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### Regna Congo et Angola

**Stock#:** 95635  
**Map Maker:** Ogilby  
**Date:** 1670  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 13.5 x 11 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

The 17th-century English map titled "Regna Congo et Angola" provides a detailed view of the regions of Congo and Angola in West Africa. Based on the design published by Willem Blaeu in Amsterdam, it meticulously charts the territories, placing significant emphasis on the major river systems and key trading posts of the era.

Central to the map is the depiction of the Zaire (Congo) River and the Coanza River, which are shown to have a common origin at the Aquilunda Lake. The Congo River, one of Africa's most extensive and vital waterways, was instrumental in trade and transportation. Its navigable stretches and tributaries facilitated access deep into the continent, making it a prized route for explorers and traders alike. The Coanza River, significant for Angola, played a role in the establishment and sustenance of several settlements along its banks.

Several trading forts and cities dot the map, marking points of interaction, trade, and conflict. Notable among them would be São Salvador, once the capital of the Kingdom of Kongo, and Luanda, the present-day capital of Angola, which was a major Portuguese trading fort at the time. Luanda, in particular, grew in prominence as a significant slave trading port. The Portuguese had established a fort here, Fortaleza de São Miguel, which functioned as a base for their expanding interests in the region.

By the 17th century, the Kingdom of Kongo had witnessed considerable external influence, primarily from the Portuguese who had established themselves firmly in neighboring Angola. The Portuguese colony in Angola was centered around Luanda, from where they exerted control and facilitated the burgeoning



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transatlantic slave trade. As the demand for slaves in the New World plantations grew, both Congo and Angola became central to these operations.

The relationship between European powers, especially the Portuguese, and the local kingdoms was multifaceted. While there was conflict, there was also cooperation. Local leaders and chieftains, driven by power dynamics and the lure of European goods, sometimes collaborated with Europeans, capturing and trading slaves in exchange for weapons, textiles, and other goods.

**Detailed Condition:**

Discoloration at centerfold.