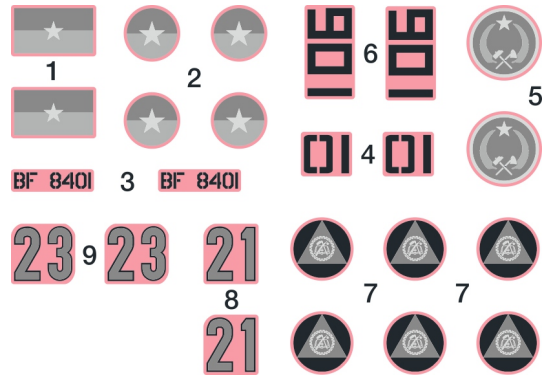


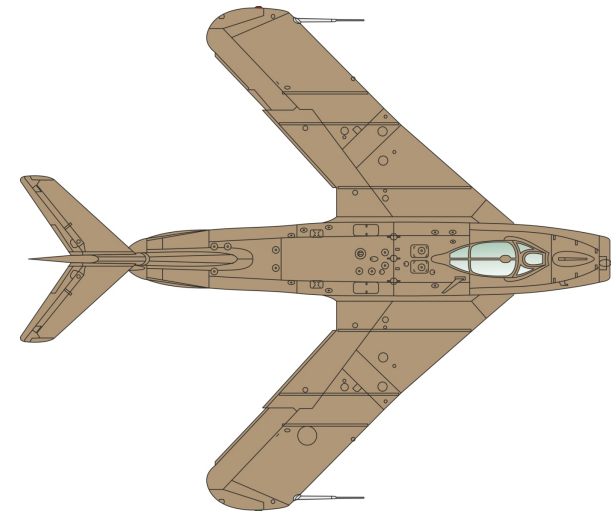
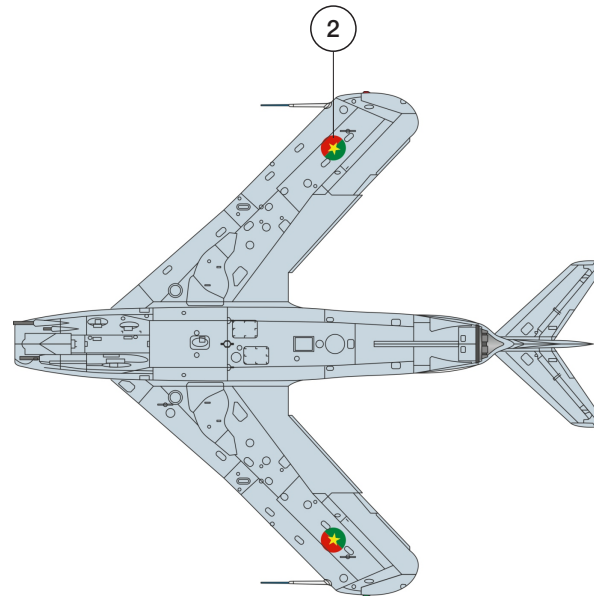
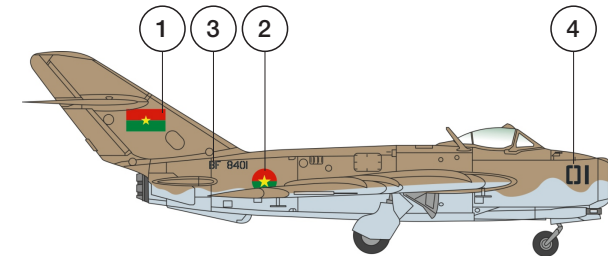
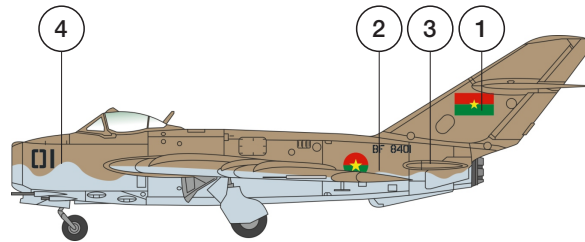
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## 1/144 MiG-17s of Burkina Faso, Congo and Mozambique Air Forces

Shelf  
Oddity



MiG-17F operated by freshly inaugurated FABF (Force Aérienne de Burkina Faso) in 1985-6. This aircraft saw combat service in Agacher Strip War (December 1985) between Burkina Faso and Mali.



