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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: Atle Ewure Irhofo Quarter: 8
 Name of Clan: Atle Year Founded: > 700 yrs

Section B - Physical Landscape Appreciation

- What is the native name for the huge rock boulders we see around here? Amuvie
- Do these rock boulders have any special cultural meaning in this community?
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what are they?
mighty
- What is the native name for the rock hills we see around here? Onomi
- Do the rocky hills have any special cultural meaning in this community?
☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, what are they?
shelter
- In what ways have the people in this community used these rocky outcrops?
Shelter, security, Rally stones
Age-grade, worship of River
- What is the name of the major river in this area? (Ode) Oyeri (small river)
Uperuku - spirit of lives Ogbomi R.
 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>Ukoko</u>	<u>Roof</u>
2.	<u>Origo</u>	<u>Roof</u>

Edo → Atle (Hills)
 1910 → Down from Hill

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.	iroko	roof & furniture
2.	mahogany	

Section C – Settlement

1. What is the meaning of the village name? Eghereghere / Ate (Ate)
2. What is the name(s) of the first person(s) to settle in this village? Atee (female)
woman's presence in the village
3. Where did the first settler(s) come from? Edo
4. Why did the first settler(s) choose this place to settle? Inability to catch
live Guinea fowl for Oba of Benin
5. Please, list the names of all the villages in this area that have blood relationship with this village: (see page 1)
6. What do you call the people from this area? Atee
- Where do the people from this area come from? Edo
- What made them to leave that place to come here? oppression
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	5
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	4
7.	Nearness to a powerful kingdom for protection	1
8.	Taking full possession of ancestral land	4
9.	Others (specify):	1

men: Yam, Plantain, Corn, Cassava,
women: Cocoyam, Cassava, melon, vegetables, Pineapple
Groundnut, Cowpea, Cotton, peppers, tomatoes

8. Does this village have an old site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where is the location of the old site: hill top

when was the old site abandoned? 1910 (yr) and why was it abandoned?

End of slave trade Virgin to pay tax to Nupe (Ukoko)
farming

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, Corn, Cocoyam (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 & vegetables (no cassava)

Give reasons for any differences in the two lists of staple food crops:

hoe & cutlass (hoe) basin to carry Yam seeds.

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)?

hoe (Yam) for surplus.

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? 4-5 (years)

7. How many crops are planted on the same plot at a time? mixed

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

✓ Family
✓ Children

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? Ukpeshu

Okwukwu - Girls marked with black & red
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
	<u>Rural Oyeri</u>		<u>Spirit of land</u>
	<u>n Okpa</u>		

Okpella - Ikwiri festival for women
Okpa - Title festival for women