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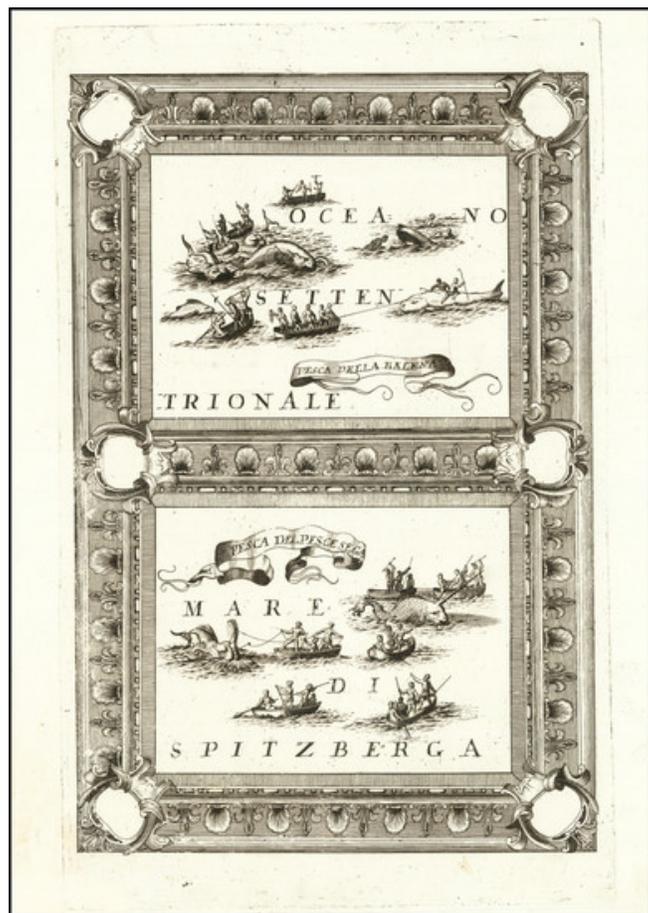
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**Stock#:** 78472  
**Map Maker:** Coronelli  
**Date:** 1689  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10 x 15 inches  
**Price:** \$ 395.00



**Description:**

Two fascinating depictions of whaling and fishing operations from Coronelli's *Atlante Veneto*. The upper of the two images show early Atlantic whaling operations, which nearly reads like Moby Dick with harpooning, capsizing, and harvesting happening in different scenes. The lower image shows sawfish fishing near Spitzbergen.

Interestingly, we can tell something about how the present image was printed by closely examining the edges of the ship's images, and how they interact with the intricate decorative borders that surround them. The boats and border were printed from separate copper plates but on the same sheet. This practice was not unheard of but is rather unusual.

Coronelli's *Atlante Veneto* was intended to accompany Blaeu's *Atlas Maior* and contained abundant maps.



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However, due to the idiosyncratic nature of the publication of the book, the double-printed maritime images are rarer today than his maps are.

**Detailed Condition:**