

Flag of Solomon Islands - A Brief History



Where In The World



Trivia

The national flag is also used as civil, state and war flag on land.

Technical Specification

Adopted:	18 th November 1977
Proportion:	1:2
Design:	A blue-green diagonal bicolour with a diagonal yellow stripe and five five-pointed white stars in a H shape top left.

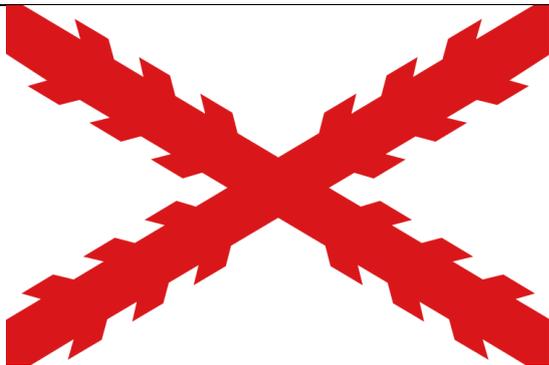
Colours:	PMS	Blue: 300	Yellow: 123	Green: 355		
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Brief History

The first country to colonise the Solomon Islands was the Spanish in 1568.

The cross of burgundy flag, a white field and a large red crossing diagonal stripes, and the national Spanish flag would have been flown.

The final Spanish flag would have been the flag of Spanish East Indies, a red-yellow-red horizontal triband with the coat of arms centre left.



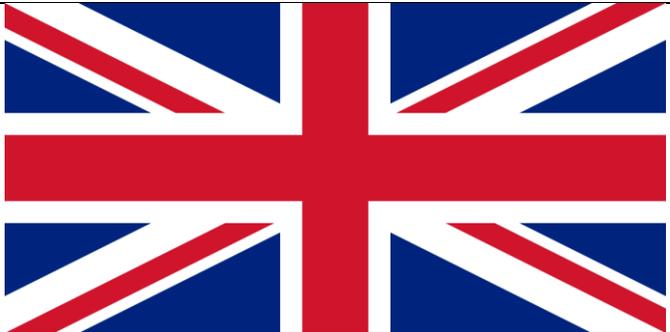
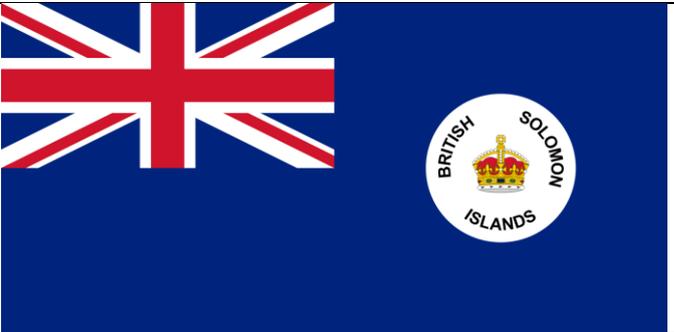
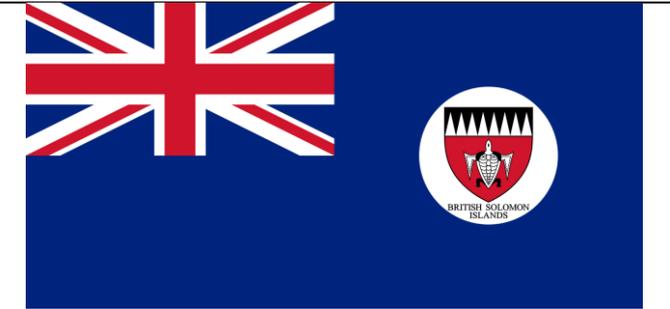
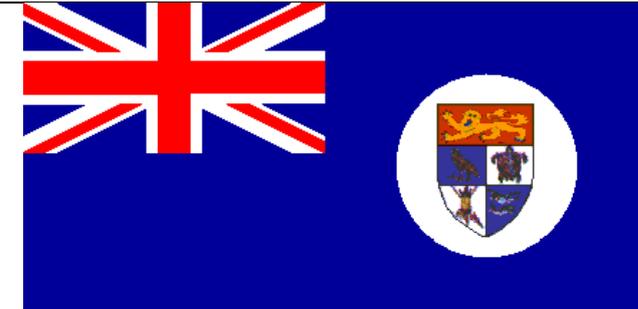
The Flag of the Cross of Burgundy



The Flag of the Spanish East Indies (-1898)

In 1884 the Northern Solomons became a Protectorate under the German Colonial Empire administered by German New Guinea.

