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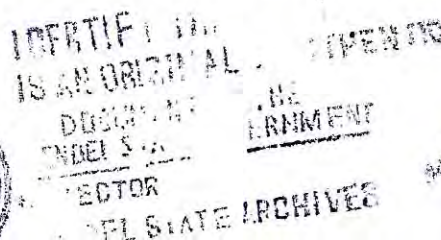
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# TRADITIONAL RULERS AND CHIEFS EDICT, 1979



## BENDEL STATE OF NIGERIA

### EDICT No. 16 of 1979

*Date of Commencement: 24th August, 1979*

The Military Administrator of Bendel State of Nigeria hereby issues this Edict as follows:

#### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

1. This Edict may be cited as the Traditional Rulers and Chiefs Edict, 1979. Short Title.

2. In this Edict, unless the context otherwise requires—

**Interpreta-  
tion.**

“appropriate authority” means the member of the State Government charged with responsibility for matters relating to traditional rulers and chiefs;

“appropriate government department” means the Department of Government charged with responsibility for matters relating to traditional rulers and chiefs;

“chief” means a person whose chieftaincy title is associated with a community in the State and includes a traditional chief and an honorary chief;

“clan” means a town or village or a number of towns and villages the majority of the indigenes of which are believed to have a common ancestry and which are approved by the Executive Council to constitute a clan;

“council” means a traditional council established by the Government under any written law and, where the context so requires, includes the State Council of Traditional rulers established under Part VI of this Edict;

“declaration” means a written statement approved by the Government and registered by the appropriate Government Department as embodying the customary method of selecting a person to be the holder of a traditional ruler title or of a chieftaincy title as the case may be;

“ethnic unit” means a clan or a group of towns or villages comprising persons with a common language;



- "Executive Council" means the Executive Council of the State;
- "Government" means the Government of Bendel State of Nigeria;
- "honorary chief" means the holder of a chieftaincy title to which no specific traditional functions are attached;
- "king-makers" in relation to a traditional ruler title means the persons entitled in accordance with customary law to select a person to be the holder of that title;
- "linguistic group" means a group of persons with common language;
- "local government council" in relation to a traditional ruler title or chieftaincy title means the local government council established under section 3 of the Local Government Edict, 1976 for the local government area with which the title is associated;
- "president" means the president of the State Council of traditional rulers established under Part VI of this Edict and where the context so requires, includes the president of a traditional council established under Part VII of this Edict or by Government under any written law;
- "repealed law" means the Chiefs Law, 1957 (Cap. 37) of the Laws of Bendel State of Nigeria, 1976.
- "rotatory title" means a title succession to which is by rotation among two or more villages, quarters, or kindred groups;
- "ruling house" in relation to a traditional ruler title or a chieftaincy title means the descendants of a lineal ancestor entitled in accordance with customary law to provide from amongst themselves a candidate or candidates for selection for that title;
- "secretary" means the Secretary to a traditional council;
- "state" means the Bendel State of Nigeria;
- "sub-clan" means a town or village within a clan whose traditional head is not subordinate to any other traditional head in the clan;
- "title" means a traditional ruler title or a chieftaincy title;
- "traditional chief" means the holder of a chieftaincy title to which traditional functions are attached;
- "traditional council" in relation to a traditional ruler title or to a chieftaincy title means the traditional council established under Part VII of this Edict for the local government area with which the traditional ruler title or chieftaincy title is associated;
- "traditional ruler" means the traditional head of an ethnic unit or clan who is for the time being the holder of the highest traditional authority within the ethnic unit or clan and whose title is recognised as a traditional ruler title by the Government of the State;

## PART II—TRADITIONAL RULERS

Declaration of customary law relating to appointment of traditional rulers.

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Edict, a *traditional Council* may and shall, is so required by the Executive Council, make a declaration in writing stating the customary law which regulates the selection of a person to be the holder of a *traditional ruler title* associated with any community in its area.

(2) In the case of a ruling house title—

(a) the declaration shall include a statement of the customary law relating to the following matters;

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## TRADITIONAL RULERS AND CHIEFS EDICT, 1979

## Traditional Rulers and Chiefs Edict, (Amendment) Order, 2002

*Date of Commencement: (As approved by Exco)*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Sub-Section 3 of Section 39 of the Traditional Rulers and Chiefs Edict, 1979 and by virtue of all other laws enabling it in that behalf, the Executive Council of Edo State of Nigeria hereby make the following order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Traditional Rulers and Chiefs Edict, 1979 (Amendment Order 2002.

