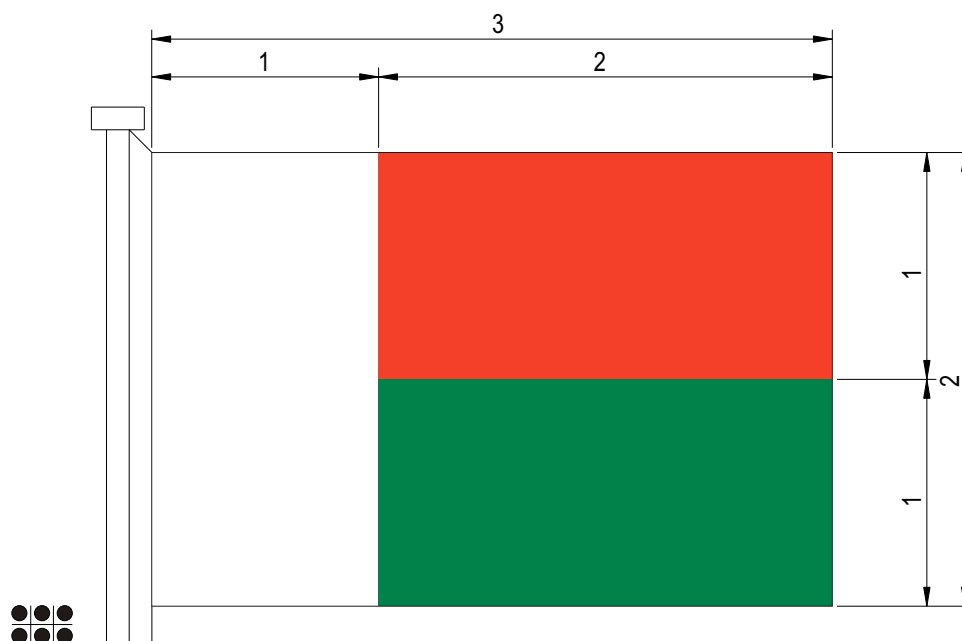


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

Madagascar

National flag



DATA		COLOUR SPECIFICATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	National flag and ensign	Red	Warm Red c	0	80	90	0
Ratio:	2 : 3	Green	348c	100	0	80	25
Adopted:	04 Oct 1958						
Abolished:	In Use						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

The flag was introduced when self-government was achieved in 1958 and was retained on independence. The red and white are said to symbolize the earlier Merina Kingdom whose flags were all red and white, with the addition of green for the Hova, the former peasant class. From 14 Oct 1958 to 30 Dec 1975, Madagascar was known as the Malagasy Republic. From 30 Dec 1975 to 12 Sep 1992, The Democratic Republic of Madagascar and since then, Republic of Madagascar.