



Important map of Taiwan according to the Dutch East India Company

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Kaart van het Eyland Formosa en de Eylanden van Piscadores.

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One of the earliest printed map of Taiwan and the Pescadores (Penghu) Islands, from Valentyn's 'Oud en Nieuw Oost-Indien', an account of the Dutch East India Company. Francois Valentyn (1666-1727) joined the Dutch East India Company (Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie) aged 19, travelling to the East as a minister and chaplain. Normally the V.O.C. prevented their former employees from publishing details of the company, but by this stage their dealings were not as secret or as profitable as they had been. Valentyn published his account in eight volumes between 1724-26, dying the following year.

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