

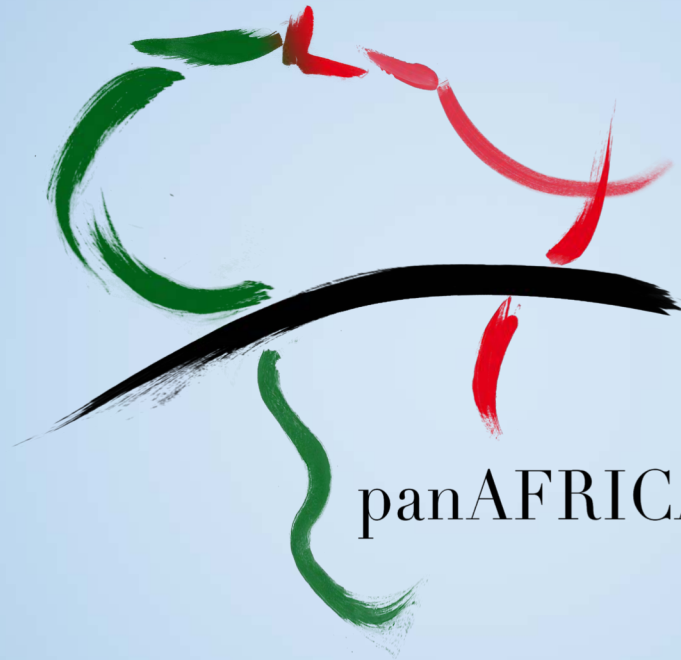
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What is Vexillology?

Vexillology is the study of flags.

Most national flags are rectangular in shape.



Flag of Ethiopia.

The colors & designs of flags usually have special meaning.

Red often symbolizes courage, revolution, battle, power

Yellow often symbolizes sun, wealth, energy, happiness

Green often symbolizes earth, agriculture, prosperity, hope

Blue often symbolizes freedom, justice, peace

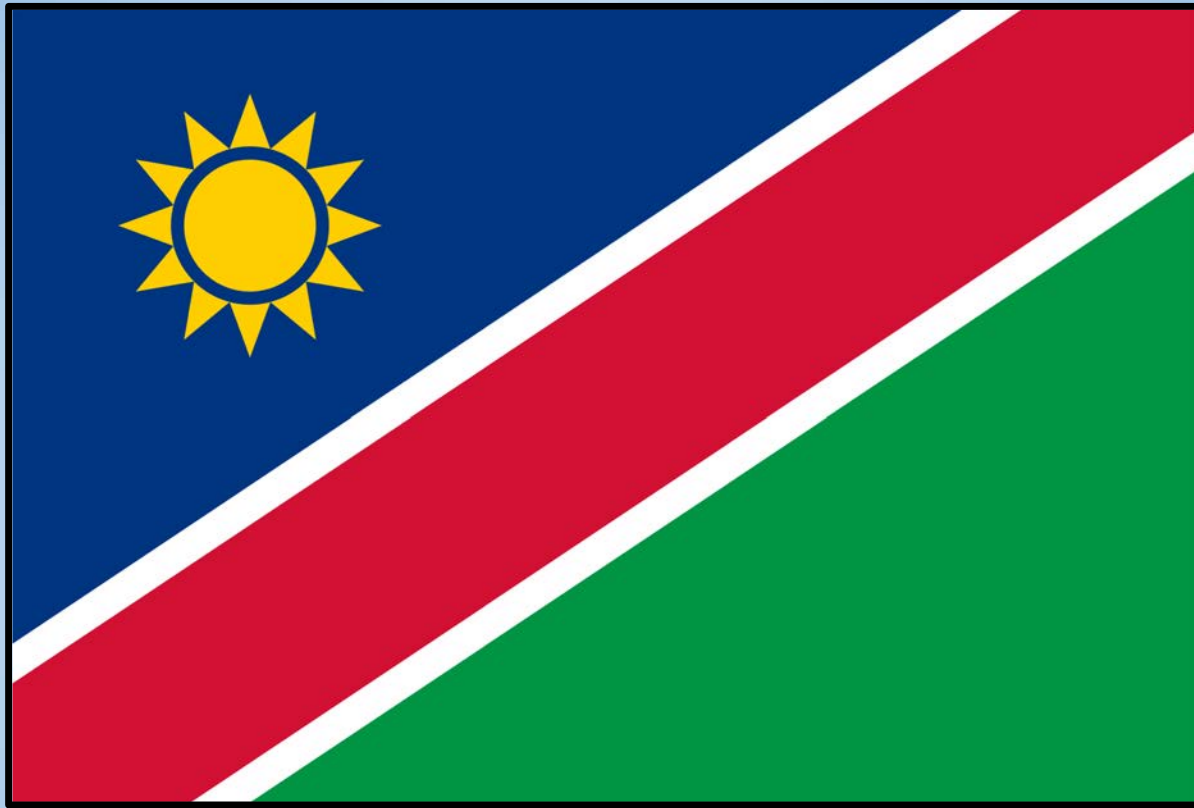
The pentagram in the center of Ethiopia's flag represents unity of the nations, nationalities & peoples of Ethiopia.

