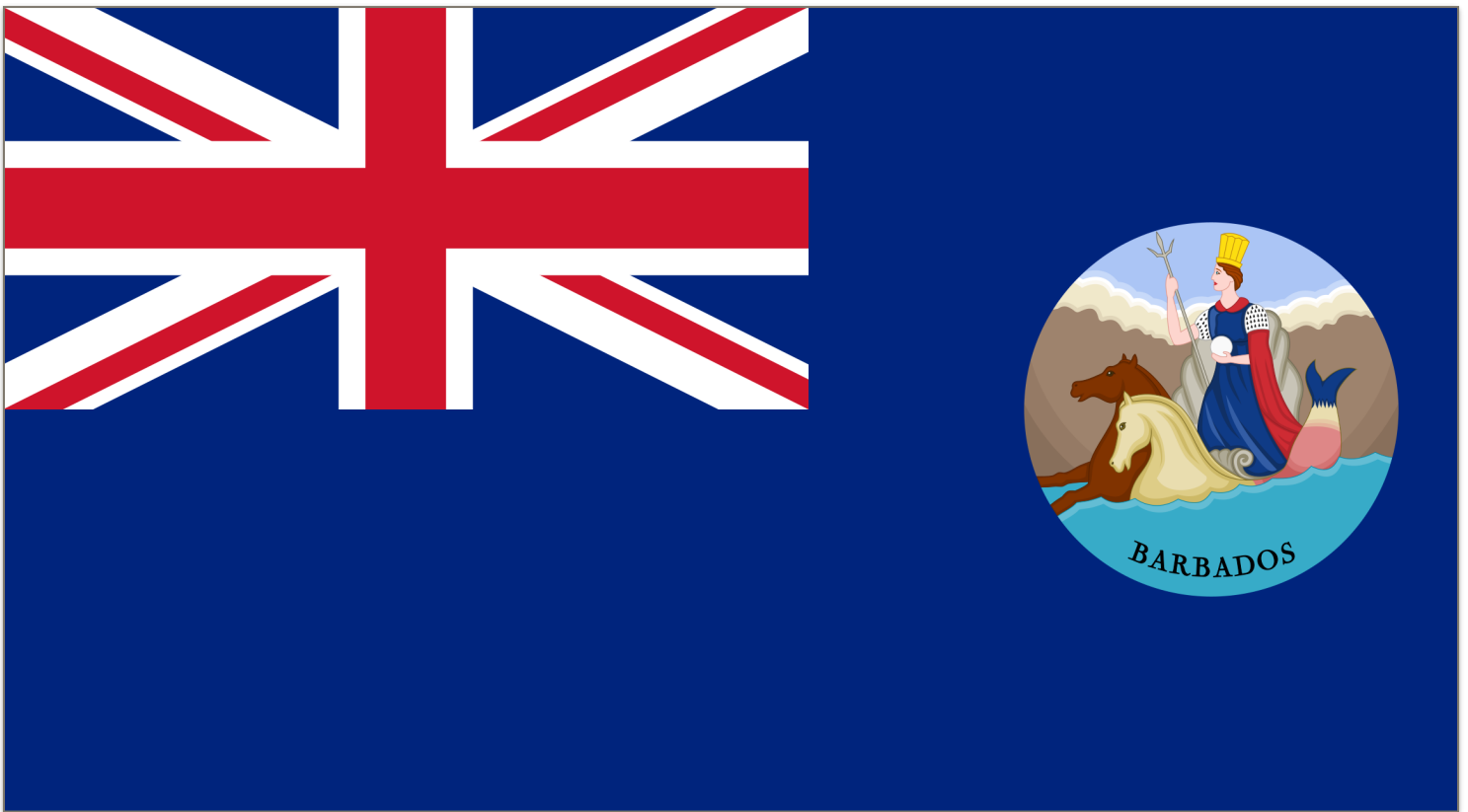




Flag of Barbados 1966, after independence from the British Empire.

The colours represent the sea and sand. The black trident is a symbol of the Greek god of the sea Poseidon. The trident featured on the colonial flag, but now represents three principles of democracy, government of, for and by the people.



