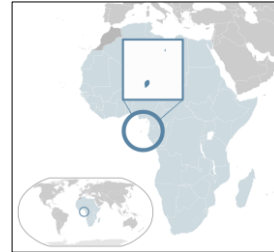


Flag of São Tomé and Príncipe - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

The flag shares the symbolism of the fight for independence with Ghana and Togo.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	5 th November 1975
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A green-yellow-green horizontal tricolour with red triangle and two five-pointed black stars.

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

The Portuguese colonised São Tomé and Príncipe in 1470 and the area adopted the flag of Portugal as the national flag.

When the country was granted independence in 1975 a new flag was adopted. The new flag was similar to the previous flag of the movement for the Liberation of São Tomé and Príncipe. It was a green-yellow-green horizontal tricolour with red triangle and two five-pointed black stars.

Each colour of the flag has a specific meaning, the green represents the land and the lush vegetation of the country, the yellow represents the sun, the red represents the struggle for independence and the two stars represent the two islands.



An Example of the Flag of Portugal
(1470 – 1975)



The Flag of São Tomé and Príncipe
(1975 to Present Day)

The Coat of Arms of São Tomé and Príncipe

The Coat of Arms of São Tomé and Príncipe was adopted in 1975 and features a yellow shield with a palm. A falcon is at the left hand side and a parrot on the left. Above is a blue five-pointed star with a banner stating "REPUBLICA DEMOCRATICA DE S.TOME E PRINCIPE" and underneath is a banner stating "UNITY, DISCIPLINE, WORK."



The Historical Coat of Arms of São Tomé and Príncipe

Here are some examples of the historical coat of arms of Portuguese São Tomé and Príncipe. They all feature the crowned armillary sphere with a shield containing a water wheel, green wavy lines and the five blue shields with five white circles.



The Coat of Arms of Portuguese São Tomé and Príncipe (1935 – 1951)



The Coat of Arms of São Tomé and Príncipe (1951 – 1975)



The Lesser Coat of Arms of São Tomé and Príncipe (1935 – 1975)