

EXAMINATION REPORT AND TREATMENT RECOMMENDATION
Library of Congress – Conservation Division

Master Control Number:	<u>3981</u>	Project Number & Name:	<u>3981 1508 Ptolemy</u>
Division:	<u>Geography & Map</u>	Date In:	<u>1/5/2017</u>
Division Contact:	<u>Ed Redmond</u>	Date Out:	<u>mm/dd/yy</u>
Conservator(s):	<u>Katherine Kelly, Heather Wanser</u>	Examination Date:	<u>6/15/2017</u>
I.D./Call number:	<u>G1005 1508</u>		
	<u>https://lcn.loc.gov/50001441</u>		
	<u>Phillips 357</u>		
Title:	<u>In hoc opere haec continentur Geographiae Cl. Ptolemaei ...</u>		
Author:	<u>Ptolemy, active 2nd century.</u>		
Imprint:	<u>Rome : Impressum per Bernardinu[m] Venetu[m] de Vitalibus : Expe[n]sis Eua[n]gelista Tosino Brixiano Bibliopola, anno Virginei partus 1508.</u>		
Alternative Format:	<u>2 other copies of this edition at LC, 1 copy of the previous edition, also with the Ruysch map</u>		
Existing Container:	<u>Cloth covered clamshll box</u>		

Examination Report and Treatment Recommendation:

This volume is a 1508 edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia*, printed in Rome. The volume contains text and 34 maps: 27 of which were reprinted from earlier Ptolemy editions, 6 new maps of Europe and the Middle East, and 1 new world map (the Ruysch Map of the World).

The atlas was identified by G&M for possible treatment in FY17 and brought to the Conservation Division. The primary conservation concerns were the broken 20th century binding and the condition of the maps for scholarly access and possible future exhibition. Some of the maps have been silked and/or cloth-lined. The world map was misaligned during lining.

The volume was examined by Katherine Kelly and Heather Wanser. This examination included a review of the literature about the production of the atlas and the various states of the plates. The binding structures of this and the other two copies of this atlas at LC were examined and compared to determine the original structure of the maps. These observations may be found in the treatment report in the project folder.

In consultation with the G&M curator, Ed Redmond, the conservators recommend that the volume be disbound and receive full treatment. If possible, the text block and maps will be washed, the linings removed, and the maps relined as necessary. Text and maps will be rebound in a more stable and sympathetic binding. This treatment will be a joint project between paper and book conservation and is expected to be completed within FY18.