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## (Southern Africa & Madagascar) Africa Nuova Tavola

**Stock#:** 72507  
**Map Maker:** Ruscelli  
**Date:** 1561  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10 x 7.5 inches Including text  
**Price:** Not Available



### Description:

#### ***One of the Earliest Printed Maps of Southern Africa.***

Fine example of the first state of Ruscelli's modern map of Southern Africa, one of the earliest obtainable modern maps of the region.

Ruscelli's Atlas is an expanded edition of Gastaldi's Atlas of 1548, which has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* of 1570. Ruscelli and 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, making the modern maps in Ruscelli's *Geographia* among the best modern maps of the period.

### Detailed Condition: