

CHRISTIE'S

TRAVEL, SCIENCE AND NATURAL HISTORY

South Kensington, Wednesday, 8 October 2014, Sale 5506

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

184 lots sold 263 lots offered	Total: £874,063 / \$1,403,745 / €1,110,060 \$1.606 = £1 / €1.270 = £1			70% sold by lot 80% sold by value
Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
25	An intact Elephant Bird egg, Madagascar, pre-17 th century	30,000-50,000	£74,500	European Private
			\$119,647	
			€94,615	
97	Lieutenant John Irving's Arctic Medal and silver clasp	20,000-30,000	£37,500	Anonymous
			\$60,225	
			€47,625	
41	An Ichthyosaur, from the lower Jurassic (200-176 Mya)	15,000-25,000	£37,500	UK Private
			\$60,225	
			€47,625	

James Hyslop, Head of Travel, Science and Natural History and Nicholas Lambourn, Head of Topographical Pictures, commented: *"Christie's Travel, Science and Natural History sale confirmed the vast enthusiasm across the category, attracting competitive bidding in the room, on the telephones and online. We are particularly pleased with the prices achieved for the selection of natural history books which saw strong interest illustrated in the sale of lot 63, a rare Darwin photograph album comprising of photos of Charles and his family realising £30,000. The top lot of sale was the Elephant Bird Egg which realised £74,500, selling to an online bidder, with further highlights from the natural history category including the Ichthyosaur which achieved £37,500. Polar material performed well, led by the Arctic Medal awarded to John Irving, Lieutenant on Franklin's HMS Terror, surpassing its top estimate."*

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