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## 27. PORCACCHI, Tomaso

Venice, 1572



[Map 27.1]

**27.1: 1572**

CIPRO

**Size:** Inner border: 101 x 141 mm; border: 103 x 143 mm; plate mark: 110 x 145 mm; text block: 93 x 136 mm; widest with text: 239 x 143 mm

**Medium:** Copper engraving

**Scale:** [not given]

**Orientation:** Compass rose; north towards the top

**Latitude and longitude:** [not marked]

**From:**

i. Tomaso Porcacchi, *L'Isole piu famose del mondo ...*

**Publication details:** Venice: Simone Galignani de Karera & Girolamo Porro, 1572.

**Locations:** Helsinki, Nordenskiöld Collection, two copies; London, BL, Maps C.7.b.19.

**References:** Mickwitz *et al.* 1981, 185 and 186; Shirley 2004, T.POR-1a.

ii. *L'Isole piu famose del mondo ...*

**Publication details:** Venice: Giorgio Angelieri for Simone Galignani de Karera & Girolamo Porro, 1576 [colophon: M.D.LXXV.].

**Locations:** Helsinki, Nordenskiöld Collection, two copies; London, BL I, C.83.e.2.; *idem* II, G.7223.; Nicosia, BCCF I, A&L-035; *idem* II, M&A-017.

**References:** Mickwitz *et al.* 1981, 187 and 188; BCCF 2003, 23 (col. ill.) and 23A; Shirley 2004, T.POR-1b; *idem*, T.POR-1c.

iii. *L'Isole piu famose del mondo ...*

**Publication details:** Venice: Giorgio Angelieri for the Heirs of Simone Galignani [i.e. Giovanni Battista & Giorgio Galignani], 1590.

**Locations:** Helsinki, Nordenskiöld Collection; London, BL, Maps.C.48.d.64.; Nicosia, BCCF, C-056.

**References:** Mickwitz *et al.* 1981, 189; BCCF 2003, 23.1; Shirley 2004, T.POR-1d.

iv. *L'Isole piu famose del mondo ...*

**Publication details:** Venice: Heirs of Simone Galignani [i.e. Giovanni Battista & Giorgio Galignani], 1604/1605.

**Locations:** Helsinki, Nordenskiöld Collection; London, BL, Maps C.48.d.65.

**References:** Mickwitz *et al.* 1981, 190; Shirley 2004, T.POR-1e.

v. *L'Isole piu famose del mondo ...*

**Publication details:** Padua: Paolo Galignani & Francesco Galignani, 1620.

**Locations:** Helsinki, Nordenskiöld Collection; London, BL, 215.b.1.

**References:** Mickwitz *et al.* 1981, 191; Shirley 2004, T.POR-1f.

**27.2: 1686**

The plate has been heavily re-engraved. This re-engraving is most evident on the decorative features: for example, the crude heavy lines used for the outlines of the walls of 'CERINES', 'NICOSIA' and 'FAMAGVSTA', the two sea monsters, the seahorse and the coastline, while the more delicate shading has faded away. The wings of the figure at the head of the title cartouche now have linear hatching. The scroll at the bottom right has the hatching running upwards to the left, whereas previously it ran upwards to the right.

**From:** *L'Isole piu famose del mondo ...*

**Publication details:** Venice: Pietro Antonio Brignonci, 1686.

**Locations:** Venice, Marciana, Inv. 84722, C 287C 247, with 49 maps; Washington, LC, unk83044634, with 49 maps.

**Reference:** Phillips 1958, 5680.



[Map 27.1] detail



[Map 27.2] detail

## Biography

Thomaso Porcacchi (1530-1585) was born in Castiglion Fiorentino [Aretino], Tuscany, into a poor family. Through the patronage of Duke Cosimo I de' Medici, he was able to pursue his studies; afterwards, he embarked on a career as a translator, editor and author, initially in Florence, often working with the humanist scholar Lodovico Domenichi. His speciality was classical texts, particularly of a geographical and historical nature. Through this work, he came into contact with the prominent Venetian publisher Gabriel Giolito de' Ferrari (ca 1510-1578) and, in 1559, he moved to Venice to form a fruitful association with Giolito, who had produced a number of books containing maps; he had also published, as broadsheets, two maps by Giacomo Gastaldi, from his shop *al segno della Fenice* in the Rialto district of the city.

Late in his career, Porcacchi composed an isolario, *L'isole piu famose del mondo ...*, published by Simone Galignani de Karera and Girolamo Porro in 1572. Galignani (fl. 1552-1578; d. ca 1578) was a Paduan printer and publisher who had settled in Venice; Porro (fl. ca 1567-1597), also from Padua, was one of the leading map engravers of the day. In 1574 Porro engraved the plates for another Porcacchi volume, *Funerali antichi di diversi popoli, et nationi ...*, and he later contributed the maps (see [Map 38]) to a new edition of Claudius Ptolemy's *Geographiae universae tum veteris tum novae ...*, edited by Giovanni Antonio Magini and published *apud Hæredes Simonis Galignani de Karera* [by the Heirs of Simone Galignani de Karera (Giovanni Battista and Giorgio Galignani)].

## Atlas

Porcacchi's *L'isole piu famose del mondo ...* is sometimes said to have been inspired by the Holy League's victory over the Ottomans at the Battle of Lepanto (7 October 1571). Certainly, the *Isole* is dedicated to Don John of Austria, the victorious hero of the battle – the title refers to '[...] Al Sereniss. Principe Et Sig.<sup>te</sup> Il S. Don Giovanni D'Avstria General della Santiss. Lega [...]'] – but as the plan of the battle first appeared in the second edition (1576), the preparation of the first edition is likely to have predated the battle.

In the first edition (1572), the atlas contained 30 engraved maps (including this map of Cyprus), set in text. The coverage was worldwide, albeit concentrated on the Mediterranean. For the second edition, the text was rewritten, and 17 additional maps were inserted, to make a total of 47. After this edition, the format became settled. While a new map of Istria appeared in the 1605 edition, there were no further improvements to the text, and by the time of the 1686 edition the atlas was surely only of antiquarian interest, although its rarity makes it particularly sought-after by collectors today.



[Map 27.1] detail



[Map 27.2] detail



[Map 27.1] detail



[Map 27.2] detail

## Map

The map is a simple, but neatly engraved, reduction of the Bartolomeo–Camocio type [Maps 1 and 8], the engraving credited to Porro on the title-page. The map was reissued without cartographic correction across editions, although Brigonci, the publisher of the last edition, had to commission some fairly extensive reworking to restore the impressions to publishable quality.

The map is set in Italian text composed by Porcacchi; the section on Cyprus opens with a description of the geographical position of the island, then its history and information on the 11 districts and the townships of medieval Cyprus.

Separate examples can be dated by the text setting of the page on which the map is found, with the different characteristics identified in the following table.



[Map 27.1] i: 1572



[Map 27.1] iii: 1590

Date	Page	Heading	Catchword	Characteristic
1572	[20]	DESCRITTIONE   DELL'ISOLA DI CIPRO.   [map]   [text]	... tempi   antichi	The heading is without decorative woodcuts. The text commences with the woodcut capital 'N'.
1576	144	[woodcut design with urns at either end]   DESCRITTIONE   DELL'ISOLA   DI CIPRO.   [map]   [text]	... &   Cripton	The woodcut capital 'C' contains the upper torso of a woman; the first line of text ends '... Tramontana ui   cino ...'.
1590	144	[woodcut design with a face at the centre]   DESCRITTIONE   DELL'ISOLA   DI CIPRO.   [woodcut design]   [map]   [text]	... &   Cripton	The woodcut capital 'C' contains a picture of a woman and a ship; the first line of text ends '... Tramontana   vicino ...'.
1604/1605	144	[woodcut design with a figure at the centre, in a circular surround; two separate woodcuts, at either end are surmounted by eagles]   DESCRITTIONE   DELL'ISOLA   DI CIPRO.   [woodcut design]   [map]   [text]	... &   Cripton	The woodcut capital 'C' contains a picture of a cherub with a trident over his shoulder; the first line of text ends '... Tramontana   vicino ...'.
1620	144	[woodcut composed of a repeated carved design]   DESCRITTIONE   DELL'ISOLA   DI CIPRO.   [map]   [text]	... &   Cripton	The woodcut capital 'C' is overlaid on a floral design.
1686	-	[blank]	-	[no text]

References

Map: Stylianou 1980, 75 (fig. 78: 1576 edition); BCCF 2003, 23 (col. ill.); Zacharakis 2009, 2743/1795 (ill.).



28. JODE, Gerard de

[Antwerp], [ca 1573]



[Map 28] detail

CYPRVS IN= | SVLA MA= | RIS SYRIACI | iuxta Ifsicum si= | num sita.

One of six maps engraved on a single plate, with:

- [1]. SICILIA INSVLA MARIS | Inferi. iuxta Mamertinum fretum. [Inner border: 140 x 185 mm]
- [2]. CORSICA, OLIM CYRNVS | INSVLA maris Ligustici. // SARDINIA TVRRHE= | ni maris Insula. [Inner border: 115 x 185 mm]
- [3]. CANDIA, OLIM | AERIA, CVRE= | TIS MACARON | ET CRETA DIC= | TA Insula Libÿci maris [Inner border: 115 x 295 mm]
- [4]. PYTHIVSÆ INSVLÆ, | maris Balearici. // MAIORICA ET MINO= | RICA SARDOI maris Insulæ. [Inner border: 80 x 185 mm]
- [5]. MELITA AFRICI seu Sicculi | maris Insula. // MITYLENE AEGEI MARIS | Insula in Adramitteno sinu. [Inner border: 80 x 295 mm]

**Size:** Inner border/border: 142 x 292 mm; sheet border: 367 x 510 mm; plate mark: 370 x 514 mm

**Medium:** Copper engraving

**Scale:** [not given]

**Orientation:** [north towards the top]

**Latitude and longitude:** [not marked]

**From:**

i. [Antwerp: Gerard de Jode, ca 1573] (separate publication).

**Locations:** [no recorded example].

ii. Gerard de Jode [Daniel Cellarius (ed.)], *Speculum orbis terrarum*

**Publication details:** Antwerp: Gerard Smits for Gerard de Jode, 1578.

**Locations:** Cambridge, CUL, L\*.7.11(A); London, BL, Maps C.7.c.12.; Oxford, Bodleian, Mason Q 234; Rotterdam, MMR, Collectie Engelbrecht 34: containing proof states of some of the maps.

**References:** Krogt 2003, 32:01; Shirley 2004, T.JOD-1b.

iii. *Speculum orbis terrarum / terræ*

**Publication details:** Antwerp: Arnold Coninx for 'Vidva et Hæredes Gerardi de Ivdæis' [the Widow and Heirs of Gerard de Jode, i.e. Pascale (Paschina) van Gelder and Cornelis de Jode], 1593.

**Locations:** Chicago, Newberry, VAULT oversize Ayer 135 .J9 1593; Greenwich, NMM, Oversize shelving, 51588-2001; London, BL, Maps C.7.c.13.; Nicosia, BCCF I, C-069, separate; *idem* II, M&A-019, separate.

**References:** BCCF 2003, 29 (col. ill.); *idem*, 29.A; Krogt 2003, 32:02, noting variant title-pages; Shirley 2004, T.JOD-1c.

