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Edition 2015



Ship Breaking Yard, Karachi, Pakistan, 1985

Steve McCurry

Fuji Flex Light Jet Print, 2015
Edition of 30
28 × 42 cm
framed and signed by the artist
CHF 1200 / CHF 960 (members)
available in the shops / the eShop

The American photographer Steve McCurry (b. 1950) first gained worldwide fame in 1979 when, disguised as a member of the mujahideen, he took the first pictures inside Soviet-occupied Afghanistan and smuggled them out of the country. In 1985 he then made his iconic photograph of the Afghan girl Sharbat Gula at a refugee camp. McCurry has in the meantime maintained close ties with Asia. He documents disappearing cultures and traditions, the consequences of globalization, and the changes in people's life circumstances. Ship Breaking Yard captures grotesque ships' hulls looming up on the beach in Gadani, Pakistan, where huge ships from all over the world are scrapped and dismantled into recyclable components by low-wage workers.