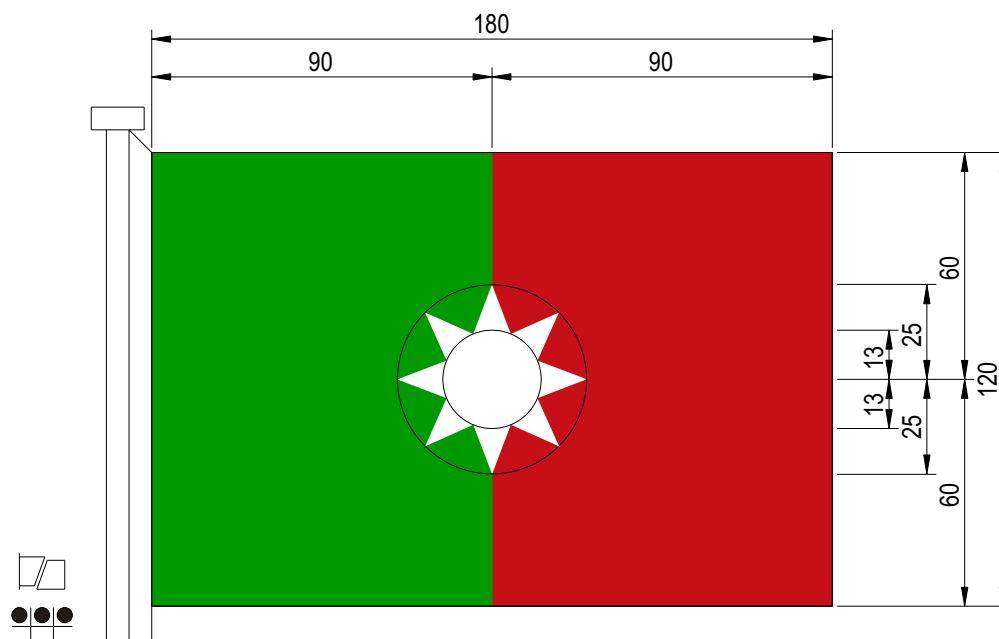
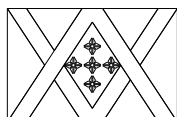




SOUTHERN AFRICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION  
FLAG SPECIFICATION SHEET

# Stellaland

National flag 1882 - 1884



DATA		COLOUR RECOMMENDATIONS					
		Colour	Pantone	C	M	Y	K
Usage:	National flag	Red	210c	0	91	76	6
Ratio:	2 : 3	Green	24c	60	0	40	40
Adopted:	unknown						
Abolished:	unknown						
Designer:	-						

## HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM CONTD.

Eventually, in 1882, hostilities commenced between Moshette and Montsioa. Mankoroane, the Batlapin chief, also launched an unexpected attack on Massou. From both sides, whites were approached for assistance. A number, mostly from the ZAR, offered their services with a view to land remuneration.

On 26 July 1882, the Transvaal Government eventually succeeded in bringing about peace between Massou and Mankoroane. The Treaty of August 1882 ceded a substantial tract of territory to these volunteers. An interim Government was replaced on 23 February by the first Volksraad, which opened its first session at Losasa. Gert Van Niekerk was the Administrator and Vryburg, the capital of this territory. The young Republic took the name Stellaland. This name as commonly accepted, is derived from *Sterland* or *Land of the Star*. The clear starry heavens of Bechuanaland possibly offer an explanation for this choice. The British explanation attributes the choice to the fact that during the war between the above-mentioned tribes, a large comet appeared. It can thus be determined with certainty that the Republic was called the *Land of the Star*.

In keeping with the name of the Republic, the Volksraad decided on an appropriate flag. According to an explanation by the widow of Theodore Doms, the flag comprised of "A white star stitched onto a green field". In *Ons Tijdschrift*, 1897/1898, page 23, a similar description is given by AJG de la rey. Thus, the flag of Stellaland had a uniform green field with a white star stitched in the centre.

After Stellaland and Goshen were established, a strong movement commenced, mainly it seems from the side of Goshen, to unite the two territories.

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