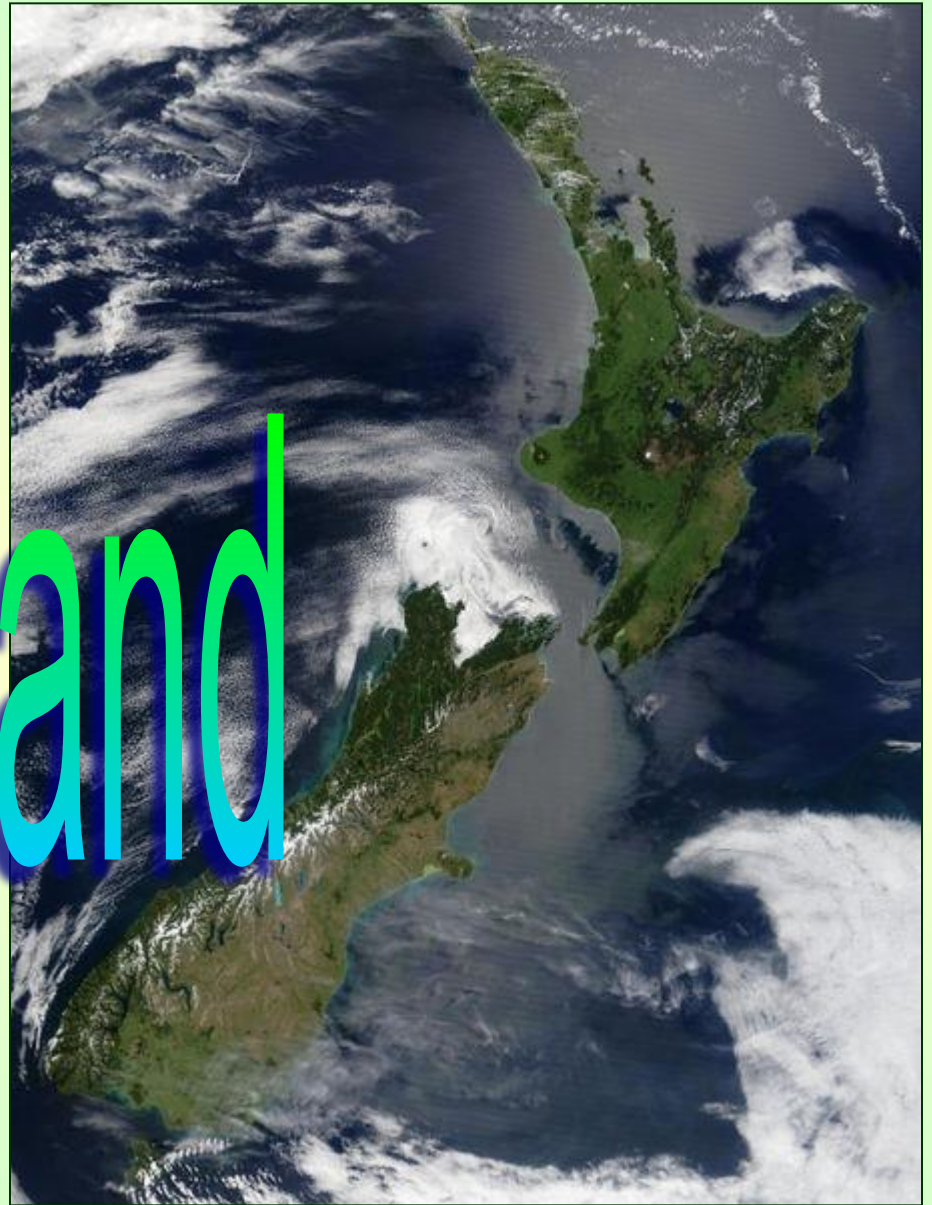
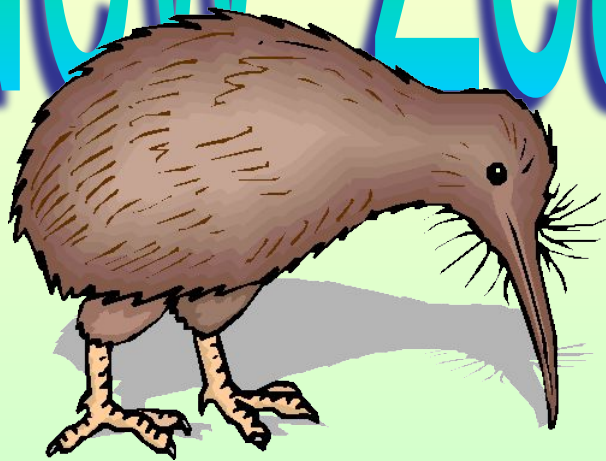
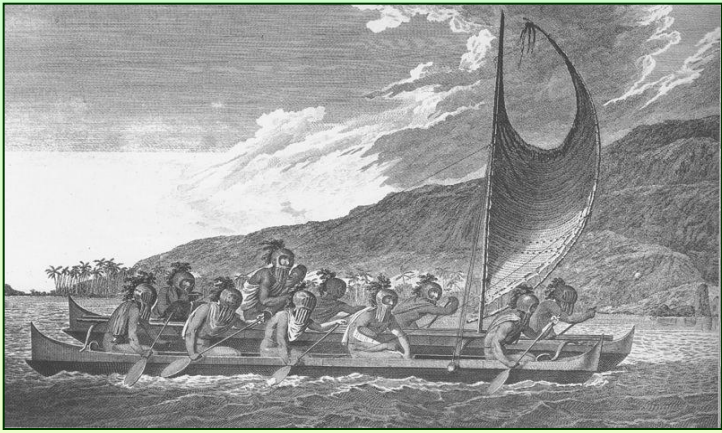


