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## [Pakistan Afghanistan & Western India] Tab: IX Asia Continens Ariam, Paropanisum, Drangianam, Arachosiam, et Gedrosiam. . . .

**Stock#:** 54110  
**Map Maker:** Mercator  
**Date:** 1697 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 18 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** \$245.00



### Description:

A striking Ptolemaic map of Central Asia, centered on the Indus River.

The map extends from the Gujarat region in the east to west of Karchi, the north to the mountains.

Mercator originally published this map in his 1578 edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia*.

Although Mercator is most renowned today for the projection he popularized and for first using the term *Atlas* for a collection of maps, Mercator's great dream was to produce an improved and updated edition of Ptolemy's maps. Achieved toward the end of his lifetime, the maps were beautifully engraved and are widely regarded as one of the best and most accomplished editions of Ptolemy, albeit one of the last.

### Detailed Condition: