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## (Manner of Virginia Indians Fishing) Incolarum Virginiae piscandi ratio. XIII

**Stock#:** 96800  
**Map Maker:** De Bry  
**Date:** 1590  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 16.5 x 12.5 inches including text  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Virginia Indians Method of Fishing / Roanoake Colony*

Fine copper plate engraving showing Theodore De Bry's version of John White's painting "The Virginians' Manner of Fishing".

In 1585, Governor John White was among the leaders of an English colonization voyage to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, based upon Sir Walter Raleigh's efforts to settle "Virginia." White remained at Roanoake for about 13 months before returning to England as part of the effort to resupply the colony. He painted at least 70 watercolor images of indigenous people, plants, and animals. The present engravings are the earliest images derived from White's original artwork, which appeared in Thomas Hariot's account of the 1585 voyages.

De Bry's engraving shows group of Native Americans are is shown fishing using fire, spears, and traps. The imge depicts the habits of the Algonquian-speaking Indians of the Outer Banks region of present-day North Carolina. These people were closely related in language and culture to indigenous people of the Tidewater Virginia area, with the image representing and important source of historical and ethnographic information for these groups.

The original White image showed fewer fish and fishermen and a simpler means of fishing. De Bry's embellishments highlighted Virginia's abundance, which was drawn from Thomas Hariot's account of the Roanoake Colonization efforts of 1585. Hariot notes taht the Natives "by nighte or day [struck] fishes, and take them opp into their boates."



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De Bry's engravings accompanied *A briefe and true report of the new found land of Virginia*. These images first appeared in the 1590 edition Latin edition of De Bry's account.

**Detailed Condition:**

Top, bottom, and right edges extended. Left edge with small notch out of the paper.