

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Leviathan, balaena

Date

1731

Primary Maker

Georg Daniel Heumann

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 580 x 425 mm, 0.277 kg Sheet: 410 x 255 mm
Sight: 320 x 210 mm Mount: 580 x 425 mm, 5 mm Image:
320 x 210 mm

Name

Engraving

History

Johann Jakob Scheuchzer (1672 - 1733), a Swiss scholar born at Zürich, planned the multi - volume Physica Sacra

as an explanation of and a commentary on the Bible on natural and scientific grounds. He himself oversaw the illustrations which were largely based on his own natural history cabinet or on other famous European cabinets of rare specimens. He entrusted the central designs to Johann Melchior Füssli and the elaborate borders to Johann Daniel Preissler, and they were engraved by highly skilled engravers including Georg Daniel Heumann and Johann August Corvinus