New Zealand

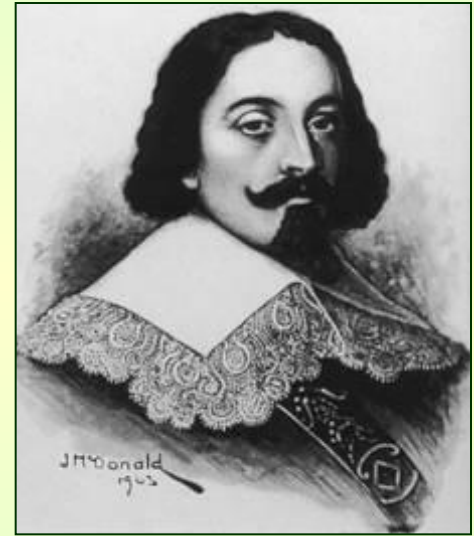




New Zealand is a country in the south-western Pacific Ocean comprising two large islands – the North Island and the South Island. In Māori, New Zealand is translated into English as *The Land of the Long White Cloud*.



The first European known to have reached New Zealand was Dutch explorer **Abel Janszoon Tasman** in **1642**.



Maori

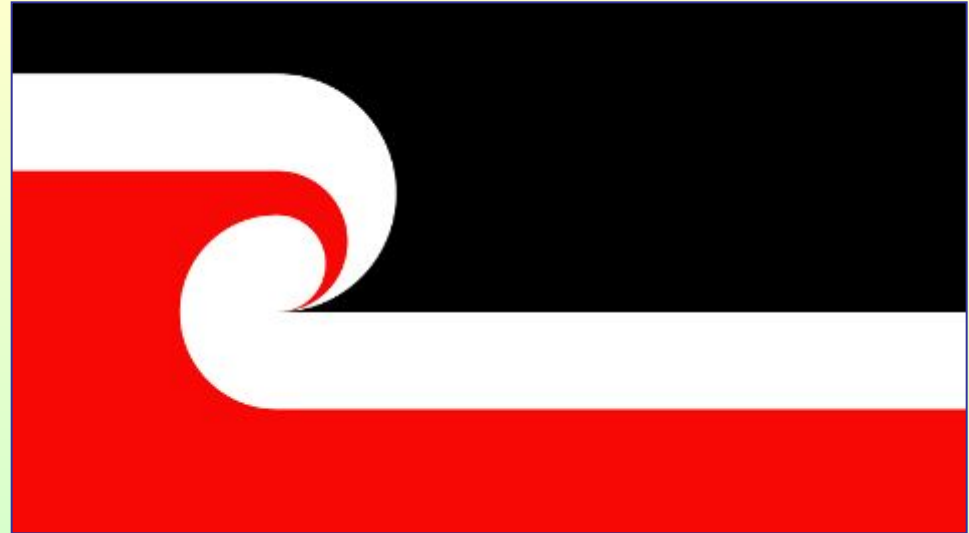
The Maori people are the native people of New Zealand..





The Flag of New Zealand is a defaced blue ensign with the Union Flag in the canton, and four red stars.

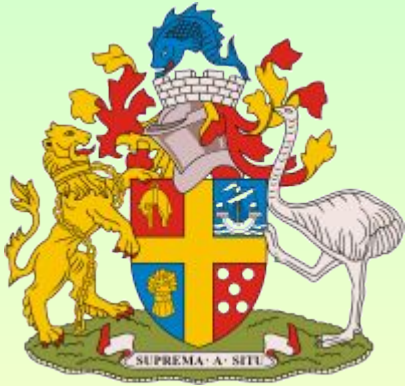
Since 1990, some Māori have been using the red ensign less in favour of a new flag.



National Emblem

The **kiwi bird** was named so for the sound of its chirp. Its weight is about 2 kg. The female kiwi lays only one egg, but it is about 1/5th of her own weight. Her husband hatches the egg out. The New Zealand dollar is called the Kiwi. The dollar coin features a kiwi bird on one side.





Wellington

Wellington is the capital of New Zealand. The population is about **450,000** people. Wellington is New Zealand's political centre.

Wellington Parliament



Te Papa Museum



Cabbage Tree



Plants

New Zealand is one of the world's richest bio-diverse **flora** areas on earth.



Rata

Nikau Palm



Fern

Pohutukawa



Animals

There are many unique animals in New Zealand.

New Zealand contains no snakes and has only one poisonous spider called the Katipo.



Tuatara



Katipo

