

The Kionga (Quionga) triangle



Negotiations in 1887 between Germany, Britain, Portugal - and in the background the Sultan of Zanzibar (the former ruler of the whole east African coast) - allotted all the lands up to the Rovuma river to Portugal (Mozambique), except for an area around the town of Kionga which was given to Germany (Ost Afrika).

This triangle of land allowed Germany to control shipping into the interior.



After WWI and with the end of German colonies, Kionga was handed over to Portugal. Until its full integration into Mozambique, Kionga overprints were required. Only the four stamps shown exist.