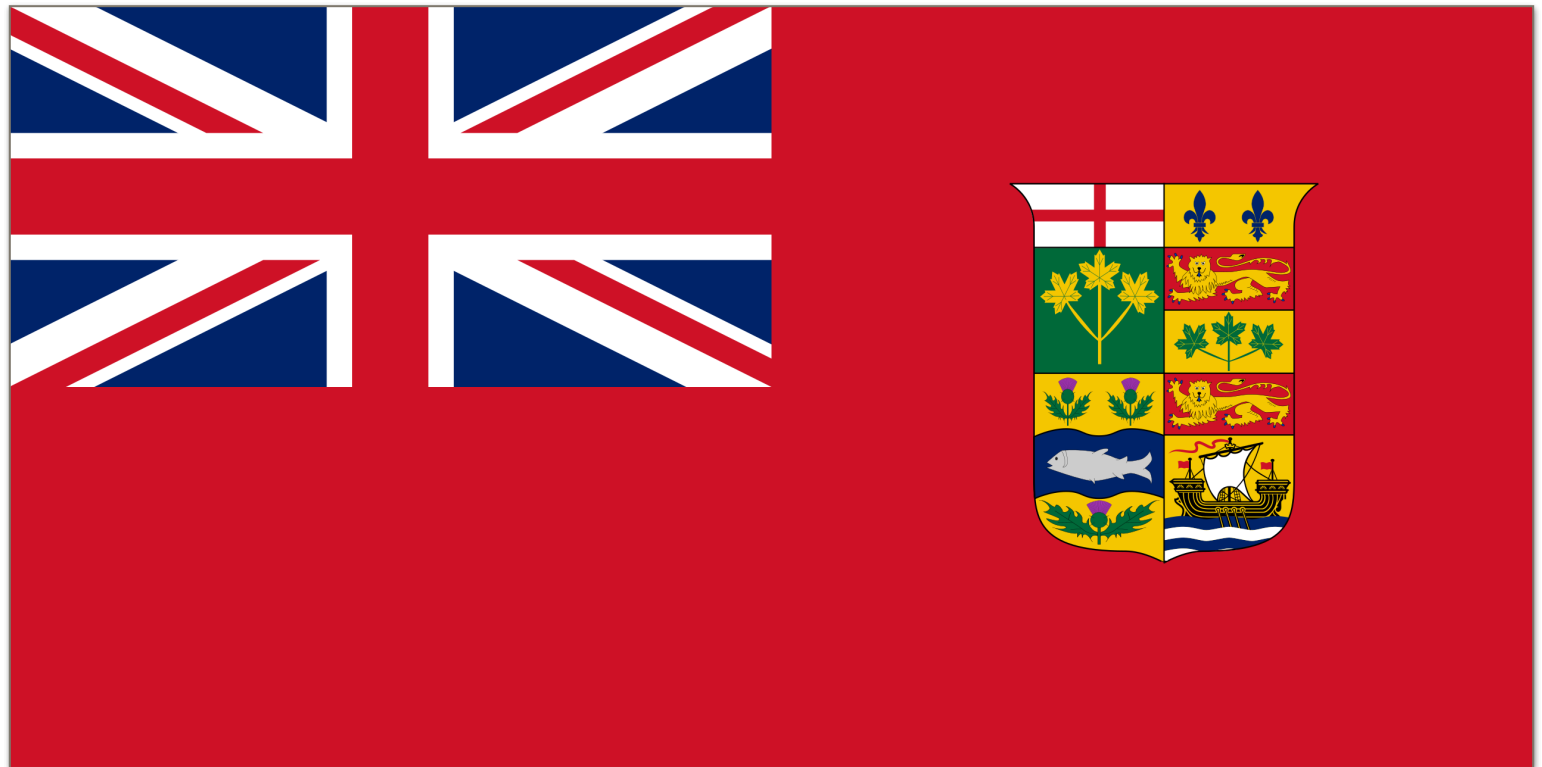
Flag of Barbados from 1885 when the country was a colony of the British Empire.

The picture shows Britannia, a symbol of Britain. Britannia is a female warrior, holding a trident and shield. She represents British strength and in particular was a symbol of Empire.



National Flag of Canada, used since 1965.