Flags are a source of pride for many.



Athletes often show pride of country when competing by displaying their nation's flag.

The blue triangle represents the Namibian sky and Atlantic Ocean. A golden sun represents power and existence.



The green triangle represents vegetation and agricultural resources.

This is the country flag of Namibia, which gained independence from South Africa in 1990.

The wide red stripe stands for the determination and heroism of those who fought for equality for all. The white stripes stand for peace, unity and tranquility.



National flags are often displayed outdoors throughout cities and towns.

Where have you seen flags displayed outdoors?

Morocco's flag is red and green, which are traditional Arab colors. The deep red color is symbolic of the descendants of the prophet Mohammed.



The green, five-pointed star, also known as Solomon's seal, represents the five pillars of Islam: faith, prayer, alms fasting & pilgrimage.

This is the country flag of Morocco, which gained independence from France in 1956.

As an Islamic country (98% of the population), the flag is representative of religion and nation.



Flags are often displayed inside official buildings.

Where have you seen flags displayed inside?

Gabon's flag has three equal horizontal stripes.

The green stripe represents Gabon's forests and natural resources.



The yellow stripe represents both the sun and the equator, which transects Gabon.

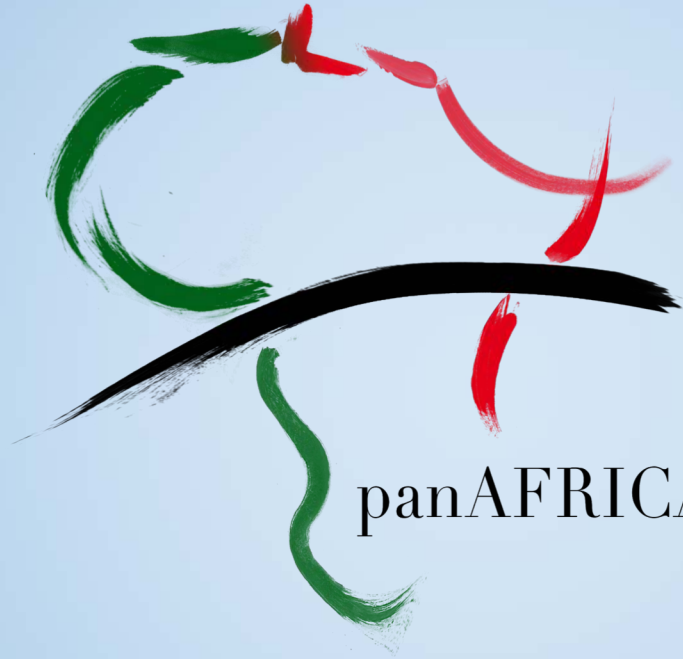
This is the country flag of Gabon, which gained independence from France in 1960.

The blue red stripe represents the sea. The Atlantic Ocean borders Gabon.



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