

Crete 1898-99 Forgeries

District of Heraklion (Candia)



Genuine



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This is one of the most common forgeries found in worldwide collections. Most mint or used copies sold on EBay or Delcampe site are forgeries! All four values have the same characteristics (10 and 20 paras stamps). The bottom portion of the sun in the genuine is always complete, while it is always incomplete in the forgeries. The genuine is always perforated 11.5 while three different perforations are found in forgeries: 11, 11.25 & 11.5. There are three different types of forgeries all having the missing part on the sun.

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