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INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

DAR ES SALAAM

University of Dar es Salaam (East Africana Collection)

PO Box 35092, Dar es Salaam
Tel.: 49192, 49181 & 49105
Telex: 41327 unischz, 41561 univip
Date of establishment: 1970
Status: University library / National Deposit library
Conditions of access: Strictly for recognised researchers.
Opening hours: all working days, 08.00–18.15.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 102 (22 Arabic; 80 Swahili), incl. photocopies.
Description of collection: The most valuable part of the collection consists of MSS of which the originals are still in the possession of the owners, but of which the University now has photocopies. Many of the MSS are in poor condition, and are of limited scientific value. Most were copied in the 1950s and 1960s, and cover tafsir, fiqh, history and poetry.

The collection owes much to J.W.T. Allen’s efforts in collecting and listing Swahili MSS in the Arabic and Roman scripts, as well as Arabic MSS obtained with the co-operation of several private collections in Tanzania, Kenya and the Comoro Islands.

Published catalogue:
The catalogue is in two parts. Part I gives serial number, number of pages, dimensions of the paper, date of copying, whether original or photocopy, source of acquisition, copyright status and short title. Part II gives an alphabetical listing of Swahili MSS and tapes by titles and first lines and the script (Arabic or Roman).

ZANZIBAR

Eastern African Centre for Research on Oral Traditions and African National Languages (EACROTANAL)

PO Box 600, Zanzibar
Tel.: 30786
Date of establishment: 1979
Status: Regional & intergovernmental research organisation
Total number of Islamic MSS: 122.
Description of collection: Old MSS from Zanzibar.


The first volume contains detailed descriptions, with summaries of the contents, of 25 Arabic MSS.


These volumes contain details of a further 97 Arabic MSS. Indexes of subject-matter only.

Zanzibar National Archives

PO Box 116, Zanzibar
Tel.: 30342. Fax 32337
Date of establishment: 1955
Status: Governmental
Conditions of access: Credentials required; access by written permission of the Director.
Opening hours: Monday – Friday, 08.00 – 15.00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 230.
Description of collection: The MSS cover a wide range of subjects, including medicine, geomancy, astronomy and astrology. Some are 400 years old. The Archive has launched a project to acquire MSS by purchase, loan or donation.

Unpublished catalogue:
A handlist has been compiled by the staff of the Archive.

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