

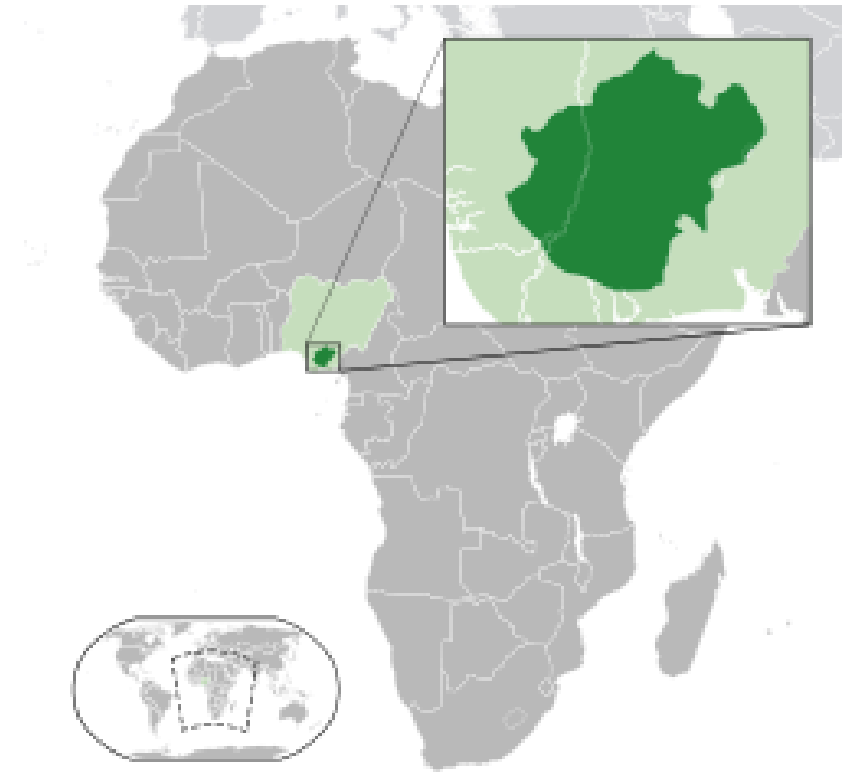


Origins & History of the Igbo Tribe

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Location

- Location of origin is unknown
- Currently located in Igboland (or Southeastern Nigeria)
- Igbo population not evenly distributed
- Niger River divides Igboland into unequal parts
- Rainforest area



Location of Igboland

Origin

- "People without history"
- Origins from Israel, Middle East, parts of Northeastern Africa
- Settled in Igboland in 14 & 15 CE
- Lived in "autonomous local communities"
- Igbo people spread so did their kingdom



Igbo People

First Contact with Europeans

- Europeans arrived in 15th century
- First the Portuguese, Dutch, and English
- Europeans traded with the Igbo people
- Niger Coast = trading coast for four centuries
- Igboland treated like British colony

Table 7.2. Estimated Percentage African Regional Distribution of the British Slave Trade, 1690–1807^a

Region	1690–1760	1761–1807	Total
Senegambia	9.0	4.9	6.1
Sierra Leone region	2.5	7.2	5.8
Windward Coast	5.1	7.9	7.1
Gold Coast	24.9	17.7	19.9
Bight of Benin	14.2	6.1	8.5
Bight of Biafra	26.0	39.9	35.7
West-Central Africa	17.0	16.3	16.5
Southeast Africa	1.0	0.0	0.3

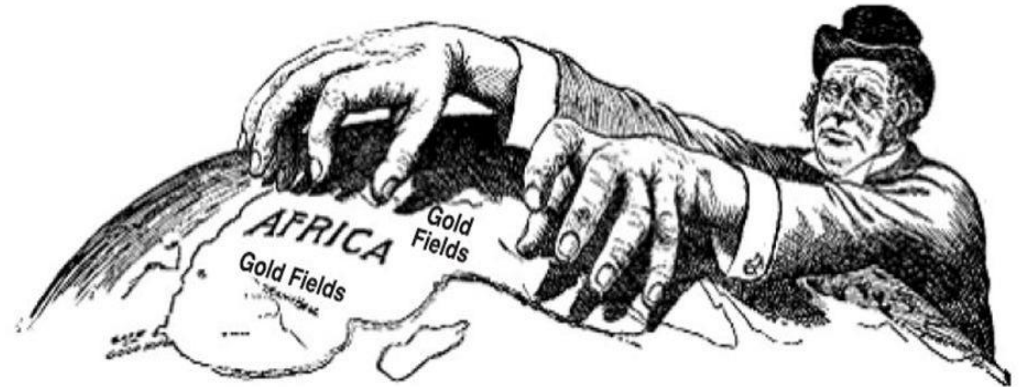
Source: Eltis et al., eds., *Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: A Database*.

^aYear vessels departed from British ports.

Slave Trade of Igbo People

Effects of Imperialism

- British combined trading with imperialism
- By 1960 Nigeria was a British colony
- Igbo didn't want to be part of Nigeria
- Igbo wanted Republic of Biafra
- In 1970 Biafra became Nigeria again



IMPERIALISM

Imperialism

Goods Traded

- Igbo people had a "period of trade"
- Mainly traded Igbo slaves until 1807
- Then traded palm products, elephant tusks, timber, and spices
- Palm oil and kernels main export
- Main goal of Igbo: trading



Palm Kernel

Relationship with Europeans

- Treated Igboland like British colony & imperialism starts
- Igbo didn't build empire instead traded with Europeans
- Imperialism didn't stop
- British helped Nigeria form into an independent nation



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