Tan  
FS33440  
Light Blue  
steel

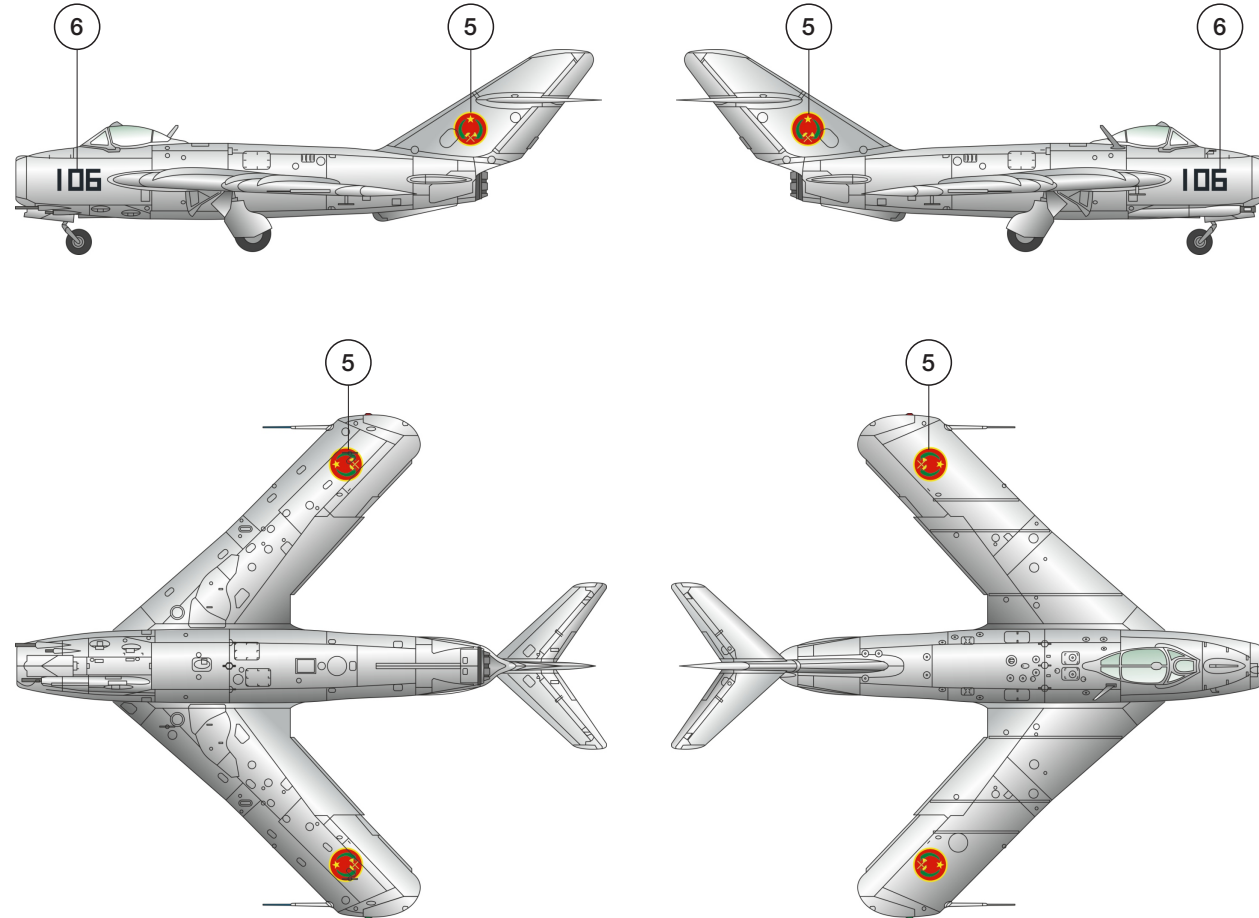
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Congo in 1960s is a bit confusing. There is Congo-Brazzaville - a Communist bastion in central Africa, former French colony. And there is Zaire - the Democratic Republic of the Congo, former Belgian colony, politically unstable and pro-Western. Both countries air forces used name "Force Aérienne Congolaise". This MiG-17 is the Communist one.

Congo-Brazzaville received its first MiG-17s at the beginning of 1960s, just after independence. The aircraft came along with financial and personnel aid from Soviet and Cuban.



 bare aluminum  
 steel

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MiG-17s arrived to Mozambique in 1966. The aircraft were used to combat insurgents. Sources indicate the aircraft originated from Cuba and that Cuban pilots were involved in combat sorties.

The Red 21 became well known in July 1981 when Lt Adriano F. Bomba used it to defect to South Africa.

While the insignia on upper surfaces of the wing can be (just) seen on available photographs, the bottom ones can be there, and can just as well not be there - we will keep them until better sources emerge.

The colour of MiG-17s used in Mozambique can also be a subject of dispute. In my eyes it bears some resemblance to the warm blueish colour seen on very early F-15A. Your interpretation may be different and that is fine. The trouble with reading exact colour from old photographs is too much is unknown - about type of film used, lighting conditions, film processing, printing etc.

