

Quarters

Makelke (3)

Dagbala (2)

Ojoriami (4)

Oza - (1)

Teacher

Oza -

Orupse → Oza-oke →

Oza village

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34 yrs

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

Section A - Administrative

Interviewer: Akoyemi: F.I.

Date: 7/9/02

Name of Settlement: Oza (Ojah)

Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Clan: Oza

Year Founded: 19<sup>th</sup>

Section B - Physical Landscape Appreciation

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

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

worship

3. What is the native name for the rock hills we see around here? Omya-Oza

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?

Build f, hunt, snails, security, Lake water, worship.

6. What is the name of the major river in this area? Sance 8 River

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.	<u>Makogga</u>	<u>Build f, Roof f</u>
2.	<u>Waka, Obele</u>	

5 adults



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.	mahogany	Build up
2.		

### Section C – Settlement

1. What is the meaning of the village name? Ozga - Community that is firmly built
2. What is the name(s) of the first person(s) to settle in this village? Ogboniys (hunts)
3. Where did the first settler(s) come from? Drupbe
4. Why did the first settler(s) choose this place to settle? farming, security, water
5. Please, list the names of all the villages in this area that have blood relationship with this village: Same (Okurosho villages)
6. What do you call the people from this area? Ojah people
- Where do the people from this area come from? Drupbe
- What made them to leave that place to come here? Security & water
7. 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	7/8
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	9
6.	Expansive grassland or pasture land	5
7.	Nearness to a powerful kingdom for protection	8
8.	Taking full possession of ancestral land	7
9.	Others (specify):	



## Crops

men: Cocoyam, Yam, Cassava

women: Cassava, Corn, vegetable, Pottery  
(clay bricks)

8. Does this village have an old site? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, where is the location of the old site: Ozameke

when was the old site abandoned? 1990 (yr) and why was it abandoned?

Accessibility.

9. What is the major occupation of the people in this village? Farming

### Section D – Farming and Food Habits

1. What is main staple food crop planted by the people of this village today? Yam

Cassava, plantain, groundnut, Veg. (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, Cocoyam, kufi

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? Farmer

5. What are the major farming tools used in the production of the staple food crop(s)?

hoe, cutlass (Ridge & mound)

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? (4-5)

How long was this fallow period during the time of the first settlers? (2 yrs) (years)

7. How many crops are planted on the same plot at a time? Yam, plantain,

Please list the crops: vegetables, Yam, plantain etc



woman forbids:  
Divorcee - can't marry husb's family  
Masquerade - can't go to the farm

8. How many crops were planted on the same plot at a time by the first settlers? mixed

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      ✓ family

2. Please, list those things you forbid in this village/town? \_\_\_\_\_  
Mulungu

3. What is the name of the major festival celebrated in this village/town? Ukpe-nwue  
 What is the festival celebrating? (Age-group) (bmasking)

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      oga-ogor bala

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
	<u>Akeshu</u>	<u>Hill bottom</u>	<u>Burial ground</u>
	<u>Eshaka fe</u>	<u>seven stones</u>	<u>burning &amp; explosion to kill all bad people</u>

Female  
 ① Ibishaka festival - Girls Naked Festival  
 ② Age-group festival: Ukpe-nwue

Male  
 ① Ukpe-ogor - Age group  
Ukpe-bile New Year festival  
Odejo - Woman leader  
Joins Oba for month day