Canada was part of the British Empire. It gained self-rule in 1867 and full independence in 1982. The flag shows the a maple leaf. The maple tree is the national tree of Canada. The red colour symbolises the red cross of St George of England and the white represents France which has historic ties to Canada.



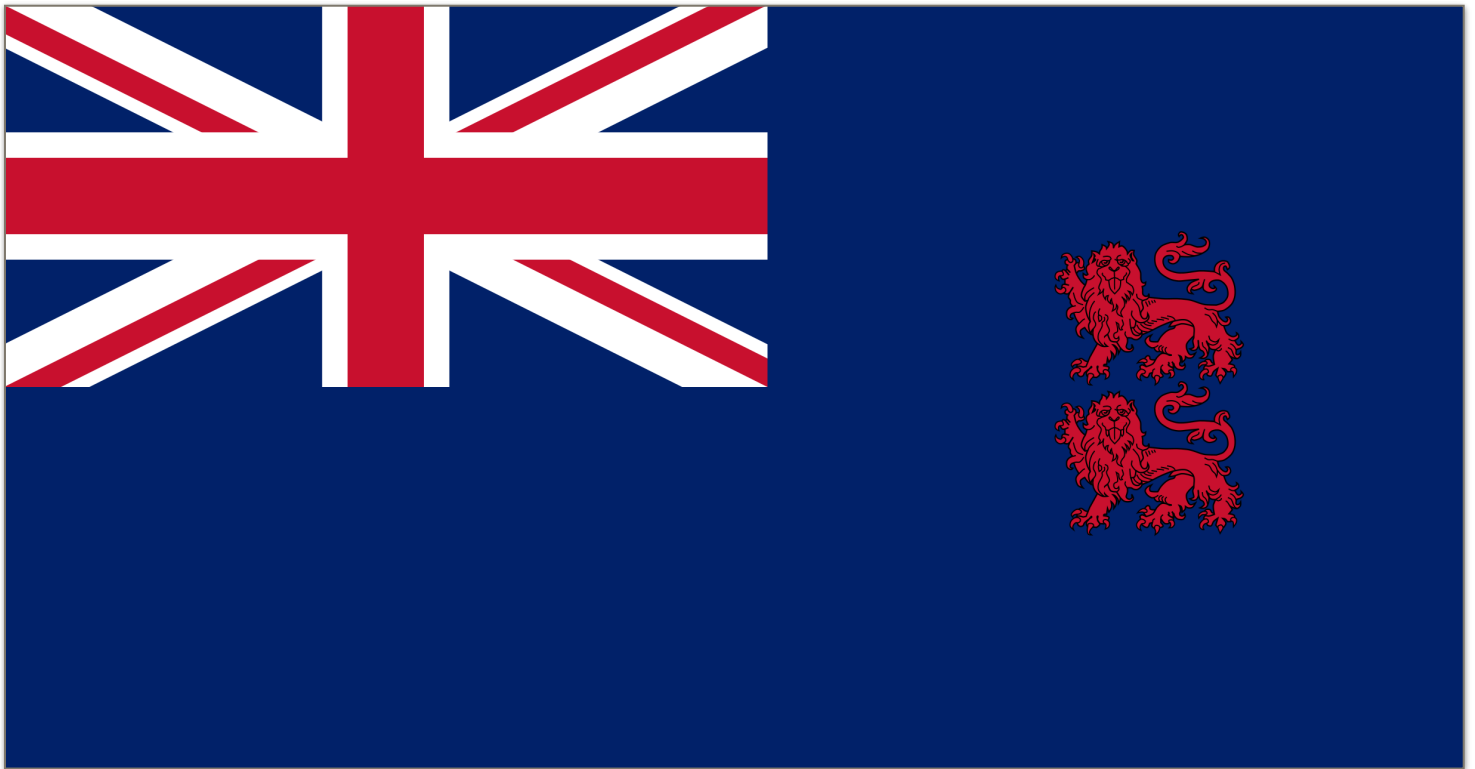
Flag of Canada from 1868 - 1922 when Canada was a self-ruling country in the British Empire.

The coat of arms represents the many different places (provinces) in Canada. Many of the symbols are British, including the Scottish thistle, Lion of the British royal family and red cross of St George of England. The maple leaf can also be seen in the coat of arms.



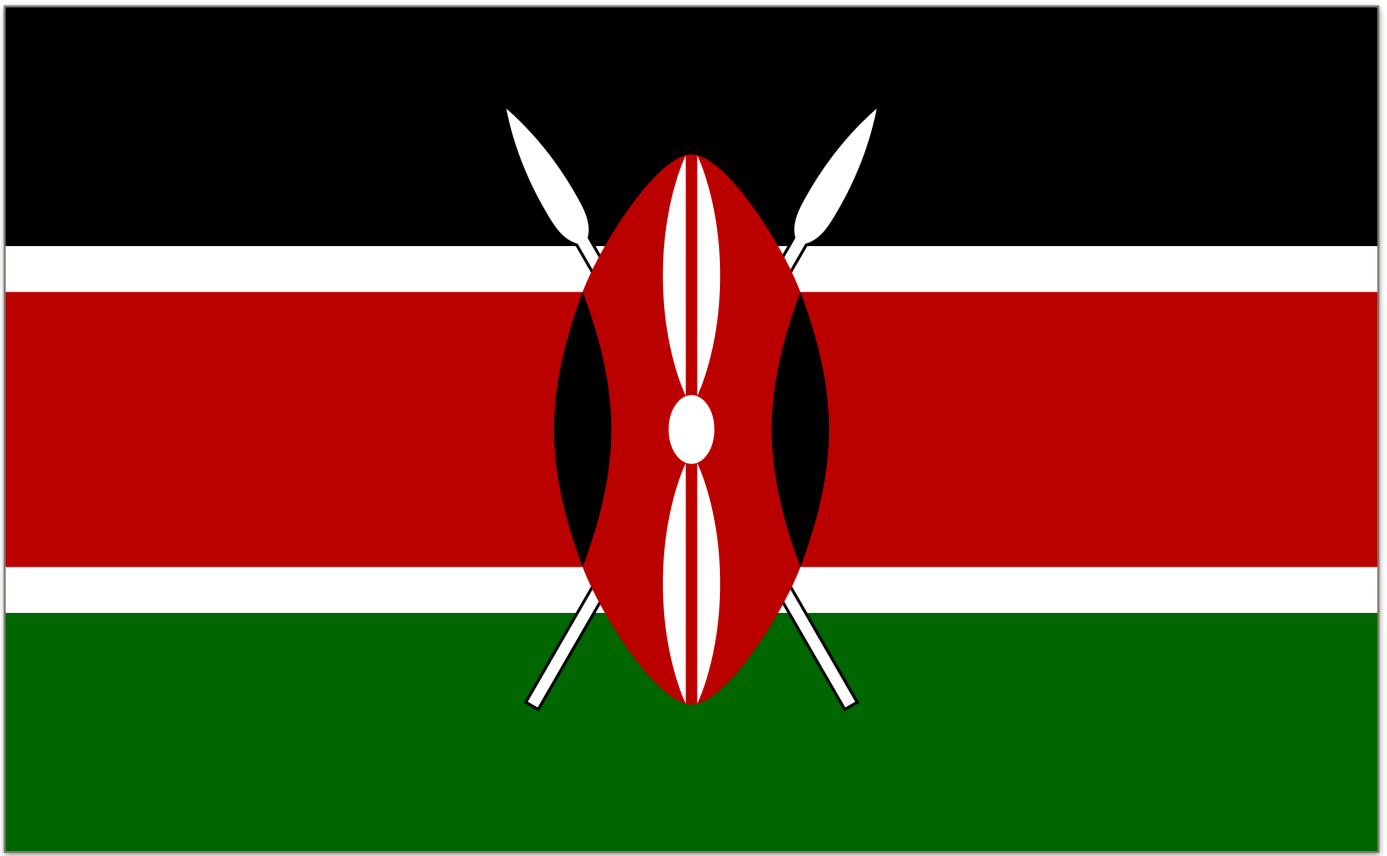
Flag of Cyprus, 1960 after independence from the British Empire.

The flag shows the land of Cyprus, coloured orange to represent copper which was mined there. The olive branches represent peace.



