

Ekpedo — Blacksmith

(5)  
UNEME

① Coal — Firewood

② Clay — (Eke)  
Brown

③ Site detected by Slipping  
Surface

④ Bit Clay & smooth  
Yellow — Eke

⑤ Stone — Udarami — Beat — Surface  
Anyu — Uromi

⑦ Soil — reddish — (Iron-ore) — Uddekharly

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

**Section A - Administrative**

Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Settlement: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Clan: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B - Physical Landscape Appreciation**

1. What is the native name for the huge rock boulders we see around here? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do these rock boulders have any special cultural meaning in this community?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. If yes, what are they?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the native name for the rock hills we see around here? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do the rocky hills have any special cultural meaning in this community?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. If yes, what are they?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. In what ways have the people in this community used these rocky outcrops?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the name of the major river in this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please explain the name of the 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.		
2.		



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.		
2.		

### Section C – Settlement

- What is the meaning of the village name? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What is the name(s) of the first person(s) to settle in this village? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Where did the first settler(s) come from? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why did the first settler(s) choose this place to settle? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Please, list the names of all the villages in this area that have blood relationship with this village: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What do you call the people from this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where do the people from this area come from? \_\_\_\_\_  
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	
2.	Nearness to a major rock outcrop	
3.	Availability of farmland	
4.	Nearness to a major hill or mountain shelter	
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):	



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? \_\_\_\_\_

### Section D – Farming and Food Habits

1. What is main staple food crop planted by the people of this village today? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Give reasons for any differences in the two lists of staple food crops:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who owns the farmland where the staple food crop(s) is produced? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are the major farming tools used in the production of the staple food crop(s)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long was this fallow period during the time of the first settlers? \_\_\_\_\_ (years)
7. How many crops are planted on the same plot at a time? \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list the crops: \_\_\_\_\_



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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the name of the major festival celebrated in this village/town? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the festival celebrating? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who introduced the festival to the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
What part of the village/town is the festival shrine located? \_\_\_\_\_  
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