Short  
Title.

2. The Second Schedule to the Traditional Rulers and Chiefs Edict, 1979 is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment  
of Second  
Schedule  
to Edict  
No. 16 of  
1979.

(i) by inserting the titles "Efeisoghobo" "Ilekhuba" and "Odeobaiwu" immediately below "Ogiesoba" appearing under Eghaevbo N'Ore at page B32 of B.S.L.N. 20 of 1990;

(ii) by inserting the title "Ogieroba" immediately below "Eghobamien" appearing under Ebo/Ewaise at page B39 of B.S.L.N. 20 of 1990;

(iii) by inserting the title "Enogie of Obadan" immediately below "Enogie of Okogbo" appearing under Enogie, (Orhionmwon Local Government Area) as page B42 of B.S.L.N. 20 of 1990;

(iv) by inserting the titles "Enogie of Ewan" and "Enogie of Idunmwungbo" immediately below "Enogie of Obadan" under Enogie (Orhionmwon Local Government Area) at page B42 of B.S.L.N. 20 of 1990;

(v) by inserting the title "Enogie of Oye-Iyanomo" immediately below "Enogie of Iguogie" appearing under Enogie (Ovia Local Government Area) at page B5 of B.S.L.N. 3 of 2000;

(vi) by inserting the title "Ohen Amegor of Uwelu" immediately below "Ogiodu of Avbiama" appearing under Ekhaemwen/Igie-Ohen, (Oredo Local Government Area) at page B41 of B.S.L.N. 20 of 1990;

(vii) by addition of the traditional chieftaincy titles listed in the Schedule hereunder:



## PART VIII—REPEALS

Repeals.

52. The enactments listed in the Fourth Schedule to this Edict are hereby repealed to the extent specified therein but without prejudice to the validity of any act or thing previously done or caused to be done thereunder.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 39 (1))

## TRADITIONAL RULERS

| <i>Title of Traditional Ruler</i>           | <i>Competent Traditional Council</i> | <i>Appropriate Local Government Council</i> |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| The Oba of Benin                            | Benin                                | Oredo, Orhionmwon and Ovia                  |
| The Onojie of Uromi                         | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Ewohimi                       | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Ubaja                         | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Ugboha                        | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Ewatto                        | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Emu                           | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Ohordua                       | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Ewossa                        | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Clan Head of Uzea                       | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Clan Head of Illushi                    | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Okhuesan                      | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Clan Head of Uroh                       | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Oria                          | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Okaku of Ifeku                          | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Udo                           | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Clan Head of Inyenlen                   | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Orowa                         | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Onojie of Onogholo                      | Agbazilo                             | Agbazilo                                    |
| The Otaru of Igarra                         | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Akoko North                | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Olososo of Ososo                        | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Okuloso                    | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Olokpe of Okpe                          | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Imah of Somorika                        | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Senior Village Head of North East Akoko | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Odafe of Enwan                          | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Central Uneme              | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Zeike of Ekpeshi-Egbigele               | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Kakumo-Anyanran            | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Ogiewa of Atte                          | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Onimeri of Imeri                        | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Akoko Central              | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Uneme North                | Akoko-Edo                            | Akoko-Edo                                   |
| The Clan Head of Ezechima                   | Aniocha                              | Aniocha                                     |
| The Obi of Ogwashi-Uku                      | Aniocha                              | Aniocha                                     |
| The Clan Head of Nsukwa                     | Aniocha                              | Aniocha                                     |
| The Clan Head of Ubulu                      | Aniocha                              | Aniocha                                     |
| The Clan Head of Idumuje                    | Aniocha                              | Aniocha                                     |
| The Clan Head of Odiani                     | Aniocha                              | Aniocha                                     |

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*  
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TRADITIONAL CHIEFS—*continued*

