

Quarters:

Names of Rocks

Nupe
war

- ① Uke igbewo - Small soldier
- ② Alakoman - Snails catcher
- ③

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**Questionnaire on the Physico-Cultural Landscape Evidence of Migration Pattern
in Edo North**

Section A - Administrative

Interviewer: _____

Date: 7/7/02

Name of Settlement: Ososo

Quarter: Okhe

Name of Clan: Ososo

Year Founded: _____

Section B - Physical Landscape Appreciation

1. What is the native name for the huge rock boulders we see around here? Eshe
2. Do these rock boulders have any special cultural meaning in this community?
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what are they?
Deify the ruler during the war / Savior
3. What is the native name for the rock hills we see around here? Okhe
Orughe
4. Do the rocky hills have any special cultural meaning in this community?
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what are they?
Farm
5. In what ways have the people in this community used these rocky outcrops?
Farming, worshipping
6. What is the name of the major river in this area? Obbu / Okhe
Please explain the name of the river: Source of River
7. Please, name two trees that were very important in this community in the past but are no longer seen in this area today and indicate their uses:

Serial #	Names of Trees (extinct)	Primary Uses of the Trees
1.	Omobe tree bark	Safety Net
2.	Okha tree	Dye

Ogbe → Unuame → Inidigbe → Orugbe
 Fast work
 rep. wars drawn f
 OSOSO
 Ikpena (1st site)
 Anni (1st settlement)

8. Please, name two trees that are very important in this community today and indicate their uses:

Serial #	Names of Trees	Primary Uses of the Trees
1.	iroko (uloko)	shutter
2.	Mahogany	shutter

Section C – Settlement

- What is the meaning of the village name? Oshiso — fresh okro
steal p — major soup
- What is the name(s) of the first person(s) to settle in this village? Oshiso
- Where did the first settler(s) come from? Orugbe
- Why did the first settler(s) choose this place to settle? food rich, frequent wars, drawn f
- Please, list the names of all the villages in this area that have blood relationship with this village: Toon guta
- What do you call the people from this area? OSOSO
Where do the people from this area come from? Orugbe
What made them to leave that place to come here? _____
- Please rank the following environmental resources in order of their importance in influencing your ancestors' decision in settling down in this place. Rank the best reason as 1 and the worst or last as 9:

Serial #	Environmental Resources	Rank
1.	Nearness to a river resource	9
2.	Nearness to a major rock outcrop	9
3.	Availability of farmland	9
4.	Nearness to a major hill or mountain shelter	9
5.	Nearness to a major forest shelter	
6.	Expansive grassland or pasture land	
7.	Nearness to a powerful kingdom for protection	
8.	Taking full possession of ancestral land	
9.	Others (specify): <u>safety</u>	

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① Osano → Okke — Access
Female crops: all others
male crops: Yam, Cassava

8. Does this village have an old site? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, where is the location of the old site: _____
when was the old site abandoned? _____ (yr) and why was it abandoned? _____

9. What is the major occupation of the people in this village? Farming
Craft Wares (spy hell)

Section D — Farming and Food Habits

1. What is main staple food crop planted by the people of this village today? Guinea Corn, Yam, Cassava, Beans (could list more than one crop)
2. Is this staple food crop indigenous to your people? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If No, where did it come from? _____
3. List the main staple food crop planted by the first settlers of this village, if different from question 1 above: Yam, Guinea Corn
Give reasons for any differences in the two lists of staple food crops: Cassava Population
4. Who owns the farmland where the staple food crop(s) is produced? Private
5. What are the major farming tools used in the production of the staple food crop(s)? cutlass, hoe (broun) (other flat)
- Are these tools similar to the ones used by the first settlers? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If no, please list the tools used by your ancestors: _____
and where are the tools from? _____
6. Do you allow your farmland to rest (fallow) for some years after cultivation?
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, for how many years? 3 yrs
- How long was this fallow period during the time of the first settlers? 75 (years)
- How many crops are planted on the same plot at a time? _____
- Please list the crops: maize, cassava, Okro, Beans
Yam, melon

Kpens — Small frogged located
 home
Egbelug → Brought it to home
Okhe — Orugbe Shrine

8. How many crops were planted on the same plot at a time by the first settlers? _____
 Please list the crops at that time _____

Section E – Culture, Religion and Festivals

1. What is the system of property inheritance in this community?
 _____ Female inheritance _____ Male inheritance
2. Please, list those things you forbid in this village/town? _____
Fornication, Snake (pythons)
3. What is the name of the major festival celebrated in this village/town? Hakpo
 What is the festival celebrating? Age group festival (7 yrs)
 Who introduced the festival to the community? Local
 What part of the village/town is the festival shrine located? Orugbe
 Who is the chief priest at the shrine? ☒ Male _____ Female
 Does the village/town have any other shrines? ☒ Yes _____ No
 If Yes, please complete the following table:

Serial #	Name of Shrine	Location of Shrine	Name of god worshipped

Anni — Not celebrated / no Squirrel
 join 8 hrs

Gender questions

① Politics - local: \rightarrow vote
national:

Ekpodo \rightarrow work with king
Ekuror \rightarrow
ordinary women

② Economy (Market)

buyers - sellers \Rightarrow women

men - Tobacco, Yam, Cotton, cash crops
selected chief.

③ Agriculture Crops

④ Religion

traditional religion
practitioners
leadership

Ekpodo play Gongx
wade off the epidemics
carry staff with iron ring
- male lined with gongx/
staff

- male senior in each
age-group - Libation/oracle
carry food & egg from

⑤ Family roles:

Female: clean, fetch water, care of kids, cook
male: mat weaving, drink

⑥ Entertainment Storytellers festivals music

\rightarrow play instrument - Gongx & mwalas
dancers \rightarrow Owu, Umutu, Agbe

Excluded: masquerade

⑦ Careers