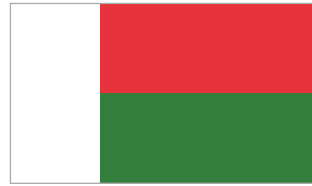


MADAGASCAR



The origin of the name Madagascar is uncertain there are several different theories as to how it got its name.



Madagascar's flag consists on 3 colours and 3 bands red and green horizontal bands and one white vertical band

The colors and symbols all have a meaning:
White - represents purity
Red - represents the sovereignty of the nation
Green - represents hope



Interesting facts about Madagascar

- Madagascar has been an island for about 88 million years, since it split from India after the supercontinent Gondwana broke up
- Due to the isolation of the island more than 80% of the plants and animals found there can not be found anywhere else in the world
- Hery Rajaonarimampianina is the president of Madagascar, he has the longest surname of any president in the world
- Madagascar is a relatively poor country with about 70% of the population living below the national poverty line threshold of 1\$ per day
- Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world