| <i>Title</i>                        | <i>Competent Traditional Council</i> |           | <i>Competent Local Government Council</i> |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Ewossa Clan</b>                  |                                      |           |                                           |  |
| The Ihama of Eguare .. ..           | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Idogun of Eguare .. ..          | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Ihaza of Eguare .. ..           | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Esoghan of Eguare .. ..         | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Oshodin of Eguare .. ..         | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Esama of Eguare .. ..           | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Ologbosere of Eguare .. ..      | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Elibo of Eguare .. ..           | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Akenuwa of Eguare .. ..         | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Osague of Eguare .. ..          | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Oliha of Ugielu .. ..           | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Edohen of Ugielu .. ..          | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Uso of Ugielu .. ..             | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Ezomo of Ugielu .. ..           | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Okusebho of Ugielu .. ..        | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Iyasere of Idumunegbon .. ..    | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Osumah of Idumunegbon .. ..     | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Elo of Idumunegbon .. ..        | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Obayangbon of Idumunegbon .. .. | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Obasenye of Idumunegbon .. ..   | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| The Elemah of Idumunegbon .. ..     | Agbazilo .. ..                       | Agbazilo  | Agbazilo                                  |  |
| <b>Akoko-Edo</b>                    |                                      |           |                                           |  |
| The Daudu of Atte .. ..             | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Madaiki of Atte .. ..           | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Balogun of Atte .. ..           | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Iyogun of Atte .. ..            | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Shaba of Atte .. ..             | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Oboselomo of Atte .. ..         | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Okumagbe of Atte .. ..          | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Oya of Aiyegunle .. ..          | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Otodo of Igbola Oke .. ..       | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Okpashi of Igbola-Sale .. ..    | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Okpashi of Ogugu .. ..          | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Village Head of Ogbe .. ..      | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Village Head of Sasaro .. ..    | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Village Head of Onumu .. ..     | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Village Head of Eshawa .. ..    | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Onibillo of Ibillo .. ..        | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Daudu of Ibillo .. ..           | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Udezi of Ibillo .. ..           | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Okpashi of Ekpressa .. ..       | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Daudu of Ekpressa .. ..         | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Dania of Ekpressa .. ..         | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |
| The Ilerama of Ekpressa .. ..       | Akoko-Edo .. ..                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo                                 |  |



SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*  
(Section 39 (2))

TRADITIONAL CHIEFS—*continued*

| <i>Title</i>                       | <i>Competent Traditional Council</i> | <i>Competent Local Government Council</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Akoko-Edo—<i>continued</i></b>  |                                      |                                           |
| The Dazi of Ekpressa .. ..         | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Ikiran ..      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Ekor ..        | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Onilampese of Lampese ..       | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu of Lampese ..            | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Okpashi of Umorga ..           | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu of Umorga ..             | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru of Ekpe ..               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ogbodo of Ekpe ..              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Osumata of Ekpe ..             | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Odofin (Afese) of Ekpe ..      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Odofin (Ibinijoase) of Ekpe    | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Okpahin of Bekuma ..           | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Osheku of Bekuma ..            | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru of Bekuma ..             | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ubola (Utohi) of Bekuma ..     | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ohiamo of Bekuma ..            | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ubola (Orikari) of Bekuma      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ubola (Ugbadoni) of Bemuma     | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Ekpeshe ..     | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Egbigele ..    | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ejarosu of Imiezua ..          | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ejarosu of Imievale ..         | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ejarosu of Imiekasakor ..      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Akuku (Igarra) | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Oloremu of Oremu-Imeri ..      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Onidosi of Odozi-Imeri ..      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Akolossa of Ilorin-Imeri ..    | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Oluke of Uke-Imeri ..          | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Onijaja of Ijaja-Imeri ..      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head (Esha) of Kakumo  | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu of Kakumo ..             | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Dania of Kakumo ..             | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Anyaran ..     | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu of Anyaran ..            | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Dania of Anyaran ..            | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ayonmokhai of Okpe ..          | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Esegba of Okpe ..              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Alala of Okpe ..               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Erumbu of Okpe ..              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Osako of Okpe ..               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Atarami of Okpe ..             | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |

SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*  
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TRADITIONAL CHIEFS—*continued*

