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Les Marins Monstres, Et Terrestres ... [Munster's Famous Chart of Sea Monsters]

Stock#: 49623
Map Maker: Munster

Date: 1550 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 13.5 x 11.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Most Famous 16th Century Charts of Mythical Sea Monsters.

Munster's plate of monsters of both land and sea is taken from Olaus Magnus' "Carta Marina" of 1539.

The chart includes monsters with abundant tusks, horns, and twin-spouts. One vignette shows a galleon trying to out-run one monster by throwing their cargo overboard, while one sailor takes sight with a musket.

Abraham Ortelius also adapted many of the monsters from Magnus and Munster for use on his map of Iceland in 1587.

One of the most sought-after of all 16th Century curiosities.

Detailed Condition:

Lower right margin restored, not affecting printed image. Minor tear at lower right corner. Light soiling of the top edge.