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A 16th century miniature map of the Congo and Angola

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Congi Regni Christiani in Africa nova descrptio Auctore Philippo Pigafetta.

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

£120

A scarce map of the Congo and Angola, based on a map by Filippo Pigafetta (1533-1604), depicting the rivers entering the interior. It was engraved by either Jodocus Hondius or Pieter van den Keere for the 'Caert-Thresoor', with a text by an unknown author. 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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