

Flag of Dominica - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

Playwright Alwin Bully designed the original flag of Dominica.

Technical Specification

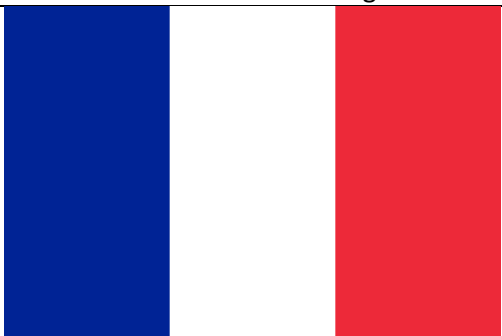
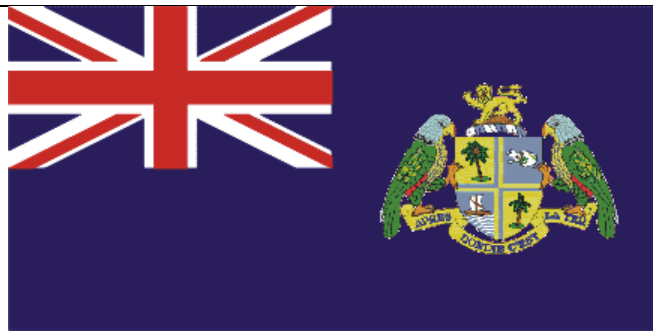
Adopted:	3 rd November 1990 (Originally 1978)
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A plain green field with crossing yellow-blue-white stripes with a red disk in the centre featuring a Sisserou parrot surrounded by then green stars.

Colours:	PMS	Green: 347C	Red: 185C	Yellow: 116C	Purple: 254C	
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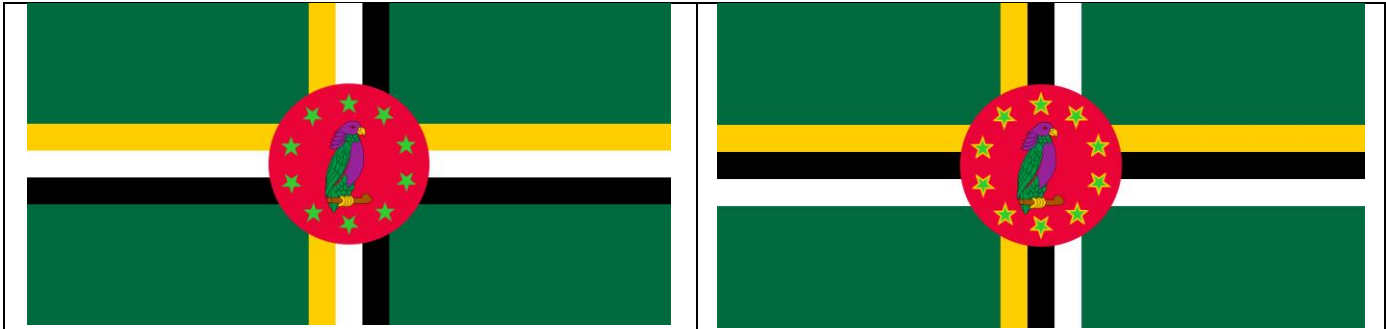
Brief History

Between 1715 and 1763 Dominica was a French Colony. While no specific flag is mentioned the French blue-white-red vertical tricolour flag is said to have been flown.

By 1763 Dominica was under British control and a typical British Blue Ensign with coat of arms was adopted. An example of the 1965 British Blue Ensign is below.

	
<p align="center">The Flag of France (1715 – 1763)</p>	<p align="center">Mock Up of the Flag of British Dominica (1965 – 1978)</p>

When United Kingdom granted Dominica independence in 1978 a new flag was adopted. It featured A plain green field with crossing yellow-blue-white stripes with a red disk in the centre featuring a right facing Sisserou parrot surrounded by then green stars. In 1981 a gold border was placed around each of the green stars.

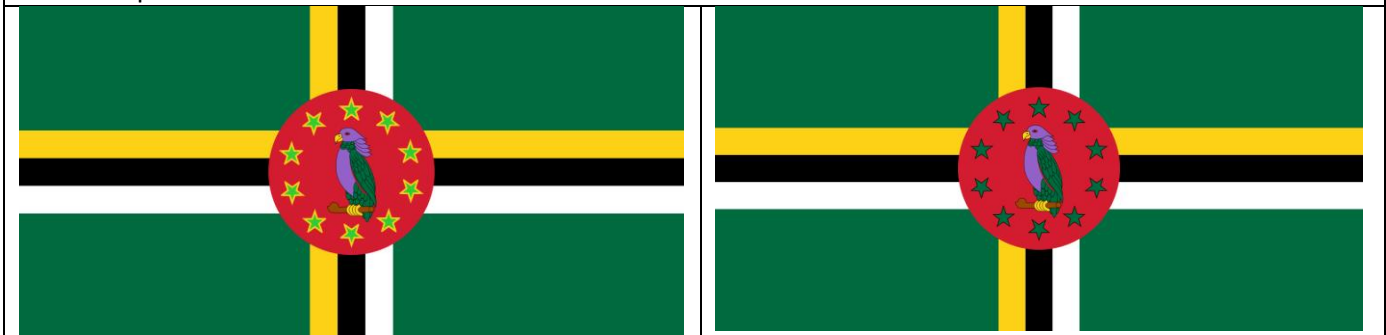


The Flag of Dominica
(1978 -1981)

The Flag of Dominica
(1981 -1988)

In 1988 the Sisserou parrot was changed to face left and in 1990 the gold bordered stars were replaced with black bordered dark green stars.

Each element of the flags design carries a specific meaning. The green base represents the lush vegetation, the three bands represent soil, natives and water, the cross represents Christianity and the stars represents the countries parishes.



The Flag of Dominica
(1988 – 1990)

The Flag of Dominica
(1990 to Present Day)

The Mamluk Sultanate reign lasted until they were defeated in the Ottoman-Mamluk war in 1517. With Egypt now part of the Ottoman Empire the flag was changed to a red field with a white crescent and five-pointed star in the centre. A similar flag to the Flag of Ottoman Egypt was flown in 1844 when Muhammad Ali, an Ottoman commander, made Egypt a self-declared Khedivate.

The Coat of Arms of Dominica

The Coat of Arms of Dominica was adopted in 1961. It features a shield split into four. The top left and bottom right parts are green with palm trees and the top right and bottom left are blue with a depiction of a boat on the sea. Two Sisserou parrots surround the shield with a golden lion above and a banner stating “APRES BONDIE C’EST LA TER” below.



The Flag of the President of Dominica

The Flag of the President of Dominica features a plain green field with the Coat of Arms in the centre.

