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Asia ex magna orbis terre description Gerardi Mercatoris desumpta studio et industria G.M. Iunioris.

Stock#: 37175 **Map Maker:** Hondius

Date: 1595 (1619)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 19.5 x 14.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely colored example of Jodocus Hondius's updated and improved map of Asia, which first appeared in the 1606 edition of the Mercator Hondius *Atlas Sive Cosmographia*.

Hondius' map provides a magnificent early 17th century depiction of southeast Asia and the eastern Pacific, naming the Oceanus Orientalis, and Pars Oceanus Maris Pacifici, and including New Guinea.

The map is embellished with sailing ships and monsters on a classically engraved Hondius style sea. Korea is now shown as an island, and the outlines of Ceylon and Borneo are improved from earlier maps.

A lengthy text panel below the title describes the ancient history of the continent and another at upper right describes the "Straits of Anian", between Asia and America.

Detailed Condition: