

Older (10)

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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: Okpe Language Group: Okpe
2. Maximum Relief: _____ (m) Name of Nearest River: Ovie/Ose
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? 10 (in yrs)
8. What is the name of the place (or village or town) the founders of this village came from to settle here? Ile-Ife / Benin
9. Why did the founders of this village move out of that place to settle here?
(i) No - bff ife to avoid
(ii) _____
10. Has any person or group of persons ever moved out of this village to found another one? once
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what is the village's name: Ugha / Umi / Oku
11. Please list all the villages around this village and indicate (by check mark) those villages you share a common ancestral origin:
i. Isa ii. Uduami
iii. Iyaya iv. Ekpemi
v. _____ vi. _____
vii. _____ viii. _____

12. What is the name of the oldest village or settlement in this area? Okepe
13. What is the name of the native language spoken in this village? _____
14. Which other villages around your village speak your language?
- i. Ijaji (Brothers) ii. _____
- iii. _____ iv. _____
- v. _____ vi. _____
15. Which villages around your village speak a different native language?
- i. Name: Oloma Language: Oloma Distance: _____ (Km)
- ii. Name: Ugbosheli/Igbada Language: Oge Distance: _____ (Km)
- iii. Name: _____ Language: _____ Distance: _____ (Km)
16. What is the name of the place your ancestors once settled before this place? Imolepa
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? Farm/ Shrine

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): Ita (Father)
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): hereditary
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? Ewo
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. Yam ii. Corn

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

i. Eheri (hoe)

ii.

Agada Cutlass

Alce Ose / Okpasi (war machine)
Small pot (deposited)

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

English Name: maze/bean

Native Name: oko-uhuhugu

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

English Name: Pounded yam/egusi

Native Name: Obbo

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 1946 (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: f common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves

Igbira: f common origin colonized us our enemy our slaves

Yoruba: f 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

New year festival

Achem:

harvest
end of year
celebration

Emai:	None	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Iuleha:	odake	✓__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Otuo:	k	__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:	f	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves

want
assistance

- Okpe gave land to Igara for settlement to raise their cattle.
- Expansion brought war
- Brought by Ozojona