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Designer Profile

Shathani Basupi hails from Mathangwane village in Botswana. He is a creative designer by profession. He acquired a BA (hons) in Creative Multimedia from Limkokwing Botswana.

He started designing as early as his Junior Secondary School level at Selepa in his Design & Technology classes. "Fish Eagle in Botswana" Stamp Issue the second stamp issue that Shathani has designed for BotswanaPost, after the "Water Utilities Anniversary 1970- 2020" stamp issue.

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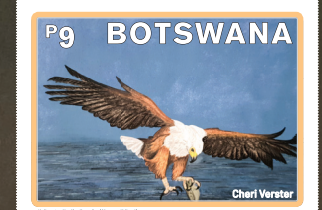
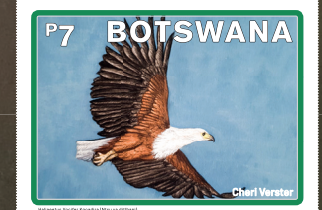
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FISH EAGLE IN BOTSWANA



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Fish Eagle In Botswana

The Stamp issue Fish eagle in Botswana showcases four stamps only. The Fish eagle scientifically known as *Haliaeetus vocifer* – Kgoadira (*Ntsu ya ditlhapi*) in Setswana language.



Fish eagle on perch

Habitat

Always lives near water. It is common in the Okavango and along the Chobe river, but it occurs near dams and sewage ponds around Gaborone and Francistown.



Fish eagle feeding on its prey

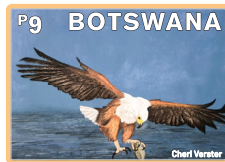


Fish eagle in flight

Characteristics

Mainly grey brown, black and white often marked with bold patches, immature usually coloured quite different from the adult. Adult sexes often differ slightly. Hooked bill and long talons usually yellow. The African Fish Eagle throws its head back as it

gives its familiar yelping call which is high pitched and normally a duet with their partner .



Fish eagle hunting

Breeding Biology

Breeds mainly in winter season, April - July usually nests in trees with green leaves and dry grass. Eggs one to three usually two white and unmarked about 70-75 days. Incubation period about 42-45 days mainly by females fledging period 70-75 days. Two young occasionally three are reared.

Artist Profile

Cheri Verster grew up in Durban, South Africa, where she studied interior architecture before leaving in 2010 to pursue a career in the Okavango Delta, Botswana. Her grandfather's hobby was oil painting, and her mother inherited this gift from him and taught Cheri to paint from a young age.

Cheri's use of media depends on the subject she is capturing. She tends to paint wildlife using gouache as she loves the movement and depth you can create in fur and feather details.

She likes to focus on promoting conservation through her artwork. Visit her pages, Cheri Art on Facebook and cheri.art.ltd (Instagram) –she hopes to donate portions of the funds from sales of her artwork to wildlife trusts and communities. "Fish Eagle in Botswana" is Cheri's first set of stamps for BotswanaPost.

Technical Details

Technical Information

Stamp size : 30 x 40 mm

4 landscapes

Miniature sheet: 96 mm x 166 mm

FDC: 220 mm x 110 mm

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Printing: Four color Process

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