

NATIONAL HUTS

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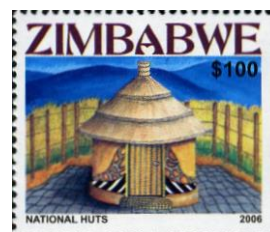
This issue was released on the same date as the Bridges of Zimbabwe issue.

(Extracted from Philatelic Bureau Bulletin No 6 of 2006)²

The two postage stamps are a result of the postage stamp design competition which was run during the year 2005 under the theme "National Huts".

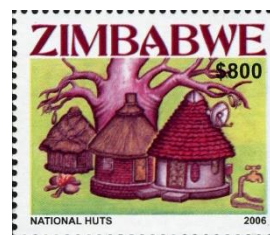
\$100

The illustration on this stamp was designed by Freddy Tembo a student at Chinhoyi University of Technology. The design won the first prize in the open category. The rationale of the design is that the hut is an ancient one with spectacular thatching.



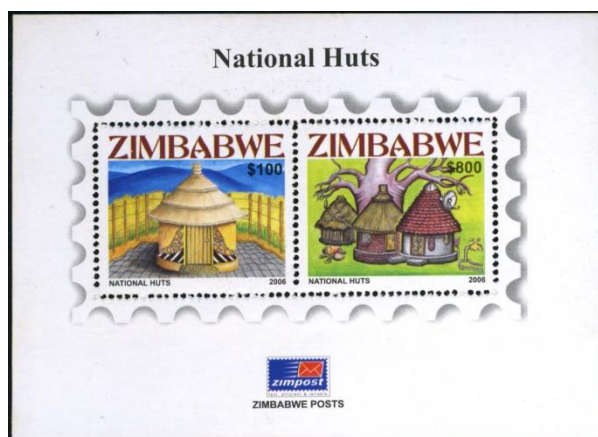
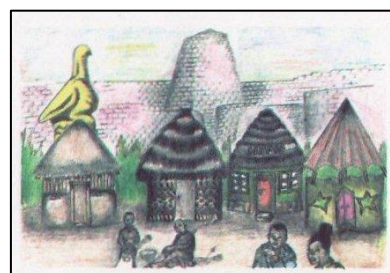
\$800

The illustration on this stamp was designed by Elisha Homera of Marondera. The design won the second prize in the open category. The rationale used is that the design depicts the ancient hut, the present and the future hut where technology such as the satellite dish and tap water is being applied. The design has also been used on the bulletin cover.



First Day Cover

The design on the first day cover was done by Beatrice Tembo of Vuronga Secondary School in Mataga. This design won the first prize in the junior category. The rationale used here is that the nation is represented by the Great Zimbabwe Monument and the Zimbabwe Bird whilst the huts illustrate the past, the present and the future models.



(75% of normal size)

Catalogue listings

SG	ZSC ¹	Value	Description
1203	623	\$100	Ancient hut
	a.		Missing value
1204	624	\$800	Ancient, modern & future huts
	a.		Missing value
MS1205	MS15		Miniature sheet (se-tenant pair of stamps)

Technical details

Stamp size:	Sheet stamps: 35 x 30 mm
Sheet Size:	50 stamps (5 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet
Artist:	\$100 – Freddy Tembo; \$800 – Elisha Homera
Paper:	ZSC paper type J: paper described by Zimpost as “Chancellor Litho PVA Gummed Postage Stamp Paper”. This paper is produced by Tullis Russell Coaters of Glenrothes, Fife, Scotland. Under UV there is no fluorescence either front or back, the stamp appears to be very dark
Print colours:	Cyan, magenta, yellow & black
Perforations:	Sheet stamps and miniature sheet: SG 14½ x 14, ZSC 14¼ x 14 Top margin: Perforated through Other margins: Imperforate Miniature sheet: Imperforate margins
Printer:	NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe
Printer’s Imprint:	Sheet stamps only: Bottom Margin, below Row 10 Column 3. Imprint printed in black
Cylinder numbers:	Sheet stamps only: Top margin above R1/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black
Colour register:	Sheet stamps only: Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R1/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black
Sheet Value:	Sheet stamps only: Top margin, above R1/5, printed in black
Sheet Number:	Sheet stamps only: Type SN 7 with printed ‘ZIMPOST’ prefix, right margin opposite R1/5, reading down

