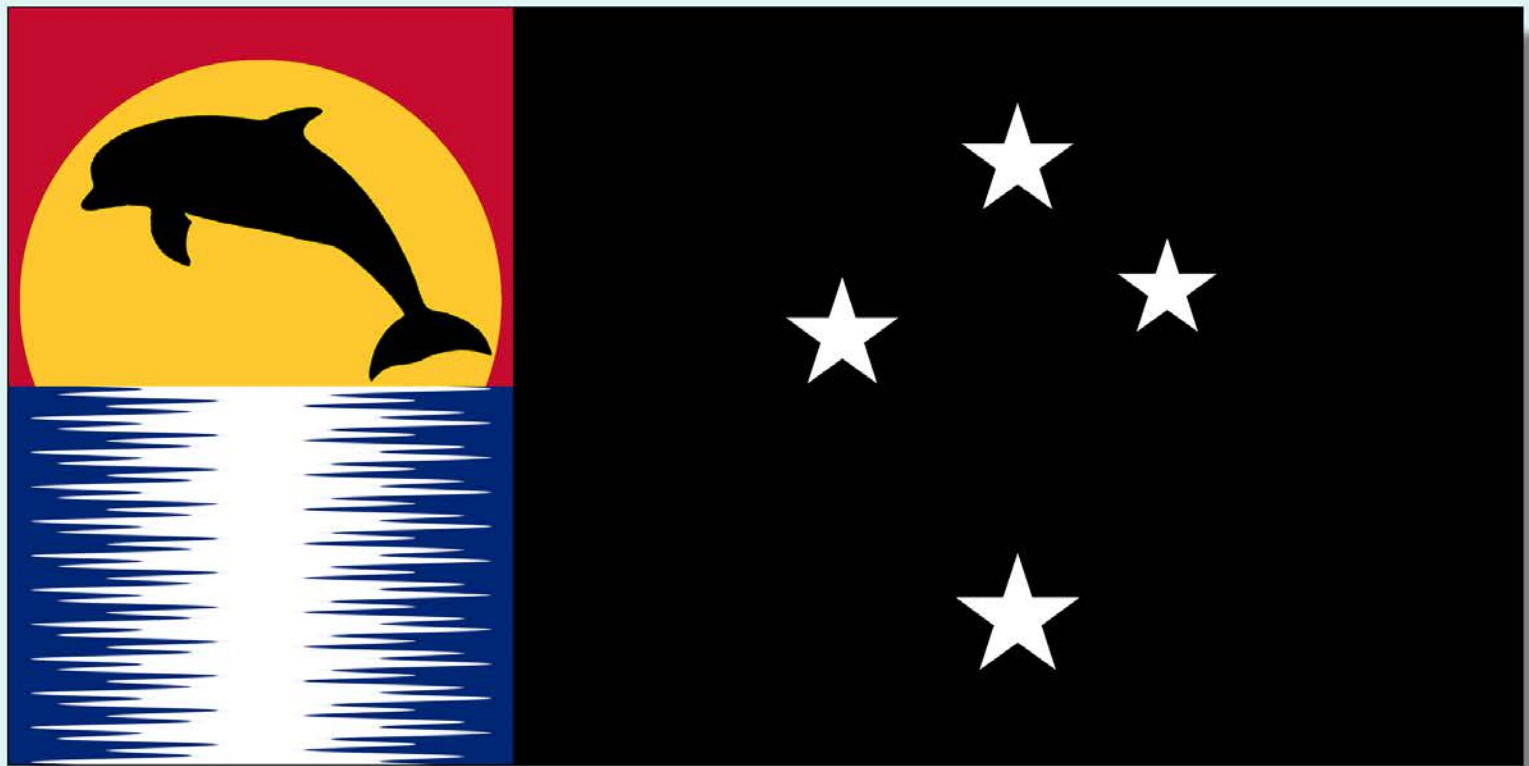


“Dolphin's Delight variant 5”, an alternative New Zealand national flag design
 (with suggested adaptations of the design to the other major flags and ensigns of the nation)



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Although the dolphin is not an official symbol of New Zealand, it may well be so in the minds of New Zealanders, given the [nine species](#) that grace NZ's coastal waters. In this variant of the 'Dolphin's Delight' flag design, the hoist-area tableau of a leaping dolphin, silhouetted against a setting sun, occupies one-third of the total length of the flag, and it includes not only New Zealand's official colours of black-and-white but red-white-and blue as well, along with the gold that appears in some other NZ flags. The remaining two-thirds of the flag readily accommodates a black field with a white, New Zealand-style Southern Cross for the national flag, or other field colours and symbols as needed for the remaining flags and ensigns of the nation, as shown above. Perhaps as noble a creature as any human, the dolphin easily deserves its place in this design.