



Ramusio's second woodcut map of Hispaniola

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Venice, 1565. Woodcut, printed area 190 x 270mm, Italian letterpress on reverse.

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A mid-16th century map of Hispaniola, the island surrounded by galleons and sea-monsters, published in Ramusio's 'Raccolta di Navigazioni et Viaggi'. This example was printed from the second block, cut in 1565 after the first was destroyed by a fire in the printing house of Thomaso Guinti after only a year's use. A noticeable difference is that the original had no decoration or hachured waves. By the time of the 1606 edition this block had been damaged by woodworm.

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