Print numbers: \$100 200,000 \$800. 30,000
 Miniature sheet 3,000

Issue date: 24th October, 2006



Postal Rates

The \$100 stamp is issued for the basic local postage, but the \$800 is for basic surface mail to the rest of the world

Printing


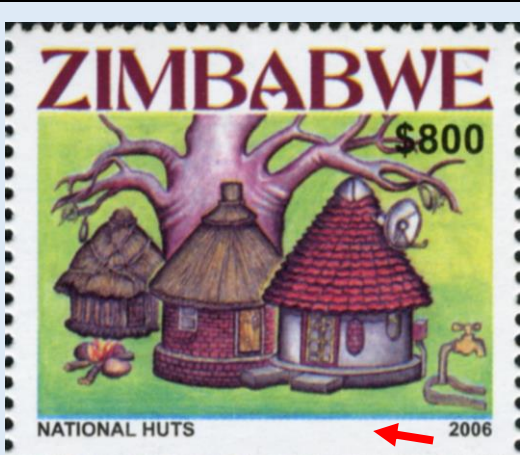

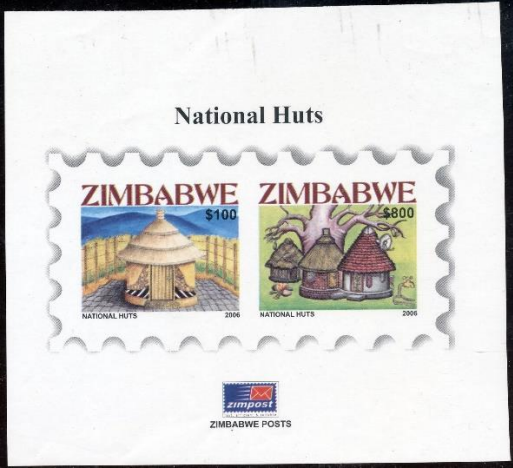
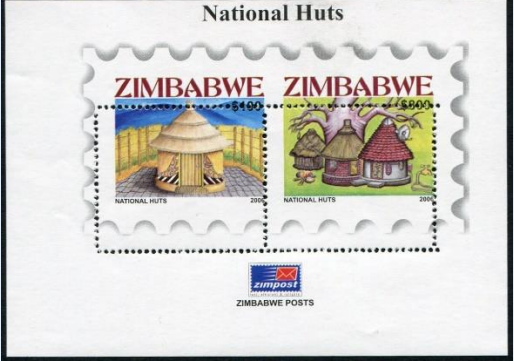
Both the stamps are listed in the ZSC catalogue missing values. As no other part of the stamp appears to be affected by the loss of black ink. The printing of the stamps must have been included on a fifth printing plate. Below is the sheet number block for the \$100 stamp, from which is noted that the ZIMPOST preface to the sheet number is also missing.

Listed varieties

<p>\$100:</p> <p>Missing value</p> <p>ZSC 623a</p> <p>This is variety is from Sheet No 0068 without preface ZIMPOST, unknown cylinder. Likely that both sheets will have this variety <i>(Source eBay)</i></p>	
<p>\$800:</p> <p>Missing value</p> <p>ZSC 624a</p> <p>This is the only known examples of this variety. It appears on cover postmarked in Gweru (May 2007) <i>(Courtesy of Buster Schemper)</i></p>	

Unlisted Varieties

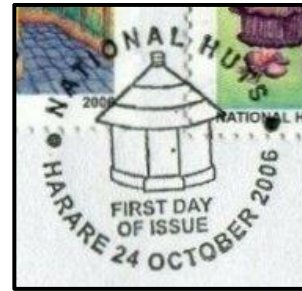
There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. Some colour variations have been noted for this issue, this is considered normal.