The black-white-red horizontal tricolour of the German Colonial Empire and the white field with German national flag top left, black lion with red fleur-de-lise centre right were adopted.

	
<p>The Flag of the German Colonial Empire (1884 – 1919)</p>	<p>The Flag of German New Guinea (1884 – 1919)</p>
<p>In 1893 Southern Solomons became a British Protectorate under the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. By 1906 the whole of the Solomon Islands would be under British control and have a specific British Blue Ensign with a white disc, crown surrounded by "BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS".</p>	
	
<p>The Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain (1893 – 1978)</p>	<p>The Flag of the British Solomon Islands (1906 – 1947)</p>
<p>The coat of arms was changed in 1947 to feature a red shield with turtle and a vertical stripe made of black and white isosceles triangles. In 1955 the coat of arms was changed again to feature a shield split into five parts with the images of a lion turtle and other symbols of the Solomon Islands. When the country became The Solomon Island in 1975 the flag remained the same.</p>	
	
<p>The Flag of the British Solomon Islands (1947 – 1955)</p>	<p>The Flag of the British Solomon Islands (1955 – 1966) The Flag of the Solomon Islands (1975 – 1977)</p>
<p>In 1977 the Solomon Islands gained independence a new flag was adopted.</p> <p>The design is a blue-green diagonal bicolour with a diagonal yellow stripe and five five-pointed white stars in a H shape top left.</p> <p>Each element of the flag has a specific meaning. The blue represents the ocean, the green is the land and</p>	

<p>the yellow is sunshine. The five stars are the main Solomon Islands.</p>	<p>The Flag of the Solomon Islands (1977 to Present Day)</p>
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The Coat of Arms of the Solomon Islands

The Coat of Arms of the Solomon Islands is a shield divided into two an upper blue band with an eagle between Frigate birds and the lower yellow part with a green X, a shield, crossed spears and two turtles.

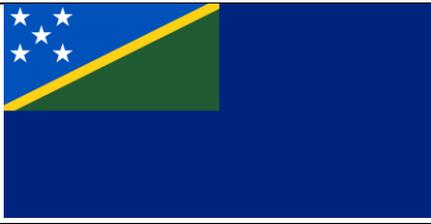
Supporting the shield is a crocodile and shark. Above is a helmet and a stylized sun. Below is a banner stating "TO LEAD IS TO SERVE".



The Ensigns of the Solomon Islands

The Civil Ensign of the Solomon Island features a red field with the national flag top left. It is the flag of the merchant ships.

The State Ensign of the Solomon Islands features a sky blue field with the national flag top left. This is the flag of non-military government vessels.

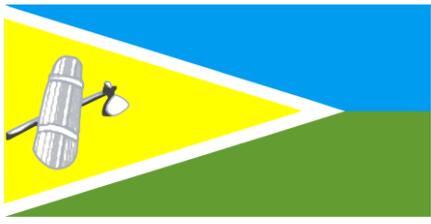
	
<p>The Civil Ensign of the Solomon Islands</p>	<p>The State Ensign of the Solomon Islands</p>

<p>The Naval Ensign is a white field with a red cross and national flag top left. The Customs Service Ensign of the Solomon Islands is the State Ensign with "CUSTOMS" in block capitals.</p>	
	
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The Flags of the Provinces of the Solomon Islands

Each province of the Solomon Islands has a specific flag. Examples of the flags are below.

		
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The Flag of the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands

The Flag of the Governor-General of the Solomon Islands is a dark blue field with a lion and crown and a banner stating "SOLOMON ISLANDS".

