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A SPERM WHALE BEACHED NEAR SCHEVENINGEN IN 1598

£450.00

Een Walvisch, Lang 70 voeten, gestrandt op de Hollandise zee-kust, tusschen Scheveningen en Katwyk, in Sprockelmaandt, 1598.

Cartographer	MATHAM, Jacob.
Date	1700
Stock #:	24030
Publication:	Dutch, c.1700. 275 x 340mm.
Condition:	Trimmed to plate on left with repaired tear, remargined with old paper.

DESCRIPTION:

A famous scene depicting the sightseers coming to examine a 70 foot long sperm whale which was stranded on the beach at Berchkey, between Katwijk and Scheveningen, in February 1598. Some are harvesting the blubber; others measure its penis as a man uses it to climb onto the dead creature.

This plate was engraved by Gilliam van der Gouwen (c.1657-1716), closely copying a 1598 engraving by Jacob Matham (1571-1631).