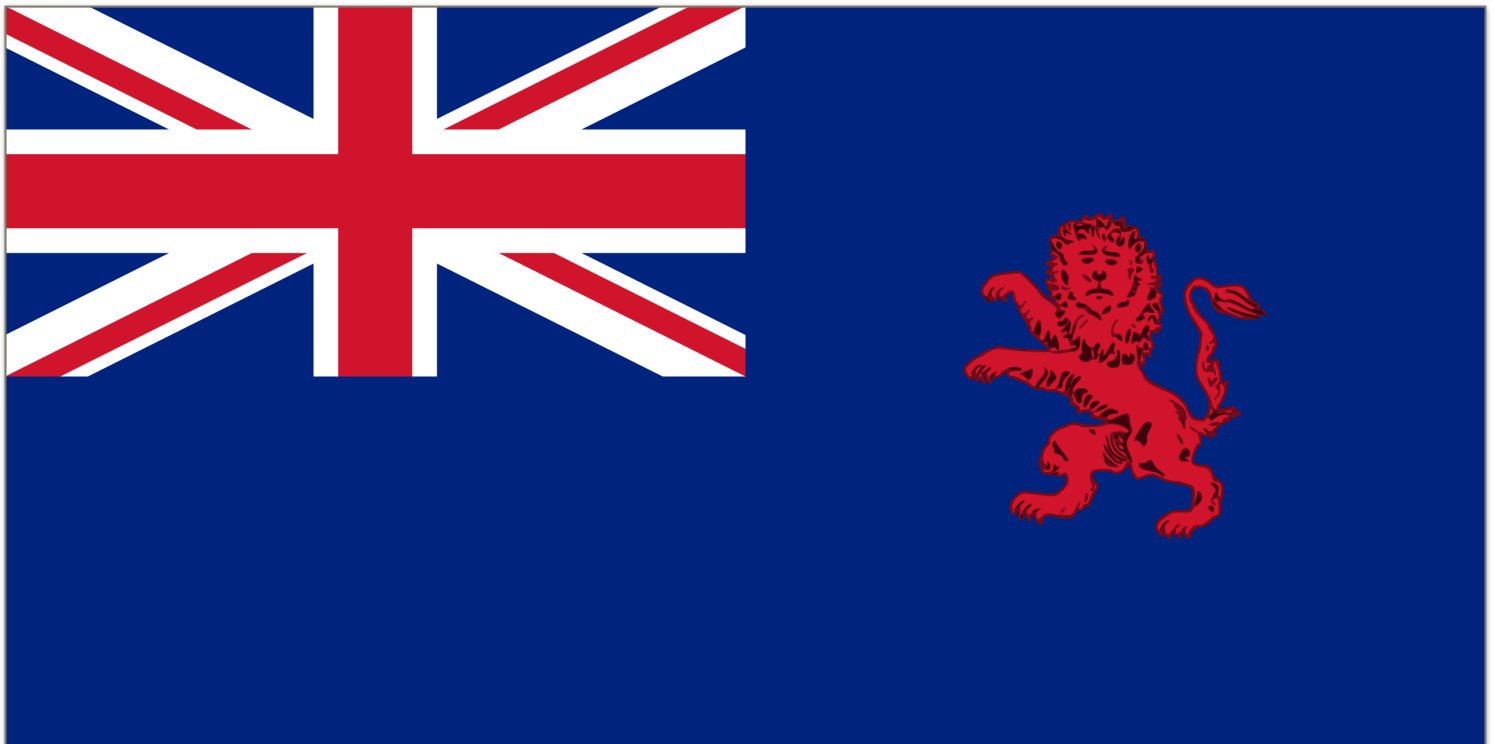
Flag of Cyprus from 1922 when the country was a colony of the British Empire.

The two lions are a reference to Richard I of England also known as Richard the Lionheart, who conquered Cyprus hundreds of years before.



Flag of Kenya 1963, after independence from the British Empire.

The flag's colours black, red and green represent the people of the country, the bloodshed during the fight for independence and the landscape and natural wealth of Kenya. The shield is a traditional Maasai shield representing the people who have lived there for hundreds of years.



