



Facsimile of Mappemonde by Nicholas Desliens of Dieppe 1566.

Copied by special permission from the original in possession of the Bibliothèque National Paris. In the south-eastern corner parts of the Australian and New Zealand's coasts are shown discoveries made at different times and here joined together. At this time (1566) New Guinea + the sea between Java and Australia were unknown by French Geographers. The north coast of Australia + that of Java were therefore supposed to be the same. The peculiar feature of this map is that it disposes of all French claims which have been made to the discovery of Australia, while taking credit for the discoveries of his own countrymen in North + South America. The draughtsman assigns that of Australia to the Portuguese.