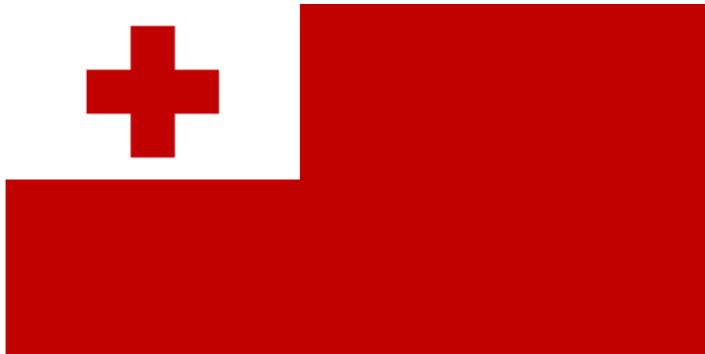


Flag of Tonga - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

At one point a 2:3 proportioned national flag was flown.

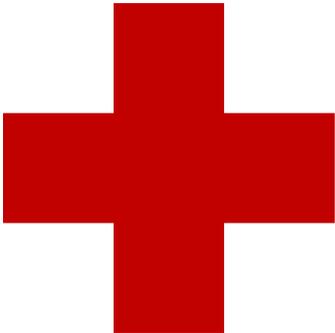
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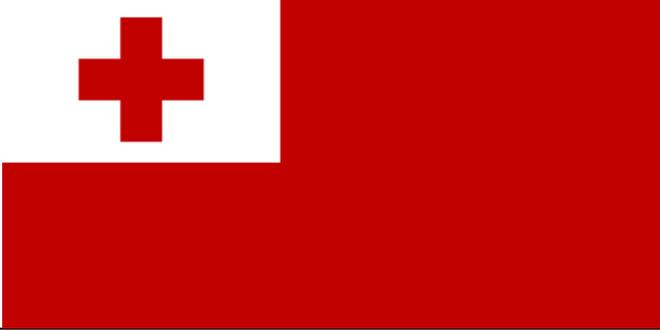
Adopted:	4 th November 1875		
Proportion:	1:2		
Design:	A red field with a white rectangle and red cross top left.		
Colours:	PMS	Red: 032	

Brief History

From 1858 the flag of Tongatapu was a white field with two blue crosses on the left, two red crossed on the right and a Blue M below a red A in the centre.

In 1862 the country became Tonga and a new flag was adopted. It featured a plain red field with a large red cross designed by Prince Uelingatoni Ngu Tupoumalohi and Pastor Shirley Baker. The red cross symbolises blood shed by and the cross of Jesus Christ.

	
<p>The Flag of Tongatapu (1858 – 1862)</p>	<p>The Flag of Tonga (1862 – 1866)</p>

<p>In 1875 it was written into the nation's constitution that a new plain red field with a white rectangle and red cross top left was adopted. The national flag can never be changed. All the elements of the flag reflect Christianity.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">The Flag of Tonga (1875 to Present Day)</p>
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The Coat of Arms of Tonga

<p>The Coat of Arms of Tonga was adopted in 1875. The design is a shield with ornate gold border split into four parts.</p> <p>Top left is three white stars on a gold border, bottom right are three crossed swords on a yellow border. The bottom left portion is white dove on a blue background and top right is a crown on a red background. In the centre is a white star with a red cross.</p> <p>Above the shield is crown, two national flags and a laurel branch. Below is a banner with the motto "GOD AND TONGER ARE MY INHERITANCE".</p>	
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The Royal Standard of Tonga

<p>The Royal Standard of Tonga is a version of the design on the shield of the national Coat of Arms.</p> <p>Top left is three white stars on a gold border, bottom right are three crossed swords on a yellow border. The bottom left portion is white dove on a blue background and top right is a crown on a red background. In the centre is a white star with a red cross.</p>	
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The Naval Ensign of Tonga

<p>The Naval Ensign of Tonga is a 1:2 proportioned white field with a red and white bordered offset cross and a small red cross top left.</p>	
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The Flag of the Tonga Defence Services

<p>The Flag of the Tonga Defence Services is a white field with a crowned red-bordered white shield and three crossed swords emblem in the left side.</p>	
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