



17th century map of Madagascar

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Isola di Madagascar, ò di S. Lorenzo scoperta dà Portoghesi nell'Anno 1506...

Venice, c.1690. Coloured. 615 x 460mm.

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A large and decorative map of Madagascar, engraved in Coronelli's unique style, also showing part of the Mozambique coastline, the Comoros Islands and Reunion. There are decorative cartouches for the title and scaler. The verso has Italian text and a smaller image of the island. Coronelli was a Franciscan friar; appointed General of the Order in 1701. He was also cosmographer to the Republic of Venice and founder of the *Accademia Cosmografica degli Argonauti*, which was the world's first geographical society. In addition, he was one of the most prominent mapmakers and publishers of his day.

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