

12 Qtrs

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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: Otu Language Group: Otu
2. Maximum Relief: _____ (m) Name of Nearest River: Usogbua (Owan)
(Head/source of a 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? (1504) (in yrs)
8. What is the name of the place (or village or town) the founders of this village came from to settle here? Bini (1504), Amaya (Ibadan), Iyey (Ikpele-Onye), Imafun (Owa)
9. Why did the founders of this village move out of that place to settle here?
(i) Slave labor by Oba
(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: Ago, Gbodo
11. Please list all the villages around this village and indicate (by check mark) those villages you share a common ancestral origin:
i. Ake ii. _____
iii. Akuku iv. _____
v. Ikhin vi. _____
vii. Egwa (Ondo) viii. _____

Ukha brings native chalk to the
Oba coronation

12. What is the name of the oldest village or settlement in this area? Huo
13. What is the name of the native language spoken in this village? _____
14. Which other villages around your village speak your language?
- i. Arakurao ii. _____
- iii. Okpe (Akwa-Edo) iv. _____
- v. _____ vi. _____
15. Which villages around your village speak a different native language?
- i. Name: Orake Language: Orake Distance: 0 (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? Old site
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): (Ovie)
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): Six Ruler House (Oldest age grade)
Oldest age group
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? Ugbasi Huo Izokha
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 / Bean

23. What is the native name of the implement(s) used by them then?
 i. hoe (Egba) ii. cutlass (Egba)

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

English Name: Native Bread Native Name: OKO

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

English Name: pounded yam Native Name: Erun
Egusi

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 Okpe)

vi. Others (Specify) Louest

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: f ___ 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: f ☒ common origin ___ colonized us ___ our enemy ___ our slaves

Ora: f ___ common origin ___ colonized us ___ our enemy ___ our slaves

Iworie
migrated from
Okpe

Emai: f	__common origin	__colonized us	__our enemy	__our slaves
Iuleha: f	__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

Note:

Auchi from Bauchi.