



Map of Goa

30.3 × 38.6cm

ca. 1687

The creator of this map, Pieter Schenk, was born in Germany and lived in Amsterdam. He was a student of engraver Gerard Valck. He married Valck's younger sister in 1687. The two families went on to become very illustrious engravers, publishing books, maps, topographies, wallpapers and producing globes.

This map is derived from Schenk's famous atlas depicting roughly one hundred cities.

Goa was a Portuguese colony in India. The Portuguese first arrived in the 16th century, and occupied the area shortly thereafter. Their suppression of local Hinduism and Islam led many of the local inhabitants to convert to Catholicism. Portuguese ruled over the colony lasted some 450 years until the Indian annexation in 1961. Today, Goa is India's wealthiest state.