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## [Sri Lanka] Tabula Asiae XII

**Stock#:** 59207  
**Map Maker:** Gastaldi  
**Date:** 1548  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 6 x 5.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 375.00



### Description:

Striking example of Gastaldi's important map of Sri Lanka, based upon Ptolemy.

Giacomo Gastaldi's Atlas of 1548 has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum* of 1570. Gastaldi's maps were beautifully engraved on copper, marking a turning point in the history of cartography. From that point forward, the majority of cartographic works used this medium. As it was a harder material than wood it gave the engraver the ability to render more detail. Gastaldi sought the most up-to-date geographical information available and are among the earliest obtainable maps for regional collectors.

### Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing.