

Flag of Equatorial Guinea - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

The flag features the coat of arms that was originally adopted in 1968.

Technical Specification

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| Adopted: | 21 st August 1979 |
| Proportion: | 2:3 |
| Design: | A green-white-red horizontal tricolour with a blue isosceles triangle on the left hand side. In the centre is the National Coat of Arms of Equatorial Guinea. |

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| Colours: | PMS | Blue: | 293 | Red: | 032 | Yellow: | 109 | Green: | 335 |
| | | Brown: | 468 | Brown: | 440 | | | | |

Brief History

There was no official colonial flag when Equatorial Guinea was a Spanish colony between 1778 and 1968. Allegedly the Spanish flag was flown during this time. The British had a base in Spanish Guinea between 1827 and 1843 but it is not known if any flag was used.

In 1968 Equatorial Guinea became a republic and independent of Spanish Control. To celebrate this the first official flag of Equatorial Guinea was flown. They chose a green-white-red tricolour with a blue triangle at the left hand side.

The green symbolises the natural resources, white symbolises peach and red symbolises blood shed, the blue triangle symbolises the sea.





An Example of a flag of Spain.
(1778 – 1968)



The First Flag of Equatorial Guinea
(1968 – 1973)

When the dictator Francisco Nguema took power in 1973 a second flag was designed. It featured the same basic layout as the first flag but an emblem in the centre of the white band. The emblem featured a cockerel and several tools including pick axe, knife, axe and hoe. Featuring a banner "work" above and "Unity, Peace, Justice" below.

When he was overthrown in 1979 a new coat of arms was adopted. The coat of arms featured a white shield with a silk cotton trees at the centre. Above are six six-sided stars and below is "Unity, Peace, Justice". The six stars represent the county and the five surrounding islands. The flag without the coat of arms is an unofficial variant flag.

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| The Flag of Equatorial Guinea (1973 – 1979) | The Flag of Equatorial Guinea (1979 to present day) |



The Coat of Arms of Equatorial Guinea

The Coat of Arms of Equatorial Guinea was adopted at the same time as the modern flag on the 21st August 1979. It is the same as the Coat of Arms from 1968. It features a shield with a silk cotton tree at the centre with six, six-sided, stars above and the motto "UNIDAD, PAZ, JUSTICIA" underneath.






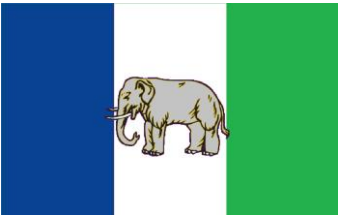



The Proposed Presidential Flags of Equatorial Guinea

Here are two mock-ups of the proposed Presidential Flags of Equatorial Guinea from 1986. Currently there is no official Presidential flag. Both proposed flags feature the silk cotton tree and gold stars.

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| The Flag of Anjouan | The Flag of Grande Comore |

The Flags of the Provinces of Equatorial Guinea

Each province of Equatorial Guinea has a different flag design. Here are some examples.

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| The Province of Annobón | The Province of Bioko Norte | The Province of Bioko Sur |
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| The Province of Centro Sur | The Province of Kié-Ntem | The Province of Litoral |
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| The Province of Wele-Nzas | | |