20 EURO SILVER COIN

## AFRICA – THE SERENITY OF THE ELEPHANT





Series Eyes of the World

Face Value € 2

Date of Issue 9 November 2022 Coin Design Helmut Andexlinger,

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Diameter 34 mm
Quality Proof
Mintage 30,000
Alloy Silver Ag 925
Fine Weight 2/3 oz (20,74 g)
Total Weight 22.42 g
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**issue price:** € 69,60 (incl. 20% VAT)

Comes in a case complete with a numbered certificate of authenticity and protective slipcase.

Humans have always admired the measured demeanour and soothing sense of serenity of the elephant. These qualities are highlighted on *The Serenity of the Elephant*, the fourth coin in the five-piece *Eyes of the World* series, in the form of the sapphire-blue eyes of an elephant made of sparkling crystals by Swarovski\*.

The people of Africa have revered elephants since ancient times. In Cameroon, venerated kings are equated with elephants; among the Ashanti people of Ghana, good governance is firmly associated both with the idea of a strong bull elephant and the level-headedness of a matriarch. Many religious and political rituals and traditions that stem from the image humans have of elephants date from a time when the pachyderm's rights had not yet been curtailed by humans. To ensure that the natural habitat of elephants does not disappear any more than it already has, a new and consistent approach to environmental protection is fundamental. This requires patience and perseverance –attributes that make the elephant such a revered animal.

The coin's obverse is dominated by a mighty bull African elephant in its natural habitat, an image surrounded by a decorative pattern reminiscent of those seen on African fabrics. The coin's reverse features an elephant's head in close-up, accentuating its sparkling sapphire-blue eyes.





## EYES OF THE WORLD COLLECTOR CASE

Made of elegant, lacquered wood, the *Eyes of the World* collector case consists of a protective slipcase and a storage box, both featuring a stylised eye in the centre that hints enticingly at what lies inside. As well as space for the five superb silver coins in the *Eyes of the World* series, under the decorative coin tray there is room to store the coin certificates.

Continent by continent, the coins not only pay homage to the exceptional animals that were praised in the myths of previous cultures, but also take us on a fascinating journey through human history.

## **SERIES OVERVIEW**



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