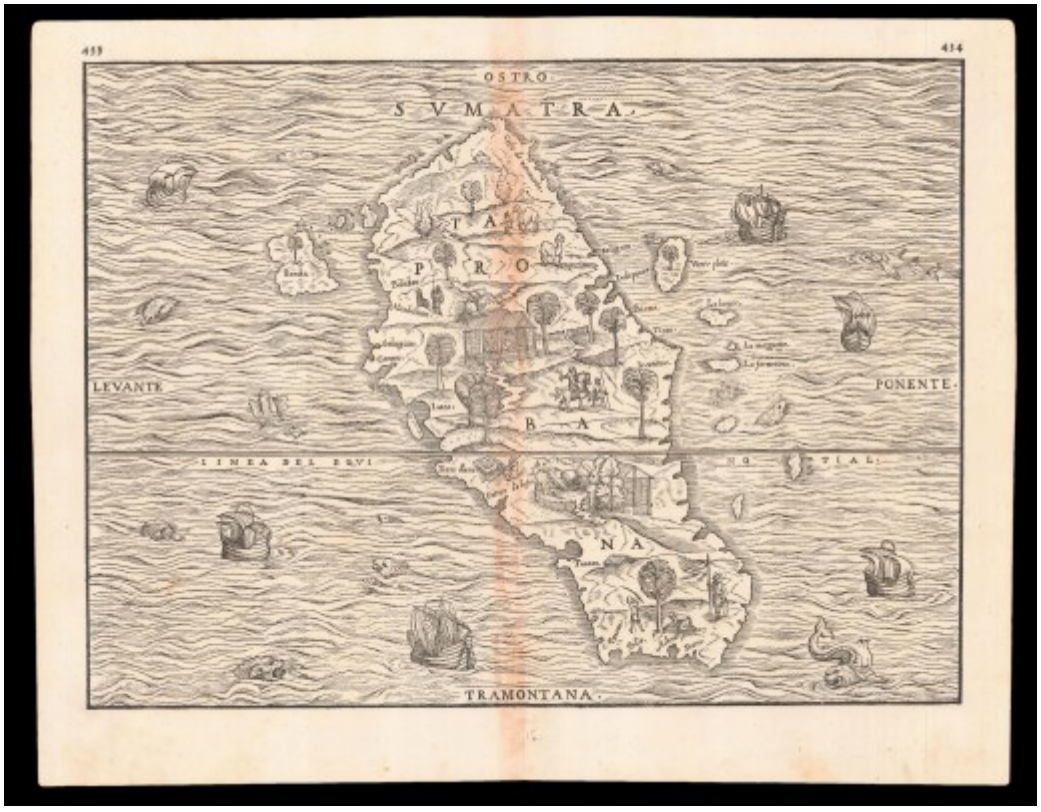


Woodcut map.

“THE FIRST SEPARATE MAP OF ANY SOUTHEAST ASIA ISLAND BASED ON ACTUAL OBSERVATION” (SUAREZ)

[Untitled map of Sumatra]

Author
RAMUSIO, Giovanni Battista; and GASTALDI, Giacomo

Publication date
from 1556].

Publisher
stamperia dei Giunta,

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[Venice,

Physical description
Woodcut map.

Dimensions
320 by 410mm. (12.5 by 16.25 inches).

Notes
Gastaldi’s map of the Sumatra, also named Taprobana on the map, oriented with south at the top. Published in the third volume of Ramusio’s compendium of voyages, ‘Delle Navigationi et Viaggi’, from 1556. With printed page numbers corrected to “433” and “434” (from “430” and “434”) appearing in the top left and top right-hand corners of the map, respectively.

The “first separate map of any Southeast Asia island based on actual observation” (Suarez). Based on reports of the voyage of the Parmentier brothers, Jean and Raoul, who both died of fever there in 1529. “The general contour of the island is remarkably good for its day, and the various islands lying off its western coast are shown in detail, as is Banca on the eastern coast. The port where the Parmentier brothers anchored, Ticon, is recorded, and the manner in which the island’s coast forms a promontory just to the northwest of Ticon is accurately mapped. Ramusio has also corrected the erroneous placement of Aceh from his general map of Southeast Asia of two years earlier” (Suarez page 157).
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