

Obaareke - Ogbogodo - Agenebe - Jaltu -

Migration
paths

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A Questionnaire Survey of Traditions of Origin of Settlements in Northern Edo State

SECTION A-LOCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

1. Name of Settlement: Akuku Conto Language Group: _____
2. Maximum Relief: _____ (m) Name of Nearest River: _____
3. Topography:
A. Low Plain B. High Plain C. Dissected Plain D. Floodplain
E. Rugged Terrain with Rock Outcrops F. Transition between Plain and Rock Outcrops
4. Vegetation:
A. Closed canopy forest B. Open canopy forest C. Savanna woodland
D. Savanna grassland E. Others (Specify): _____
5. Settlement is easily accessible from the:
A. North B. South C. East D. West E. All sides
6. Distance to the nearest settlement? _____ (Km)

SECTION-TRADITIONS OF ORIGIN OF SETTLEMENTS

7. How many years ago, approximately, was this village founded? _____ (in yrs)
8. What is the name of the place (or village or town) the founders of this village came from to settle here? _____
9. Why did the founders of this village move out of that place to settle here?
(i) _____
(ii) _____
10. Has any person or group of persons ever moved out of this village to found another one?
___ Yes ___ No. If yes, what is the village's name: _____
11. Please list all the villages around this village and indicate (by check mark) those villages you share a common ancestral origin:
i. _____ ii. _____
iii. _____ iv. _____
v. _____ vi. _____
vii. _____ viii. _____

Imu - biggest
Festival of Akuku

Ongesbe - 4th Shrine

12. What is the name of the oldest village or settlement in this area? _____
13. What is the name of the native language spoken in this village? _____
14. Which other villages around your village speak your language?
- i. _____ ii. _____
- iii. _____ iv. _____
- v. _____ vi. _____
15. Which villages around your village speak a different native language?
- i. Name: _____ Language: _____ Distance: _____ (Km)
- ii. Name: _____ Language: _____ Distance: _____ (Km)
- iii. Name: _____ Language: _____ Distance: _____ (Km)
16. What is the name of the place your ancestors once settled before this place? _____
17. Is there any old settlement in this area that people no longer live in today? ___ Yes ___ No
- If yes, what is the name of the settlement? _____

SECTION C—SOCIO-CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

18. What is the official title of your ruler or village head?
- i. Onojie ii. Odafe iii. Otaro iv. Oba v. Odion
- vi. Others (Specify): _____
19. Who becomes the ruler of this village?
- i. Oldest person in the village ii. Oldest son of current ruler iii. Any of the sons
- iv. others (specify): _____
20. What is the system of inheritance of properties in this village?
- i. Patrilinear ii. Matrilinear iii. Oldest son gets everything
- iv. Oldest daughter gets everything v. Equal sharing
21. What is the name of your most important deity? _____
22. What was the main occupation of the founders of this village?
- i. Farming ii. Hunting iii. Fishing iv. Weaving
- v. Iron working/blacksmithing

If farming, please list the two most important crops planted by them then.

- i. _____ ii. _____

23. What is the native name of the implement(s) used by them then?

i. _____ ii. _____

24. What is the most important traditional food of this village?

English Name: _____

Native Name: _____

25. What is the main food used during the worship of your ancestors?

English Name: _____

Native Name: _____

SECTION D-GENERAL

26. Has this village ever been ravaged or affected by a major disaster?
____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what type of disaster and how long ago?

i. Major fire _____ (years ago) ii. Major Flood _____ (years ago)

iii. Major drought _____ (years ago) iv. Major hunger season _____ (years ago)

v. Major war _____ (years ago) (war with _____)

vi. Others (Specify) _____

27. What type of relationship does your village have with the following settlements or language group?

Okpamerhi __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Uneme: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Igbira: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Yoruba: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Ate-Ivbie: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Akuku: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Enwan: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Esan: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Ora: __common origin __colonized us __our enemy __our slaves

Emai:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Iuleha:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Otuo:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Uokha:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Ihievbe:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Bini:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Yekhee:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Igbo:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Igala:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Nupe:	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves