

The Lost Hoard

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How many coins were discovered in the Swiss vault?**

233 half ponds and 677 ponds so 910 coins in total

- **What is the value of one 1893–1900 Lost Hoard Kruger half-pond with a 2019 1/10 oz gold privy-mark proof Krugerrand and what is the value of one 1893–1900 Lost Hoard Kruger full pond and a 2019 ¼ oz gold privy-mark proof Krugerrand?**

The grading determines the price of each coin; hence it is difficult to provide an accurate cost for each coin. Based on grading each coin could cost anywhere between R14 500 to R250 000.

- **How did the South African Mint acquire the ‘Lost Hoard’?**

A large hoard of Kruger ponde was recently discovered in Europe, which appears to have been stored in the Netherlands for many years during the early part of the 20th century, and then transferred to Switzerland for safekeeping. It remained there in a Swiss vault for decades until it was recently sold in a series of auctions.

- **Are these the ‘Krugger Millions’ that Paul Kruger took to Europe when he went into exile?**

The South African Mint accepted an offer to acquire the full complement of Lost Hoard coins in a private transaction.

It is very tempting to speculate that these coins form part of the Krugger Millions, however the dates and the worn condition of some of the coins indicate a different source.

- **How old are the Lost Hoard coins?**

The Kruger ponde and half ponde are dated between 1893 and 1900, which means that they were minted over 120 years ago. The proof Krugerrands are modern South African Mint coins dated 2019.

- **Are Lost Hoard coins historically important?**

Yes, they are highly important, both historically and numismatically because of the story that they uncover about the early days and the Transvaal Government at Machadodorp.

It is likely that most of the coins in possession of this Government bore the date 1898-1900. During the war years when people in Pretoria withdrew their gold coins from the banks, the Government was in control of the Mint and most likely only had newly minted coins available.

The rarity and scarcity of the coins also add to their significance in history.

- **Will the Lost Hoard coins be displayed at the Coin Museum?**

The original certified and graded coins which form part of the Lost Hoard are available from the South African Mint for purchase, paired with a 2019 limited edition privy mark Krugerrand in a beautiful 2 coin set.

The museum houses one of the impressive double 99 Kruger pond overstrike coins as part of its permanent displays.

- **Are the Lost Hoard coins exclusive to the South African Mint or can they be acquired elsewhere?**

The South African Mint is in possession of the full complement of Lost Hoard coins, they cannot be purchased elsewhere except from the Mint or some of our authorized dealers (find authorized dealer list on www.samint.co.za).

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- **Are the coins in the Lost Hoard set bullion or proof?**

The lost hoard coins were issued as circulation coins, and the accompanying Krugerrands are proof coins dated 2019.

1. **Are the Lost Hoard coins legal tender coins?**

These coins were minted before the existence of the South African Reserve Bank. They were legal tender coins of the *Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek*.

1. **Are the Lost Hoard coins rare coins?**

Yes. Many of the coins were melted down and mounted in jewelry so the few that survived are very rare. Kruger ponde are also not freely available in the market, which makes their numismatic value undeniable.

1. **How much does it cost to acquire one of the Kruger ponde?**

The Lost Hoard coins come in two different sets. The first set consists of a Lost Hoard Kruger Half Pond and a 2019 1/10oz privy mark Krugerrand and the second set consists of a Lost Hoard Kruger Pond and a 2019 1/4oz privy mark Krugerrand. Each of the Lost Hoard coins are graded differently, thus each set will be priced differently according to the different gradings each coin received.

1. **How many sets will be available?**

The Lost Hoard range will be available in two sets: the first set consists of a Lost Hoard Kruger Pond dated from 1893-1900 and a 2019 ¼oz gold privy mark proof Krugerrand, with a limited edition of 677. The second set is made up of a Lost Hoard Kruger Half Pond dated from 1893-1900 with a 2019 1/10oz gold privy mark proof Krugerrand, with a limited edition of 233. A total of 910 sets.

1. **I have a coin that looks similar to the Lost Hoard, will the South African Mint buy it?**

The South African Mint does not buy back coins. Gold collectable coins can be sold to the South African Reserve Bank at the gold price

Link to the original Morton & Eden auction held 1 – 2 December 2016, [showing all lots](#).