

Chinese Bigfoot Carvings?

On a trip to Taiwan in 1996, my hosts took me into the mountains to visit the native people called the Yami. As we slowly wound our way up a steep mountain road, I noticed a very large shop with many astounding woodcarvings. I asked to stop and have a look. The shop was beyond belief; I had never seen so many intricate and perfect carvings. There was hardly room for me to navigate in the narrow aisles, being I'm a little larger than the locals. At the end of one aisle was a carving well over 5 feet tall that for all the world depicted a bigfoot.

I then noticed another smaller carving that showed an ape-man like creature. I am told that Chinese ape-man images are strictly associated with myth, but it would still be interesting to know the stories. Sightings of Chinese wild men called Yeren are, of course, well documented. It is only natural that their images would find their way into the art.



Carvings of a Chinese Ape-man found in Taiwan—very similar to bigfoot..

