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Nansen, 1911 Pomponius Mela, who wrote around AD 43, was the earliest. Although first published at the height of the Roman Empire, in roughly 44 C. Romer is Professor and Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, East Carolina University.

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The outer edges of all the continents, including Europe, however, remained unfamiliar to the Romans, and it is on the inhabited world's outer edges that the creatures of legend and mythology were believed to live. The shores of Codanus sinus southwestern in red with its many islands in green.

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