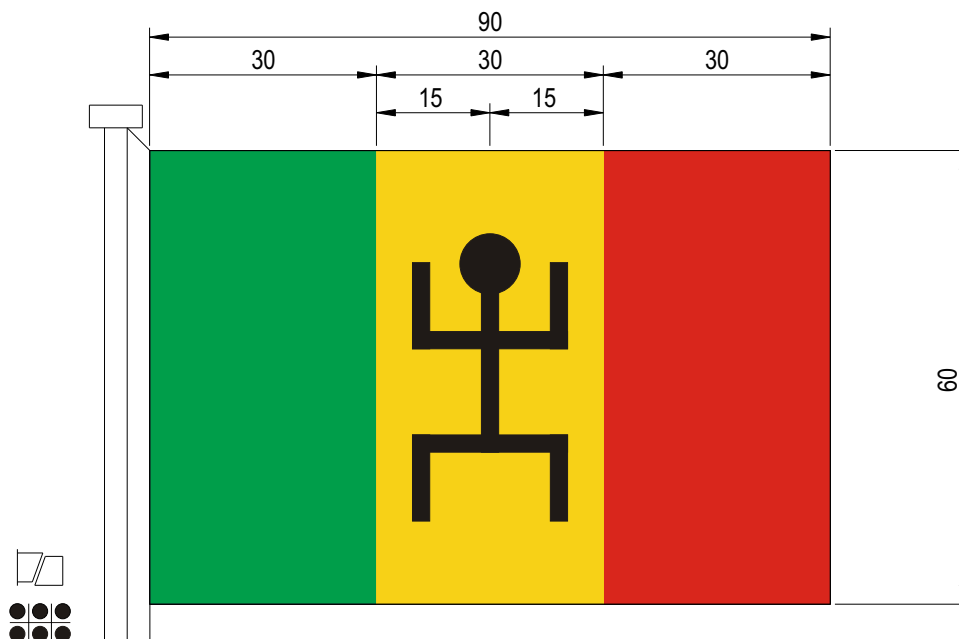


SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

Mali Federation

National flag 1959 - 1960



DATA		COLOUR RECOMMENDATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	National Flag and ensign	Red	186c	0	90	80	5
Ratio:	2 : 3	Green	355c	100	0	70	30
Adopted:	04 Apr 1959	Yellow	116c	0	15	95	0
Abolished:	01 Mar 1961						
Designer:	-						

HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM

Senegal and French Sudan amalgamated to form the Mali Federation on April 4, 1959, within the French Community and became entirely self-governing when it gained independence from France on June 20, 1960. The flag adopted by the federation was based on the flag of Ghana, but with the stripes arranged vertically following the same style as the French *Tricolore*. The black *Kanaga* figure which was used in the flag of the French Sudan was retained and placed centrally on the yellow stripe. The colours were intended to reflect a unity with other African Nations.

The federation was short - lived due to political differences between French Sudan and Senegal, and ended on 22 Aug 1960 when Senegal seceded. Senegal replaced the kanaga with a green 5 - pointed star (see SV - SN - 01.0 - 1). Mali continued to use the kanaga flag until 01 Mar 1961, when the kanaga symbol was removed due to pressure from Islamic groups who objected to the human figure being displayed on a flag (See SV - ML - 01.0 - 01 - 1).

At sea, the French flag was flown until independence on 20 Jun 1960, when the National flag was used.

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