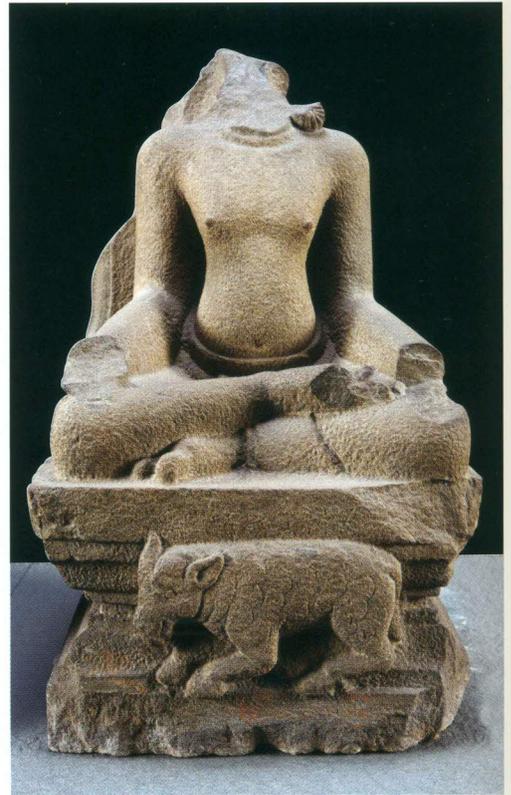


35. Vāyu

Mỹ Sơn Group A
H. 47 cm; W. 36 cm; D. 34 cm
BTC 9-9.2

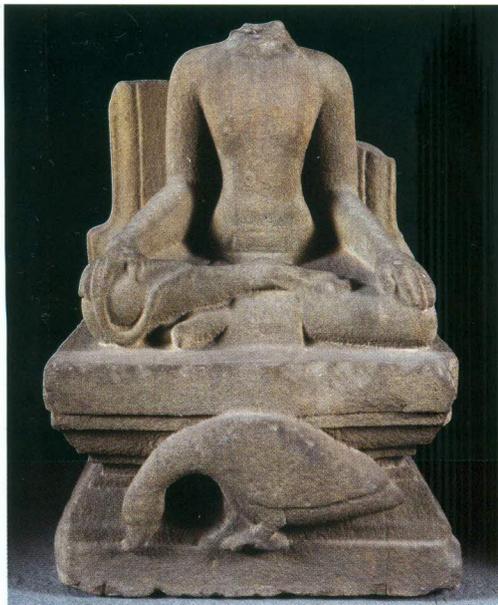
God of the air, deified wind, immortal breath, Vāyu is the guardian of the Northwest. In India he appears on an antelope, holding a standard. In Champa we find him on a horse (sometimes on a gazelle as at Mỹ Sơn group B), as on the pedestal of Văn Trạch Hòa. The attribute he holds in his right hand is very strange and has the look of a lizard or a bird (?). Jean Boisselier saw in it a stylised kind of standard (*dhvaja*).



37. Agni

Mỹ Sơn Group A
H. 53 cm; W. 33 cm; D. 33 cm
BTC 11-10.1

Guardian of the Southeast, god of sacrificial fire, purifier and destroyer, Agni is most often seated on a goat or a ram. In Cambodia and in Champa, he is on a rhinoceros – identifiable with difficulty, but marked with scales evoking the folds formed by the thickness of the hide of the animal. His lost attribute could have been a water bottle.



36. Varuṇa

Mỹ Sơn Group A
H. 48 cm; W. 36 cm; D. 38 cm
BTC 12-9.1

God of the waters (oceans, rivers,), Varuṇa is the guardian of the West, mounted on the *makara* in India and on the *haṃsa* in Cambodia and Champa. He holds in his hand his distinctive attribute the noose (*pāśa*).



Fig. 1 Parmentier's drawing shows Vāyu still with head.