| <i>Title</i>                       | <i>Competent Traditional Council</i> |    | <i>Competent Local Government Council</i> |    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|----|
| <b>Akoko-Edo—continued</b>         |                                      |    |                                           |    |
| The Ateta of Okpe .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Ikeje of Okpe .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Otita of Okpe .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Ege of Okpe .. ..              | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Amile of Okpe .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Eshikponi of Okpe .. ..        | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Eboage of Okpe .. ..           | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Aigbikoba of Okpe .. ..        | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Araju of Okpe .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oshokhun of Okpe .. ..         | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Awute of Ijaja-Okpe .. ..      | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Odafe of Ijaja Okpe .. ..      | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Olutele of Ijaja-Okpe .. ..    | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe of Oja .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oburo of Oja .. ..             | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Otaru of Oja .. ..             | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Ojagun of Oja .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Osimata of Oja .. ..           | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Uka of Oja .. ..               | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okara of Oja .. ..             | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Akagun of Oja .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Ogiaua of Oja .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Ogbodo of Oja .. ..            | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Ude of Oja .. ..               | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Village Head of Ojirami ..     | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe (Ibinije) of Ojirami .. | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oboro (Ibinije) of Ojirami ..  | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oka (Ibinije) of Ojirami ..    | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe (Esuele) of Ojirami ..  | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oboro (Esuele) of Ojirami ..   | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oka (Esuele) of Ojirami ..     | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe (Odeke) of Ojirami ..   | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oboro (Odeke) of Ojirami ..    | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oka (Odeke) of Ojirami ..      | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe (Ologumu) of Ojirami .. | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oboro (Ologumu) of Ojirami ..  | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oka (Ologumu) of Ojirami ..    | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe (Afiara) of Ojirami ..  | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oboro (Afiara) of Ojirami ..   | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oka (Afiara) of Ojirami ..     | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Okogbe (Ibinoba) of Ojirami .. | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oboro (Ibinoba) of Ojirami ..  | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |
| The Oka (Ibinoba) of Ojirami ..    | Akoko-Edo                            | .. | Akoko-Edo                                 | .. |



SECOND SCHEDULE—*continued*  
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TRADITIONAL CHIEFS—*continued*

| <i>Title</i>                                 | <i>Competent Traditional Council</i> | <i>Competent Local Government Council</i> |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Akoko-Edo—<i>continued</i></b>            |                                      |                                           |
| The Otaru (Ibinoba) of Ojirami               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Dangbala ..              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Okogbe (Afeke) of Dangbala               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru (Afeke) of Dangbala                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Obolo (Afeke) of Dangbala                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ogisua (Afeke) of Dangbala               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Okogbe (Osu) of Dangbala                 | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru (Osu) of Dangbala ..               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Obolo (Osu) of Dangbala                  | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ogisua (Osu) of Dangbala ..              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Okogbe (Iyase) of Dangbala               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru (Iyase) of Dangbala                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Obolo (Iyase) of Dangbala                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ogisua (Iyase) of Dangbala               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Okogbe (Onyeke) of Dangbala              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru (Onyeke) of Dangbala               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Obolo (Onyeke) of Dangbala               | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ogisua (Onyeke) of Dangbala              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Osheku-Okpashi (Odova) of Makeke .. .. . | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu (Odova) of Makeke                  | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru (Ola) of Makeke ..                 | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu (Ola) of Makeke ..                 | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru (Ese) of Makeke ..                 | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Osheku (Odua) of Makeke                  | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Daudu (Odua) of Makeke ..                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Ekpado ..                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Erhurhan ..              | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Uneme-Osu                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Oba of Uneme-Osu ..                      | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Iyasele of Uneme-Osu ..                  | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Otaru of Uneme-Osu ..                    | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ede (Imiekwala) of Uneme-Osu .. .. .     | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Orogwe (Imiekwala) of Uneme-Osu .. .. .  | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ede (Ogene) of Uneme-Osu                 | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Ugboria (Ugboria) of Uneme-Osu .. .. .   | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |
| The Village Head of Akpama ..                | Akoko-Edo ..                         | Akoko-Edo                                 |

## SCHEDULE—continued

*First Column:*  
*Prescribed Authority*

*Second Column:*  
*Area*

*Third Column:*  
*Conditions*

*Committee Comprising:*

- (i) The Ojoka of Oka
- (ii) The Uji of Okomeji
- (iii) The Olowu of Ugbolo

Inyenlen Clan

The Clan Head to  
be the Chairman

The Onojie of Orowa  
The Onojie of Onogholo

Orowa Clan  
Onogholo Clan

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**Akoko-Edo Local Government Area**

The Otaru of Igarra

Igarra-Akuku Clan

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*Committee Comprising:*

- (i) The Onibillo of Ibillo,
- (ii) The Okpashi of Ekpressa,
- (iii) The Village Head of Ikiran  
and
- (iv) The Village Head of Ekor

Akoko North Clan

—  
The Clan Head to  
be the Chairman

The Olososo of Ososo

Ososo Clan

—

*Committee Comprising:*

- (i) The Okogbe of Oja
- (ii) The Village Head of Ojirami
- (iii) The Village Head of  
Dangbala; and
- (iv) The Oshoku-Okpashi of  
Makeke

