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## [Taprobana / Sri Lanka] Asiae XII. Tab.

**Stock#:** 78290  
**Map Maker:** Mercator  
**Date:** 1584 circa  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13.5 x 14.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Finely example of Mercator's Ptolemaic map of Taprobana, first issued in the 1578 edition of Mercator's *Geographia*, based upon the works of Claudius Ptolemy.

The map shows Ptolemy's erroneous location of the island of Sri Lanka near the equator, with a bit of India shown to the northeast. Includes a pair of sea monsters and a sailing ship.

While perhaps most famous for his maps of the modern World and the first to use the name "Atlas" to describe a book of maps, one of Mercator's life works was a corrected and improved edition of maps based upon the work of Claudius Ptolemy. The work was first published in 1578 and after, a second set of copper plates created for the editions issued from 1695 to 1730.

### Detailed Condition: