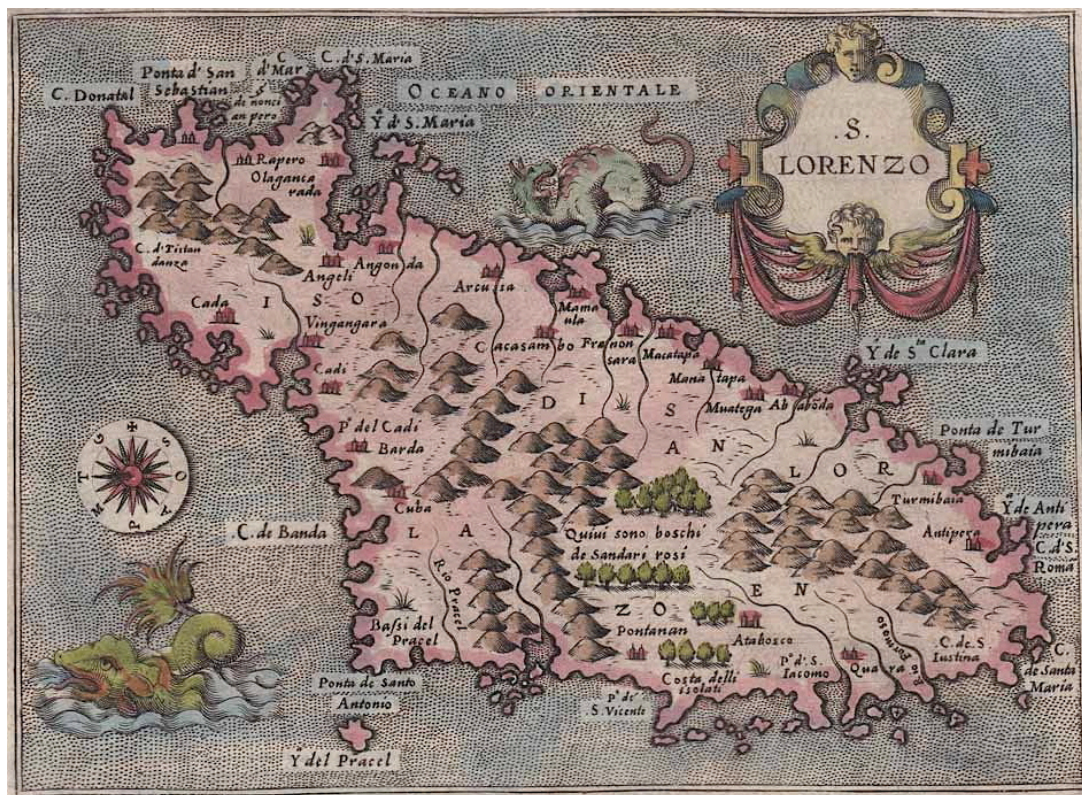


In 1572 an *Isolario* or island book, written by Tommaso Porcacchi, was published in Venice, illustrated with a lovely series of thirty elegant maps set within the text:

*Venetia; Corfu; Morea Penisola; Candia; Cipro; Rhodi; Arcipelago; Negroponte; Sicilia; Malta; Corsica; Sardegna; Elba; Maiorica; Minorica; Inghilterra; Scotia; Irlanda; Hollanda; Islanda; Gotlandia; Spagnvola; Cvba; S. Lorenzo (Madagascar); Taprobana (not Ceylon but Sumatra, which is on the equator); Isole Molucche; Mondo Nvovo; Temistitan (now Mexico City); oval world (see below); Atlantic chart (see Introduction 8).*



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Uniform in size and style with most titles in ornate cartouches, they were all very finely engraved by Girolamo Porro of Padua. He was also joint publisher of the book and produced seventeen additional new plates to illustrate the second edition:

*Isole Hebride, et Orcade; Isole Selandie; Il sito de'Curzolari; Battle of Lepanto; Cefalonia; Zante; Cerigo; Scarpanto; Santorini; Milo; Nicsia; Scio; Metellino (Lesbos); Costantinopoli; Stalimene (Lemnos); Iamaica; S. Giovanni (Puerto Rico).*

From the 1576 edition the sequence of the maps is completely different: the European ones commencing with Iceland in the north-west and finishing with Cyprus in the south-east. A new map of Istria added in 1604 is twice the size and not by Porro.