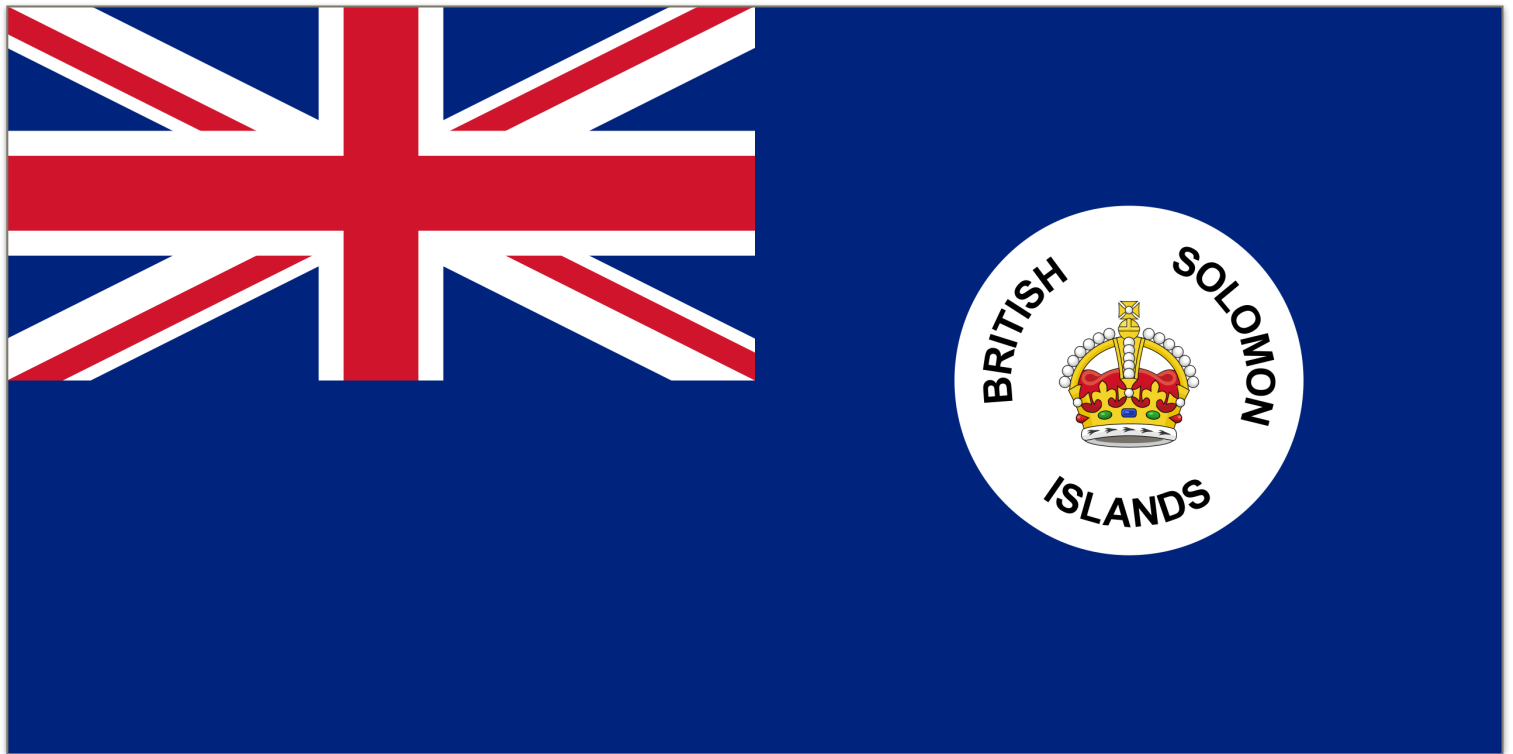
Flag of British Kenya (as it was known then) from 1920-1963 when the country was a colony of the British Empire.

The red lion is one of the symbols of Britain. The lion stands in a pose that represents courage (bravery), vigilance (being alert) and prudence (wisdom)



Flag of the Solomon Islands 1977, after independence from the British Empire.

The colours represent the sky, land and crops and sun's rays that separates them. The stars represent the number of different parts (provinces) of the islands.



Flag of the British Solomon Islands, as it was then called.

This flag dates from 1906-1947 when the country was still a colony of the British Empire. The Tudor Crown is a symbol of the British king or queen and also the British government.