



Intinerariu Portugalesiu e Lusitania in India & inde in occidentam & demum ad aquilonem

Cartographer: Montalboddo Fracan [Fracanzano]

Date: 1508-12

Size: 26.17 x 18.4 cm

DESCRIPTION: This is the earliest known separate map of Africa, although the whole continent was correctly shown, surrounded by water, on other early maps such as Contarini (#311), Waldseemüller (#312) and Ruysch (#313). It is a good delineation of the continent, however, it does incorrectly label the Red Sea, or Arabian Gulf, as *Sinus Perisicus* (this was corrected in later editions to *Sinus Arabicus*).

The text is a Latin translation of *Paesi Nouamente retrouati*, Venice 1507, the first printed collection of voyages. It contains accounts of journeys to Ethiopia and other parts of Africa, and also of eastward voyages around Cape Horn to India, as well as those of Columbus, Vespucci and others to the west.

REFERENCES:

*Brown, L.A., *The World Encompassed*, #69, Plate XXIV.