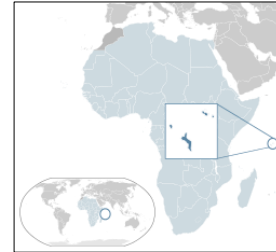


Flag of Seychelles - A Brief History



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Trivia

The flag is like the old Mozambique flag turned upside down.

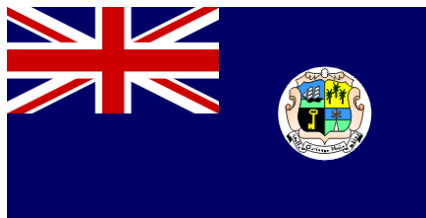
Technical Specification

Adopted:	18 th June 1996
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	Blue-yellow-red-white-green oblique bands starting from the bottom left.

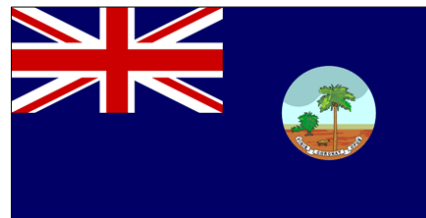
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Brief History

In 1869 Seychelles was under British rule and administered by British Mauritius. The British Blue Ensign with the coat of arms of Mauritius was flown at this point in time. By 1903 there was a British ensign for the Seychelles, it featured a badge with a palm tree and giant tortoise with Latin banner stating "FINIS, CORONAT, OPUS".



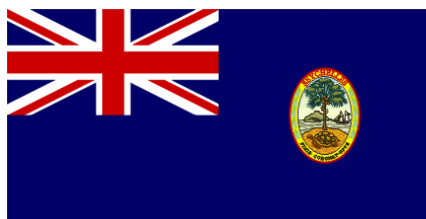
The Flag of Mauritius
(1869 – 1903)



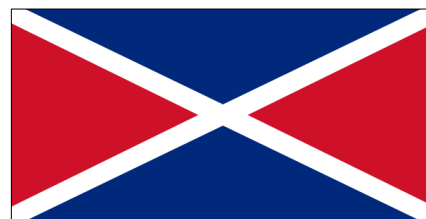
The Flag of Seychelles
(1903 -1961)

In 1961 the badge of the flag changed to an oval shape depicting a giant turtle, palm tree, coconuts, the sea and a boat.

When Seychelles gained independence in 1976 a new flag was adopted that featured a blue triangles and red triangles with a white border. This flag only lasted one year.



The Flag of Seychelles
(1961 – 1976)



The Flag of Seychelles
(1976 – 1977)

In 1977 F. Albert Renee overthrew the first president James Mancham and a new flag was adopted. It was a green-red horizontal bicolour with a white wavy stripe. The red represented revolution, green for agriculture and the white represented the bounty from the ocean.

A new flag was adopted in 1996 to represent the new multiparty political system in the Seychelles. The flag is a Blue-yellow-red-white-green oblique bands starting from the bottom left. Each colour has a specific representation; the blue is the sky and the sea, yellow is the sand, red is the people, white is harmony and green is the land.



The Flag of Seychelles
(1977 – 1996)



The Flag of Seychelles
(1996 to Present Day)

The Coat of Arms of Seychelles

The coat of arms of Seychelles was adopted on the 27th May 1976 and features a shield with images of a palm tree, tortoise, sea and boats. Above the shield is a helmet and a white-tailed tropicbird, at either side is a sailfish and below is a banner that reads “ THE END CROWNS THE WORK”.



The Flag of the President of Seychelles

The original flag of the president of the Seychelles was adopted in 1977 and features a gold-bordered green-red horizontal bicolour with a white wavy stripe with the coat of arms at the centre.

In 1996 the flag was changed to the new national flag with the coat of arms top right hand corner.



The Flag of the President of Seychelles
(1977 – 1996)



The Flag of the President of Seychelles
(1996 to Present Day)

The Historical Governor's flag of Seychelles

When the Seychelles was under British rule the Governor's flags featured the Union Jack defaced by the colonial badges.



The Governor's Flag of Seychelles
(1903 – 1961)



The Governor's Flag of Seychelles
(1961 – 1976)