

BOTSWANA



Botswana got its name when it became an independent state on the 30th September 1966. The country had previously been called Bechuanaland as a British protectorate.



Botswana's flag has 3 colors, Blue, Black and white. Each color is a band running horizontally.

The colors all have a meaning:

Black & White - represents the people of different ethnic groups and races

Blue – represents water as Botswana has water scarcity problems. To the people water is life so it is fitting to have the biggest bands in blue, as water is what they need to survive



Interesting facts about Botswana

- People living in Botswana are called Batswana, an individual citizen is called a Motswana
 - Botswana is known to have the highest elephant population in Africa, the Chobe River supports up to 50 000 in the dry season.
 - The world's second largest diamond was found in Botswana in 2015 at 1,111 carats
 - !Xoo is the national language in Botswana and Namibia spoken by over 4000 people.
- The ! at the start of the word !Xoo represents one of the five basic click sounds in the language, which has 112 distinct sounds compared to English language which has only 44 sounds.
- Botswana holds the record for the largest saltpan in the world, which is Makgadikadi Pan.

