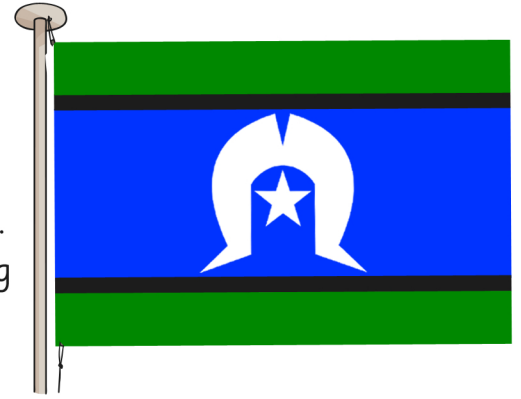


The Torres Strait Islander Flag

Symbols

The Torres Strait Islander flag features three horizontal panels. The top and bottom panels are green, and the centre panel is blue. They are divided by thick black borders:

- The centre of the flag features a white Dhari (traditional headdress) and a five pointed star.
- Green represents the land.
- Blue represents the water.
- Black represents the Indigenous people.
- White represents peace.
- The Dhari represents the Torres Strait Islander people.
- The star represents the five island groups of the Torres Strait.
- The star is also an important navigation symbol for seafaring people.



History

The Torres Strait Islander flag was designed by the late Bernard Namok in 1992. It was the winning design in a competition run by the Torres Strait Island Coordinating Council. It was officially recognised as a flag of Australia in 1995.

Use

The Torres Strait Islander flag can be flown on any day. It has special significance on days of particular importance to Torres Strait Islander people, such as NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week and Mabo Day. It is also flown with the Australian National Flag and the Aboriginal flag on days of national importance, such as Anzac Day and at international events.

