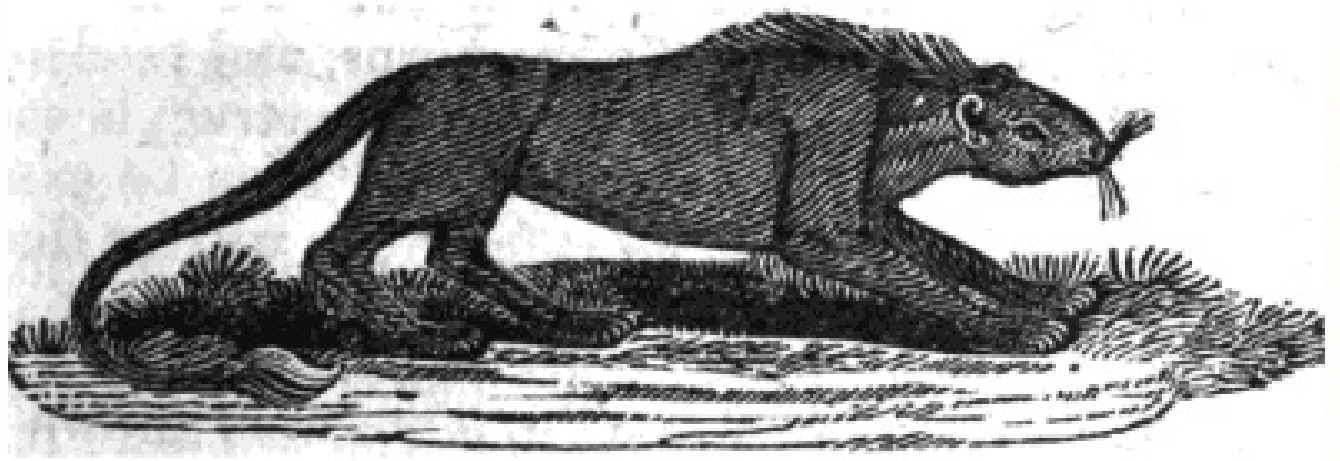




· R O M P O ·



Rompo is a mythological beast with the head of a hare, human ears, a skeleton-like body, the front arms of a badger, and the rear legs of a bear. It feeds only on human corpses and it is said to croon softly as it eats. Stories about the Rompo are found in India and Africa. The legend of the Rompo may have been inspired from sightings of any of the Old World porcupines, although chimeras, creatures formed by the composition of several different animal species, are common in all mythologies of the world.



Rompo is a **DRAVIDIAN** creature
Current population: 245.000.000



The Dravidian peoples, settled in the south of India for millennia, survived in relative isolation during the frequent invasions that penetrated India through Central Asia. Participants of the diverse collection of beliefs and philosophies that make up the Hindu tradition, the Dravidians practice a non-Vedic form (that is, different from the orthodox Brahmanism coming from the Indo-Aryan populations of the north).

The worship of tutelary deities, sacred flora and fauna in Hinduism is also recognized as a survival of the pre-Vedic Dravidian religion.

Although creatures such as the Rompo are not part of the Hindu religious tradition, they are favored by the vision of the nature of the Dravidian peoples.