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Aepyornis Hunt

PAINTINGS. GENRE PAINTINGS

XVIII century

Oil on canvas

53.5 x 69 cm; with frame: 62.5 x 77 cm

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DESCRIPTION

The aepyornis was one of the largest flightless birds ever to have existed on earth; endemic to Madagascar, it was hunted for its plumage, its flesh and its eggs, to the point of extinction. The hunters in the painting wear arabesque garments: contacts between Arabs and the Malagasy royal dynasties were in fact frequent.