry



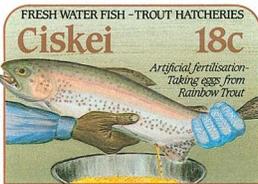
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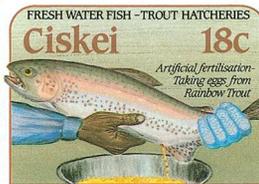
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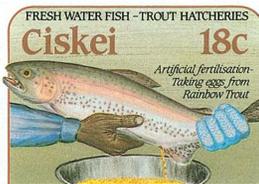
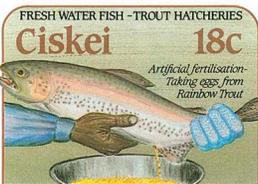
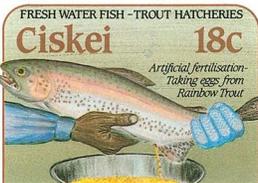
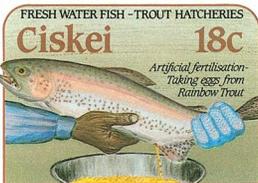


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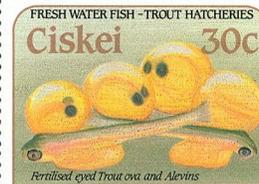
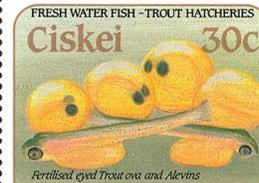
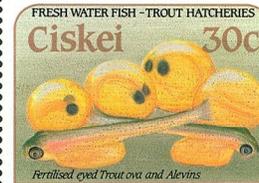


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Artificial fertilization - Taking eggs from Rainbow Trout

Fertilized eyed Rainbow Trout Ova and Alevins



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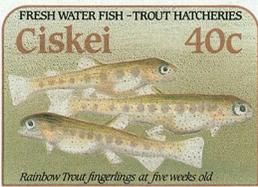
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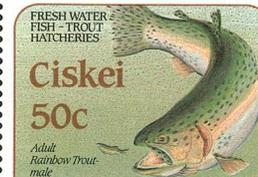
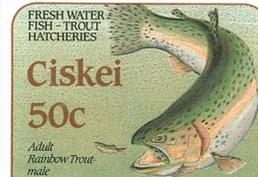
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Rainbow Trout fingerlings at five weeks old

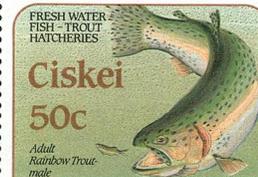
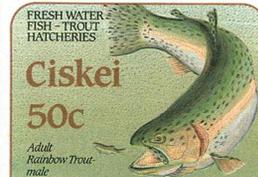


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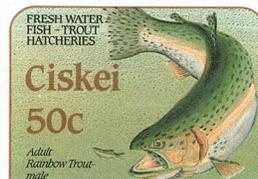
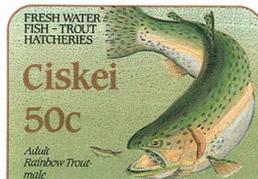
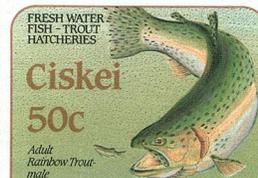
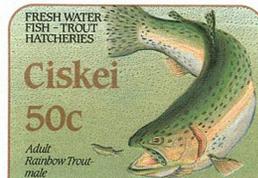
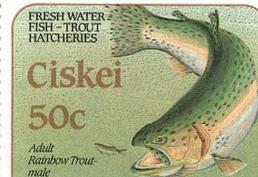
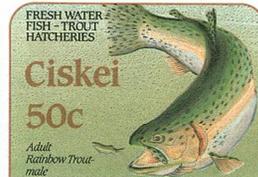
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Adult Rainbow Trout - Male