



A 16th century miniature map of Mozambique Island

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 Insulae & Ars Mosambique.

Amsterdam, Cornelis Claez, 1599, Dutch text edition. 85 x 125mm, with letterpress surtitle and pagination.

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A scarce map of Mozambique Island, engraved Pieter van den Keere for the 'Caert-Thresoor', with a text by an unknown author. Orientated with north to the right, it shows the Portuguese settlement that was a major port en route to the East Indies until the opening of the Suez Canal. By 1600 this map was being published in the 'Tabularum Geographicarum' with a text by Petrus Bertius, and in 1616 a new plate was engraved by Jodocus Hondius II, slightly larger and with wider borders with scales of longitude and latitude.

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