## "Fernlandia", a New Zealand national flag design (suggested derivative flags and ensigns are also depicted)

Suggested flags for the Ross Dependency and for the South Island are based on previous designs by vexillologist James Dignan



A silver fern frond overlays sixteen red-and-black stripes, representing New Zealand's official regions. The silver fern frond has been diagonally positioned with its tip towards the upper edge of the hoist, so that it will be at least partly visible when the flag hangs slack. Ceremonial versions of the flag can be purposefully draped to display the entire frond. The stripes will make this flag iconic, since no other national flag uses multiple stripes of red-and-black, and they will improve the recognisability of the flag in all winds. When the flag is waving, its NZ-style Southern Cross will remove any doubt about which nation it represents.