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## **Nigeria - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on Friday 26 July 2013**

### **Information on the Aluta cult;**

No information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

### **Information on the Ogboni cult**

Research issued in November 2012 by the *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada* notes:

“Sources indicate that information about the Ogboni society is limited...Several sources also indicate that they are referred to as a "secret" society or as a "cult"...(Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (14 November 2012) *Nigeria: Ogboni society, including its history, structure, rituals and ceremonies; information on membership and the consequences of refusing to join*).

The report citing further sources states:

“...the Ogboni society, [i]n most Yoruba parts of Nigeria... have no real power whatsoever. The only Yoruba parts of Nigeria where they still have some real influence on the traditional administration of the cities are in the Egba, Egbado and Abeokuta parts of Nigeria. These would correspond roughly to pockets of areas in Ogun State and Lagos State. Also, in some rural villages and small towns along the borders of Ogun State with Oyo, Osun and Ondo States, they might still be able to intimidate pockets of people...the Ogboni still have "quite significant" influence and power over the affairs of the nation...Sources indicate that some Ogboni members are from the elite...(ibid).

In April 2011 the *Refugee Review Tribunal of the Government of Australia* states:

“Little is known about the Ogboni or their practices” (Refugee Review Tribunal of the Government of Australia (20 April 2011) *Nigeria – NGA38592 – Ogboni – Forced Conversion – Location*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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This response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Refugee Documentation Centre within time constraints. This response is not and does not purport to be conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim to refugee status or asylum. Please read in full all documents referred to.

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