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[Southeast Asia] Tabu. Mo. In. Orig. (First Modern Map of Southeast Asia -- Old Color)

Stock#: 41330
Map Maker: Fries
Date: 1522
Place: Strasbourg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 11.5 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Old color gold heightened (on verso) example of the rare 1522 edition of the first printed map to focus on the Southeast Asian islands and indeed, the only map to focus on this area in the first half of the 16th Century.

Fries map was a significant milestone in the mapping of Southeast Asia. The map shows Lake Chiang Mai, which feeds one of the region's principal rivers.

The cartography is based upon Waldseemuller's 1507 cordiform map, which derived its treatment from Martellus. It abandons the Ptolemaic model in several respects, most notably the closed Indian Sea. Much of the map's nomenclature is derived from Marco Polo's adventures. Java Major is mapped solely from anecdotal reports. Peutam (Binan) is recorded in the 13th Century treatise of Ibn Sa'id. Java Minor is correctly placed below Peutam.

Fries' treatment of Sumatra is also much more accurate than his predecessors, Ruysch, Waldseemuller, et al. Ferlec is shown opposite Bintam, based upon Marco Polo's account that it was located 100 miles to the south. Basma is also shown on the northern coast.

In *the Mapping of Southeast Asia*, Tom Suarez spends several pages illustrating and describing the minute detail in the map and reconciling it against the works of early travellers and prior maps, calling this map a landmark in the cartography of Southeast Asia.

The 1522 edition of the map is extremely rare, especially in old color, and with color and gold leaf on the verso (see the large O in the text for the gold leaf). The verso of the map can be seen here: [{{](#)



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