Okuloso Clan

The Clan Head to  
be the Chairman

The Olokpe of Okpe  
The Imah of Somorika

Okpe Clan  
Akoko East Clan

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*Committee Comprising:*

- (i) The Onilampese of Lampese
- (ii) The Okpashi of Umorga
- (iii) The Village Head of Ekpe  
(Ogbodo or Otaru and)
- (iv) The Okpahin of Bekuma

North East Akoko  
Clan

The Clan Head to  
be the Chairman

The Odafe of Enwan

Enwan Clan

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B.S.L.N. 151 of 1979

## TRADITIONAL RULERS AND CHIEFS EDICT, 1979

**Declaration of Customary Law  
Regulating Succession to Traditional Ruler Title**

It is hereby notified for general information that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 of the Traditional Rulers and Chiefs Edict, 1979, and by virtue of all other laws enabling it in that behalf, the Executive Council of the Bendel State of Nigeria has approved the following declaration:

**DECLARATION MADE UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE TRADITIONAL  
RULERS AND CHIEFS EDICT, 1979 STATING THE CUSTOMARY  
LAW REGULATING SUCCESSION TO THE TITLE OF  
OTARU OF IGARRA**

1. There are five Ruling Houses in Igarra known as Andede, Eshinagada, Eshinogu, Eshinavaka and Andigba.
2. Succession rotates around the ruling Houses in the other stated above.
3. To qualify, a candidate must be a male member of the appropriate Ruling House, twenty-five years of age and above, free from any contagious disease, serious physical deformity, insanity. He must not be an ex-convict.
4. When a vacancy occurs, the Head (Okomayin) of the appropriate Ruling House summons and presides over a meeting of all adult males of the Ruling House for the purpose of selecting a suitable candidate. The candidate is selected by a consensus failing which the candidates are presented by the Okomayin of the appropriate Ruling House to a joint meeting of the Chiefs and Elders of the five Ruling Houses, presided over by the eldest Okomayin in the five Ruling Houses. At this meeting, the consensus candidate is approved or otherwise a suitable candidate is selected.
5. Upon the demise of an Otaru, the eldest Okomayin of the said five Ruling Houses announces the death. A three months interregnum ensues during which the oldest Okomayin of the five Ruling Houses acts as Regent. Burial rites and ceremonies are performed and completed by the deceased Otaru's Ruling House before installation of a successor. Provided that where burial rites and ceremonies are unduly delayed a successor may nevertheless be installed. In which case, the defaulting Ruling House may be barred from producing an Otaru unless before its next turn, it had completed performance of the burial rites and ceremonies of the previous deceased Otaru from that Ruling House.
6. On the appointed day, the Ukana Agomago in Agomago family installs the Otaru.

DATED at Benin City this 28th day of September, 1979.

**D. P. LAWANI, O.O.N., K.S.G.,**  
*Secretary to the Military Government,*  
*Bendel State of Nigeria*

*Title**Competent  
Traditional Council**Competent  
Local Government  
Council**IGARRA/AKUKU CLAN*

|                               |           |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Okomayin Odovidi of Igarra... | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Ukana Agumagu of Igarra ...   | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oshidu of Igarra ...          | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Otu of Igarra ...             | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oshemdase of Igarra ...       | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oseh of Igarra ...            | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Emah of Igarra ...            | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Daudu of Akuku ...            | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okomayin Idede of Igarra ...  | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okomayin Agada of Igarra ...  | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okomayin Ogu of Igarra...     | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okomayin Avaka of Igarra ...  | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okomayin Idiba of Igarra...   | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Odovidi Opoze Okoreba...      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Odovidi Opoze Okoruvete ...   | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Odovidi Opoze Uttua ...       | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Odovidi Opoze Uffah ...       | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Egure of Igarra ...           | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oshowu Ugbogbo ...            | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oshowu Uttua ...              | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oshowu Uffah ...              | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Ejisua of Igarra ...          | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Overewa of Igarra ...         | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oga of Igarra ...             | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okere of Igarra ...           | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Akozi of Igarra ...           | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |

*UNEME NORTH CLAN*

|                              |           |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Daodu of Uneme Nekhua ...    | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Ataroba of Uneme Nekhua ...  | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Okaku of Uneme Nekhua ...    | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Otaru of Uneme Nekhua...     | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Ekewme of Uneme Nekhua ...   | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Onarogu of Uneme Nekhua ...  | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Otaba of Uneme Nekhua...     | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oshimata of Uneme Nekhua ... | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Onotu of Uneme Nekhua...     | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Akhushi Okpotor ...          | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Ufe ...                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |
| Oga ...                      | Akoko-Edo | Akoko-Edo |