

Questionnaires for Ethnographic bone objects
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Name, social position, age, sex of informant

1. Picture of bone object with close up of any wear
2. Name of object and where used (household, public space, travel, hunting)
3. Who makes it (gender, age, social rank)
4. Who owns the tool/ornament? (gender, age, social rank, shared)
5. Who uses the tool/ornament? (gender, age, social rank, shared)
6. Primary ascribed function(s) of object
7. Variations in use?
8. Method of use?
8. How long object has been used? Expected length of life?
9. How long does it take to produce?
10. Multi-stage production?
11. What species and raw materials, special selection for raw materials
12. Special characteristics or stories associated with that species and skeletal elements (ascribed properties, mythological meanings etc.)
13. Intensity of use (everyday for several hours, once a month for one hour etc.
14. Is the object repaired or thrown away?
15. Are several objects of the same kind used at the same time?
Individual tool use (association with one person or used by several people (Who are these people - nuclear or extended family?))
16. Gender associations of tool?
17. Age cohort associations?
18. Age and gender neutral object?
19. What happens to tool/object after death of owner
20. Inherited bone objects?
21. How and when is the object discarded?