

Flag of The Republic of Congo - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

The current flag is the same as the one originally adopted in 1958.

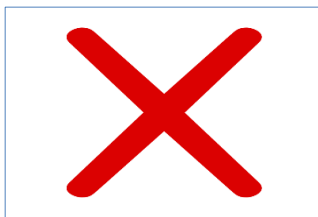
Technical Specification

Adopted:	15 th September 1991
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	A green and red bicolour separated with a diagonal yellow band.

Colours:	PMS	Green: 355	Yellow: 109	Red: 032
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Brief History

The first flag flown in the area that was to become the Republic of Congo was a plain white field with large red X as a symbol of the Kingdom of Kongo. From 1550 the western part of Congo was called the Kingdom of Loango and adopted a flag that featured a plain blue field with white hand and seven five-pointed yellow stars.

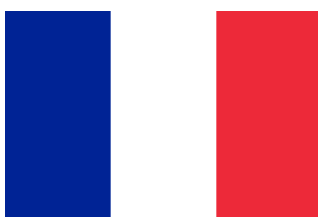


The Flag of the Kingdom of Kongo
(1390 – 1882)

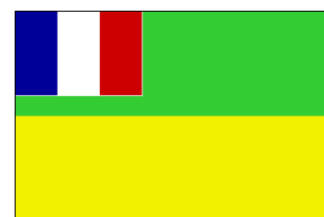


The Flag of the Kingdom of Loango
(1550 – 1800)

The French colonised the areas in 1882 and the French blue-white-red vertical Tricolour was adopted. In 1910 the area became part of French Equatorial Africa and the flag remained unchanged. There is said to be a second flag of French Congo that was used that was a green-yellow horizontal bicolour that featured the French flag in the top left hand corner.



The Flag of French Congo and French Equatorial Africa
(1882 – 1958)



The Alleged Flag of French Congo
(1959 – 1970)

When the Congo was declared an autonomous republic within the French community the flag was changed to the modern green and red bicolour separated with a diagonal yellow band.

In 1969 a new flag was adopted to reflect the countries Marxist government. A plain red field with golden hammer and hoe, green laurel and gold five-pointed star at the top left was chosen.



**The First flag of The Republic of Congo
(1958 – 1969)**



**The Flag of the People's Republic of Congo
(1969 – 1991)**

A new democratic government in 1991 saw the name and the flag of The Republic of Congo reinstated. The colours of the flag are those of the Pan-Africanist movement and partially have specific meaning. The green represents fertile land and yellow represents the people, however the red has no specific meaning.



**The Flag of the Republic of Congo
(1991 to Present Day)**

The Coat of Arms of the Republic of Congo

The Coat of Arms of the Republic of Congo was adopted in 1991 and features a yellow shield with red lion holding a torch at the centre in front of a green wavy line. At either side of the shield are black elephants and a crown with "REPUBLIC DU CONGO" on the band at the top and a banner stating "UNITE, TRAVAIL, PROGRES" underneath.



The Roundel of the Republic of Congo Air Force

The Roundel of the Republic of Congo Air Force features a circle made up of the Pan-Africanist colours of the national flag.

