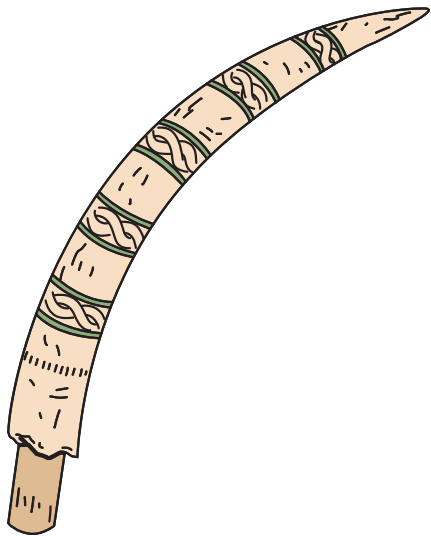


AKEN'NI ELAO

Altar Tusk



Aken'ni Elao (altar tusks) are ivory tusks carved with scenes of ceremonies or spiritual activities. These were placed at the ancestral shrines of the Qba and were primarily made as a historical record for documenting events. For the Edo people, the white colour of ivory represents the purity of spirituality.

