Flag of Guinea - A Brief History

Where In The World

Trivia

The flag is the reverse of the flag of Mali.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	10th November 1958
Proportion:	2:3
Design:	A red-yellow-green vertical tricolour.

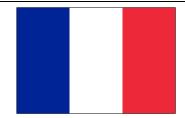| **Colours:**	**PMS**	Yellow:	109	Red:	032	Green:	355

Brief History

Throughout the centuries many Empires have ruled the area known as Guinea. The first known flag in the area was that of the Wassoulou Empire who came to rule in 1878.

The flag was a blue, light blue and white horizontal tricolour, with a red triangle on the left hand side and 7-pointed white star with red diamond inside.

When French Colonial Army overthrew the Wassoulou Empire in 1898 and the area became a French Colony. The French blue-white-red vertical tricolour was then used as the national flag.

The Flag of the Wassoulou Empire (1878 – 1898)	**The French Tricolour (1894 -1958)**

In 1958 Guinea gained independence from France after a landslide vote against autonomy. The newly independent country decided to link with Mali to form the Union of African States.

The flag was a horizontal red-yellow-green tricolour with two black stars in the centre. When Mail joined the union in 1960 a third black star was added. The union was dissolved in 1963.

The Flag of Alexandria	The Flag of Aswan	The Flag of Asyut

The first national flag of Guinea was also adopted in 1958. It features the same red-yellow-green Pan-African movement's colours as the Union of African States but in a vertical tricolour to reflect it's past as a French colony.

Each colour has a specific meaning to the people of Guinea, the red representing the blood of the people's sacrifice, the yellow is the sun and the green is the vegetation of the country. The flag has not changed since 1958 and the only legislation on the flag is that it must have stripes of equal width.

The Coat of Arms of Guinea

The current Coat of Arms of Guinea was updated in 2011. It features a white shield with the flag of Guinea in the lower portion. On the top of the flag is a dove holding a sprig of olive, which is hanging over the shield. There is a banner at the bottom with the words "WORK, JUSITICE, SOLIDARITY."

The previous Coat of Arms featured a sword and a rifle and the original coat of arms from 1960 featured a red and yellow shield with an elephant at the centre.

The Military Emblem of Guinea

The Emblem for the Military of Guinea is the same design of the Coat of Arms of Guinea with a slightly altered colour scheme. The only difference is that shield and dove are also gold.