 <p>\$800: Magenta line through bottom of stamp Row 8 Col 10</p>	 <p>\$800: Good shift of cyan downwards</p>
 <p>\$800: Large smudge of additional yellow above 'ZIMB' (Courtesy Narendhra Morar)</p>	
 <p>Miniature sheet: Fully imperforate, on a larger sheetlet than normal. (Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)</p>	 <p>Miniature sheet: Movement of all perforations downwards, and mis-cut of sheet with Zimpost logo much higher. May indicate that sheetlet was cut before perforating, as perfs are about where the stamps should be. (Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)</p>

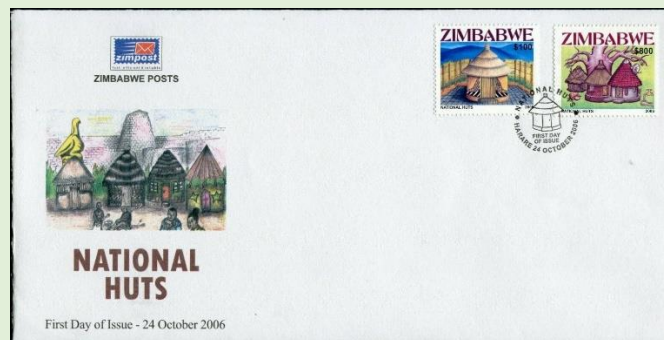
First Day Cover

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.

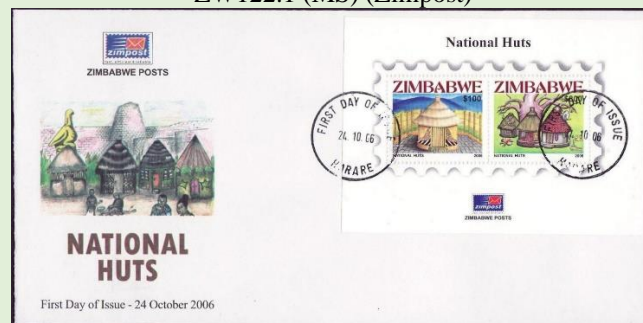


ZW123.1 (Zimpost)



Cover with set of stamps, placed on cover using Autophix machine and Printed pictorial cancellation
220 x 110 mm

ZW122.1 (MS) (Zimpost)



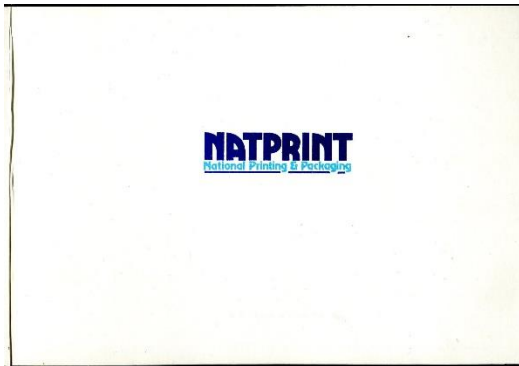
Miniature sheet with hand struck
First Day of Issue, Harare, cancellation for 26.10.06

Related Material

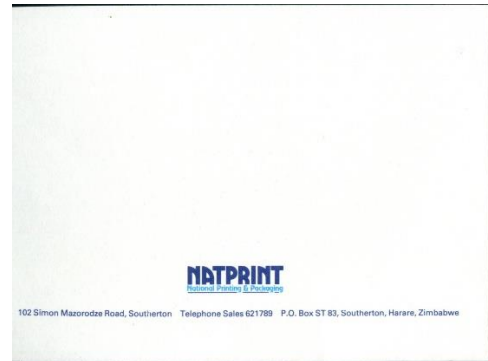
Natprint Proof Presentation Cards

Presentation cards produced by Natprint with imperforate proofs of the stamps to be issued. The presentation cards were forwarded to the PTC for approval of the final product.

