

Agbor → Agenebode → Altea → Oligwa

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A Questionnaire Survey of Place Names

SECTION A - SETTLEMENT NAME AND IMPORTANCE

1. Name of Settlement: Akuku LGA: Akoleo-Edo
2. Language Spoken in the Settlement: Akuku Ethnic Group: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name Parts: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the meaning of the settlement's name? They ask us to go
4. What aspect of your culture is this place noted for? Farming
5. What other things make this village important in this entire area? water  
(constant supply)
6. Are there any other villages bearing the same name as this village? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If Yes, Please list them: Akuku near Agbor  
Akuku near Asagi

SECTION B - SPATIAL RELATIONS

7. How many quarters are there in this settlement? 6
- List all the quarters beginning with the oldest quarter: Ishuina Agenebode
8. Does this settlement have an old site? ☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what is the name of the old site(s)? Oligwa (pure water spring & Big fish)  
Ukamunga (Top of mountain)
9. Name all the villages you have some form of relationship with in this area and indicate the type of relationship.

Related Villages	Type of Relationship
<u>None</u>	

Chimpzees to look after their child



10. Name all the villages founded by people from this settlement? \_\_\_\_\_

None

11. What is the name of the major shrine of this village called? Itakpo (Father of Akuker)

12. Which part of the village is the major shrine located? Top of the Hill  
Oldest person buried there

### SECTION C – ORIGIN AND SOCIO-CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. Founders of this settlement came from where? Benin (Isele) Ose + Eka

14. Why did the founders of this settlement choose this place? water (4miles)

15. Rank the following environmental factors in terms of their roles in influencing the choice of this site for settlement by its founders:

Reasons for Selection	Rank
Nearness to a river or a stream	(1)
Rock shelter	(2)
Availability of farm land	(3)
Ancestral homeland	
Rock shelter adjacent to ample farm land	
Accessibility and centrality	
Protection offered by nearby big kingdoms	

16. What do you call the head of this village? Otafe of Akuker

Is the village head answerable to another head outside this village? Yes No

If yes, please give the name of this other head: \_\_\_\_\_ His Location: \_\_\_\_\_

and why? \_\_\_\_\_

17. How does your culture explain how rivers are formed? \_\_\_\_\_

18. How does your culture explain how the huge rock outcrops and hills around here formed? \_\_\_\_\_

19. List all other things you think make this place special to your people: \_\_\_\_\_

# Inheritance

- (1) man <sup>from outside</sup> — property & children belong to the man.
- (2) <sup>Kindred</sup> Akulu <sup>from same</sup> married <sup>Kindred</sup> Akulu — property & children belong to the man
- (3) <sup>Kindred to one</sup> Akulu woman not related to the man marries Akulu man — property + children belong to the woman.
- (4)
- (a) Kindred to kindred — man owns
- (b) Kindred to non-kindred — woman owns
- (c) Akulu to non-Akulu — man



## SECTION D – FOOD HABITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

20. What are the three most important crops planted in farms owned by members of this settlement (village)?

1. Cassava

2. Yam

3. Corn, ~~bean~~

21. Are the crops planted by the first farmers who founded this settlement the same as those planted in farms today?

Yes No

If no, please name those crops planted by your ancestors:

1. Corn

2. Yam, Pigeon Beans

22. Why are those crops planted by your ancestors not planted today?

1. variety of food items

2. Quick harvest

3. wait-and-see-food

23. What is the main food this village is known for?

Pounded yam/Cassava — melon

24. Has the main food remained the same over the years? Yes No

If no, what was the main food and why has it changed?

Pounded yam — melon

Igbo got lands from Akuku & Okpe — Olu

Kakuru Hills from

Akuku

Igbo came before Somorika

Enwan is best to come Oldest from Enwai

District Heads

→ Akuku L 9 (1952)

Akuku is the oldest village



Akuker understands all others but none

1. Akuker Oldest understands them

2. Qah (Pot) (Old)

3. Ososo (Old)

4. Dagbana, Ojirami

5. Uneme-osu (Benin)  
Uneme-Etun (Scattered)  
Uneme-Akpama (Senior)

~~Uneme-Ogbel~~

~~Uneme-Makelge~~

Uneme-Ekpeds

Uneme-Mequa

Etsako

Anagbeta

Aqbede

OZanu

Jagbe