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Title

Voyage de la COQUILLE. Mollusques No. 1

Date

1826 - 1830

Primary Maker

Rene Primevere Lesson

Medium

Coloured engraving on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 490 x 324 mm, 0.03 kg

Name

Engraving

History

Louis Isidore Duperrey (1786-1865) conducted a voyage around the world in LA COQUILLE (1822-1825) with

Dumont d'Urville as one of his officers. (LA COQUILLE was later renamed l'ASTROLABE for Dumont d'Urville's own expedition). Duperrey's voyage on the LA COQUILLE was one of the most notable of the French exploration voyages to the Pacific. The expedition set out with the intention of collecting scientific data and specimens, but also instructed to report on the possibility of establishing a penal colony in Western Australia. Duperrey had as his second-in-command Dumont d'Urville, who was to become the most experienced French commander in the Pacific. While science led the expedition, there was also an unspoken goal of discovering where France might carve out an empire in the South Pacific. His voyage was of some 73,000 miles, with major destinations including Australia, New Zealand, and New Guinea.

