

# Flag of Ivory Coast - A Brief History



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### Trivia

The flag is extremely similar to that of the Republic of Ireland.

### Technical Specification

<b>Adopted:</b>	1959
<b>Proportion:</b>	2:3
<b>Design:</b>	An orange-white-green vertical tricolour.

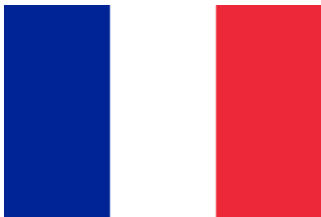

<b>Colours:</b>	<b>PMS</b>	Orange:	151	Green:	347
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### Brief History

The Ivory Coast became a French protectorate in 1844 and then a French colony in 1893 as part of French West Africa in 1904. The flag at this time was the French blue-white-red tricolour.

It remained that way until the Ivory Coast became an autonomous republic within the French Community in 1958 and the modern orange-white-green vertical tricolour was adopted. The orange is said to represent the savannahs, the white is peace and the green the woods in the south.

The flag is flown on all official buildings, placed on state employees desks, courtyards of schools and universities and on the president's vehicles.

	
<p><b>The Flag of French West Africa (1895 – 1958)</b></p>	<p><b>The Flag of the Ivory Coast (1959 to Present Day)</b></p>

### The Coat of Arms of the Ivory Coast

The current coat of arms of the Ivory Coast was adopted in 1964 and features a green shield with white elephant. At either side of the shield are palm trees and above the shield is a rising sun. Below the shield is a banner stating 'REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE'. The coat of arms is used on all official documents and on stamps.



**The Historical and Alternative Coat of Arms of the Ivory Coast**

Here are examples of both the official and unofficial historical and alternative Coat of Arms of the Ivory Coast. They are all similar to the modern coat of arms.

		
<p><b>The Coat of Arms of the Ivory Coast (1960 – 1964)</b></p>	<p><b>The White Elephant Coat of Arms of the Ivory Coast (1964 to Present Day)</b></p>	<p><b>The Golden Elephant Coat of Arms of the Ivory Coast (2000 to Present Day)</b></p>
		
<p><b>The Unofficial Coat of Arms of the Republic of the Ivory Coast (1990 – 2000)</b></p>	<p><b>The Unofficial Coat of Arms of the Republic of the Ivory Coast (2001 – 2011)</b></p>	