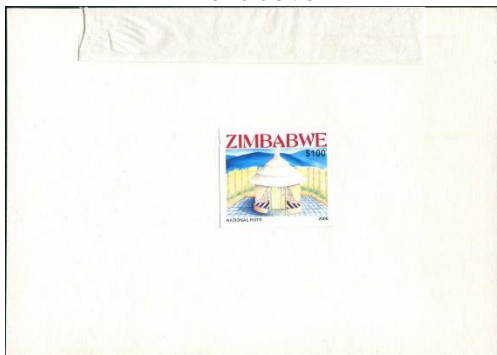
(Courtesy of Jefferson Ritson)



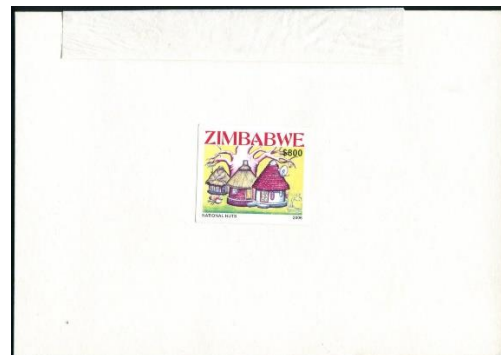
Front cover



Inside front cover



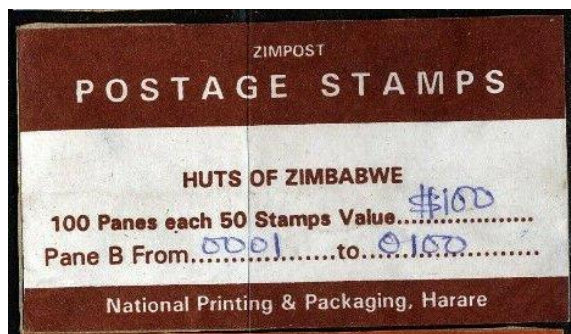
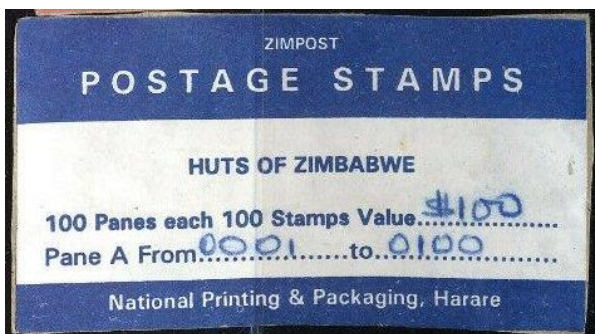
\$100 stamp

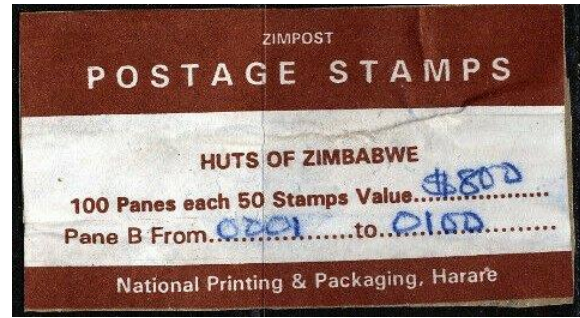
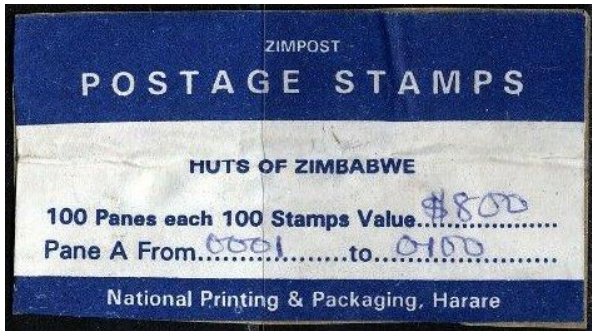


\$800 stamp

Delivery labels

Delivery Labels from packaging containing sheets of 100 stamps. Both the values are represented below with the Cylinder 1A on blue labels only and 1B on brown. All labels are for sheet numbers 0001 to 0100. *(Source EBay)*





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1. "The Zimbabwean Concise Postage Stamp Catalogue", published by Harare Stamp Company, edited by Ken Allanson, Mike Amos and Geoff Brakspear. The catalogue continues to be updated and expanded by Geoff Brakspear
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