

## ORDER FORM

### FISHES OF BOTSWANA

Commemorative Issue: 21 September 2023

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Quantity	Description	Price
	Sets stamps mint	P32.00
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	Miniature Sheet Mint	P30.00
	Miniature Sheet Cancelled	P30.00
	First Day Cover	P50.00
	Set(s) Gutter Pairs Mint	P64.00
	Set(s) Gutter Pairs Cancelled	P64.00
	Sets(s) Cylinder Block Mint	P128.00
	Sets(s) Cylinder Block Cancelled	P128.00
	Set(s) Full Sheet Mint	P1280.00
	Set(s) Full Sheet Cancelled	P1280.00
	Handling and Postage Fee	P20.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

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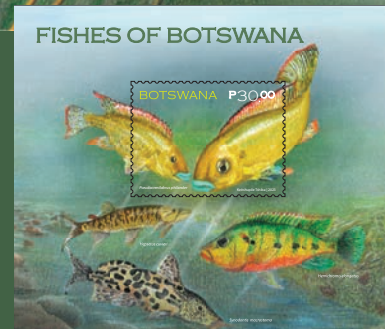
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### First Day Cover



### Souvenir Sheet

#### ARTIST PROFILE: Keitshupile Tshiba

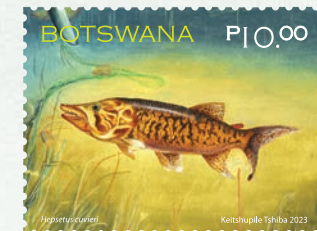
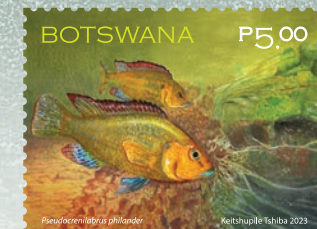
Mr. Keitshupile Tshiba is a gifted visual artist who hails from Zoroga village. In 2002 and 2004 he participated in the Northern Art Teacher's Association (NATA) Students Art Exhibition. He won the National Prize Award in Art competition for the Botswana Police Fight Crime Initiative. Furthermore, Mr. Tshiba was awarded amongst the top 10 participants for the BTC Phone Book Cover design competition in 2005. This is his second stamp issue with BotswanaPost.

#### DESIGNER PROFILE: Onica Lekuntwane

Ms Onica Lekuntwane is a versatile Graphic Designer, Illustrator and Educator with over 20 years' experience in the visual communication industry. She has been designing stamps for BotswanaPost since 2015. She has also co-facilitated stamp design workshops for aspiring stamp designers in Botswana.

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**Pseudocrenilabrus philander**  
(Southern mouthbrooder)

**Description:**

This is a small fish species, normally characterized by nice coloration ranging from light brown black vertical bars in females and in male's colors differ with locality. Their body usually is a mesh of iridescent blue lower jaw, fin has red tip, black submarginal band and red blocks, anal fin with orange tip and caudal and anal fins have iridescent blue and red blocks. It has a stout body, rounded caudal fin and a small horizontal mouth.

**Distribution:**

Throughout the north west region

**Biology and Ecology:**

Occurs in quite a wide variety of habitats ranging from flowing watersto lakes and isolated sinkholes and usually favors vegetated habitats. It preys on insects, shrimps and smaller fish. It breeds from early spring to summer and is a mouthbrooder.



**Synodontis macrostoma**  
(Largemouth squeaker)

**Description:**

The Largemouth squeaker is characterized by a very large mouth hence the name Macrostoma. It also has, amongst others, a long snout, triangular body, dorsal fin tall with a strong spine, pectoral fins with serrated spines, caudal fin deeply forked and mandibular barbels branched, shot and thick.

**Distribution:**

Okavango Delta, Cunene, Upper Zambezi, Kavango and Kafue river systems.

**Biology and Ecology:** Nocturnal, inhabits rocky environments, fast flowing waters with vegetation. Feeds on small invertebrates and grazes on algae on rocky surfaces. Spawning occurs in summer during rainy seasons and floods.



**Hemichromis elongatus**  
(Banded jewelfish)

**Description:**

The Jewelfish has an attractive colour with the underside of the head and belly being red, black bars cutting down from dorsal to ventral of the fish along the lateral line, dorsal, anal and caudal fins dark olive, pectoral fins transparent and pelvic fins black. The mouth is terminal and large with distinct two distinctive conical teeth, dorsal fin long and extends to the caudal fin and pelvic fins are far forward just below the pectoral fins.

**Distribution:**

Okavango Delta, Cunene, Upper Zambezi, Kavango and Upper Congo.

**Biology and Ecology:** Occurs in littoral riverine habitats and permanent floodplain lagoons with clear water. Feeds on shrimps, insects and small fish. It is a substrate brooder and the parents guard the nest and larvae.



**Hepsetus cuvieri**  
(Southern African pike)

**Description:**

This is a predatory fish species with elongated body, pointed head with jaws and prominent protruding sharp canine teeth. Dorsal, adipose and anal fins set well back and the caudal fin is forked.

**Distribution:**

Okavango Delta, Upper Zambezi, Kavango, Cunene, Kafue and Congo river systems.

**Biology and Ecology:**

It is a top predator usually found in quiet deep water as in channels and lagoons of large floodplains. Juveniles inhabit well vegetated marginal habitats. It is a multiple spawner that breeds in summer. The fertilized eggs are deposited in a foam nest and are guarded by both parents. After hatching the fry drop to the bottom of the nest where they remain attached to the nest feeding on yolk sac and organic detritus.



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**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**Printer:** Southern Colour Print, New Zealand  
**Artist:** Keitshupile Tshiba  
**Graphic Designer:** Onica Lekuntwane  
**Process:** Four Colour Process  
**Stamp Size:** 30mm x 40mm  
**FDC:** 210mm x 140mm  
**Souvenir Sheet:** 100mm x 85mm  
**Denominations:** P5.00, P8.00, P9.00, P10.00  
**Date of Issue:** 21st September 2023



**BOTSWANAPOST PHILATELIC BUREAU BACKGROUND**

The Philatelic Bureau, established in 1965, is responsible for designing and issuing of Botswana's stamps. The concept, designing and printing of stamps are always of high standards and reflect a balance of interests, with a preference for themes and events that bear relevance to Botswana's historical development and its economic and social activities.

**BotswanaPost Stamp Issuing Policy**

Botswana maintains a conservative issuing policy. A Definitive Set is released every 5 years, illustrating a theme of international interest. Commemorative Sets are issued 4 or 5 times per year, illustrating themes that reveal the environment, cultural and historical heritage of Botswana.