

# Flag of Togo - A Brief History



Where In The World



**Trivia**

The flag colours are taken from the flag of the Pan African movement.

**Technical Specification**

<b>Adopted:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April 1960
<b>Proportion:</b>	1:1.618
<b>Design:</b>	Five yellow and green stripes with a red square and white five-pointed star in the top left corner.

<b>Colours:</b>	<b>PMS</b>	Red:	199	Green:	348	Yellow:	137
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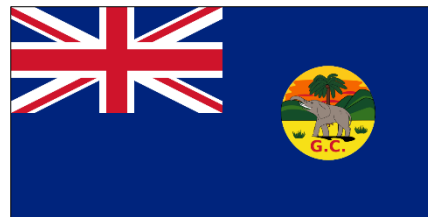
**Brief History**

In 1884 Germany became a Protectorate of the area that was to become Togo. The German black-white-red horizontal tricolour, with coat of arms at the centre, flag was flown until 1914 when the British and French forced Germany out of the region.

In 1916 Britain and the French occupied Togoland and split it up into administrative zones in 1922. The flag in British Togoland was the Blue British Ensign with the emblem of the Gold Coast at the centre right.

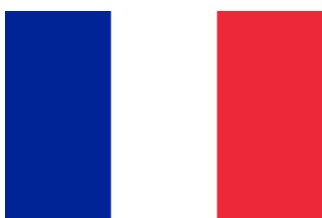


The Flag of the German Togoland Protectorate (1884 – 1914)



The Flag of British Togoland (1922 – 1956)

The Flag that was flown in French Togoland was the French blue-white-red vertical tricolour. In 1956 French Togoland became an autonomous republic and a new flag was adopted. The flag was a plain green field with two five-pointed white stars, one top right and one bottom left, and the French tricolour in the top left. The stars represent British and French Togoland.



The Flag of French Togoland (1922 – 1956)



The Flag of French Togoland (1957 – 1958)

When the area became closer to independence in 1958 the French tricolour was removed from the flag. The ratio was 3:5.

In 1960 Togo gained full independence from Britain and France and a new flag was adopted. The new flag featured five yellow and green stripes with a red square and white five-pointed star in the top left corner. Taking the colours of the Pan African movement, the red symbolises the bloodshed in the fight for independence, the green represents the agriculture, the yellow the riches of the land and the white star represents hope.



**The Flag of Togo  
(1958 – 1960)**



**The Flag of Togo  
(1960 to Present Day)**

**The Coat of Arms of Togo**

The Coat of Arms of Togo was two years after Togo gained independence. It is a white green-bordered oval inside of which is a golden shield with the letters 'RT' referencing République Togolaise. At either side is a lion with bow and arrow. Above are the national flags with ribbons stating "WORK, LIBERTY, HOMELAND".



**The Air Force Roundel of Togo**

The Air Force Roundel of Togo is a yellow-bordered circle made up of the national flag.

