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Casino International





Zaire-Palace Hotel Kisangani, Democratic Republic Of The Congo Type: Land Based

Status: Closed Open: 1970, Close: 1972

Updates

The casino of Kisangani was in 1970-72 at the hotel Zaire-Palace, former Congo-Palace. It was located below and behind the hotel Congo Palace next to the tennis courts of a club local and run by Greeks. It was a small local with a roulette (indicated on the satellite map with an red arrow). The information was obtained from former residents of Stanleyville, later Kisangani, Ms. Claire Dejaeger and Mr. Paul-René Hernard. The photographs reproduced come from the website www.stanleyville.be, with permission from Jean-Luc Ernst, its administrator, and who promoted the collection of the information. We thank you all for your cooperation.



From " Even Gods Walk in Shadows" by

Robert W. Proctor
Updates

Costo, a relatively young man now making a name for himself in this extremely		
insecure part of eastern Zaire, was born in what was Stanleyville during the city's		
heyday of Belgian prosperity. Although of diminutive stature and a light, almost		
fragile complexion, by virtue of a clear, authoritative voice and fluent command of		
Swahili he possessed the kind of commanding presence necessary in this now hostile		i
place. He survived and actually prospered in the post-rebellion "Zairianization" of		
foreigner-owned properties that had pretty much wiped out Costo's father. And he		
freely admitted, not really knowing a home other than the Congo, that he was an		
unredeemable "B'wana," and simply could not live anywhere except in the Congo.		
As an enterprising man, and with some questionable sources of capital, he had		
established a casino in Kisangani. One was constantly surprised by the number		
of people—Zairian and foreign—who would show up at the casino with time on		i
their hands and seemingly unlimited supplies of illegal hard currency. Costo knew		i
what he was doing. Kisangani, so far off the beaten path, and beyond the reach of		
law as we knew it, was an ideal place for currency smugglers to operate; for ivory,		
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