

# Flag of Mauritania - A Brief History



Where In The World



### Trivia

The flag is distinct because it does not feature the most common flag colours, namely red, blue or white.

### Technical Specification

<b>Adopted:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 1959
<b>Proportion:</b>	2:3
<b>Design:</b>	A plain green field with a upward pointing golden crescent moon and five-pointed star.

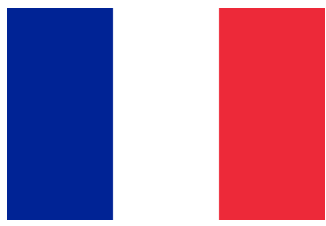
<b>Colours:</b>	<b>PMS</b>	Green:	355	Yellow:	109
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### Brief History

The first flag flown in Mauritania was the blue-white-red French Tricolour when it became a French Colony in 1903.

When independence from France was granted and it became an Islamic republic a new Pan-African green flag was adopted with a golden crescent moon and five-pointed star at the centre.

The gold represents the Sahara desert and the green the future and growth of the country.

	
<p>The Flag of the French Colony of Mauritania (1903 -1959)</p>	<p>The Flag of Mauritania (1959 to Present Day)</p>

### The Seal of Mauritania

The seal of Mauritania is the national flag of Mauritania in a circular white-bordered seal with a white palm tree and plant. "ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA" is written in Arabic and French in the white border.



**The Emblem of the Mauritanian Armed Forces**

The Emblem of Mauritanian Armed Forces features elements of the air force navy and army with the crescent moon and five-pointed star above.

