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## 16TH CENTURY WOODCUT MAP OF SRI LANKA AS TAPROBANA

£500.00

Taprobana Insula.

<b>Cartographer</b>	MUNSTER, Sebastian.
<b>Date</b>	1574
<b>Stock #:</b>	24578
<b>Publication:</b>	Basle, 1572, Latin text edition. Coloured woodcut, printed area 260 x 340mm.
<b>Condition:</b>	A good example.

### DESCRIPTION:

Munster's Ptolemaic map of Taprobana, the Roman conception of Sri Lanka, which they had never visited but knew as the source of the cinammon they bought from Arab merchants. To the left of the map is a rather ferocious looking elephant above a cartouche of text. From Munster's Cosmography.