



1 Tree pangolin

This tree pangolin is a scaly anteater from central and western Africa. The only mammals covered in scales, tree pangolins are hunted by poachers, who sell their scales for traditional medicine. They are also hunted for 'bush meat'. What do you think about people eating endangered animals?



2 Basket

Mbendjele people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo are hunter-gatherers – finding their food and materials in the rainforest. Often moving camps, the women weave large baskets to carry everything from sleeping mats and skirts to pots and knives. Would all your belongings fit inside this basket?



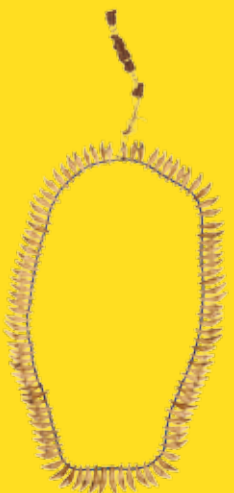
3 Crossbow

This crossbow was used by Mbendjele hunter-gatherers in the Congo rainforest. Highly skilled hunters, the Mbendjele follow rules for sharing, and work together to respectfully hunt wild animals. Can you count the notches in the wood to see how many animals were killed by this crossbow's owner?



4 Veil

These veils are important to the Tuareg, who are, traditionally, nomadic people of the Sahara. The veil is worn to protect against *Kel Esuf*, non-human desert figures believed to bring bad luck. To show respect, veils can also be used to cover the wearer's face. How do you show respect?



5 Tooth necklace

This Zulu necklace is made up of over a hundred teeth. Historically, chiefs and kings wore the skins, teeth and claws of lions and leopards. Later, these were replaced with replica teeth or bone, horn or porcelain. Why would an important person wear a tooth necklace?



6 Doll

This doll shows a mother and baby, wearing the traditional clothing of the Xhosa people in South Africa. It is made of a stick and rags. Some Xhosa women now sell dolls, made of recycled materials like plastic bags, to tourists. What else could you make a toy from?

7 Comb

Yorùbá people believe that your *Orí* (head) controls your destiny. Although some Yorùbá people use straightening chemicals and weaves in their hair, many still use soaps, oils, butters and wooden combs. Some combs are highly decorated, but this comb simply has the word 'love' written on it. How do you style your hair?



8 Toy car



This toy car was made in Nigeria from recycled cans with can tops for wheels. Toy vehicles, hand-made from recycled materials, have been sold at markets across West Africa since the 1980s, and are very popular with tourists. Why are recycled materials used to make these toys?

9 Benin plaque – Oba Orhogbua

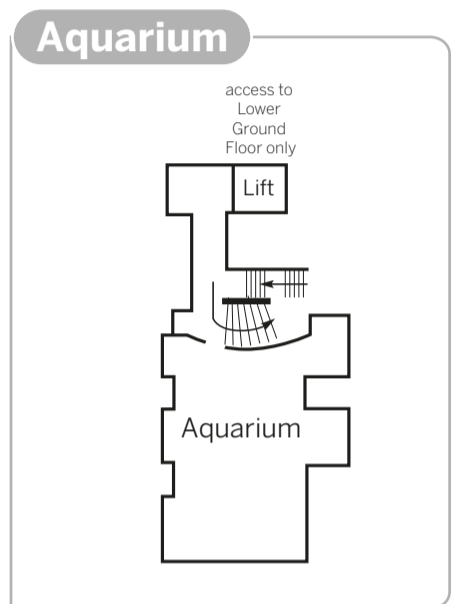
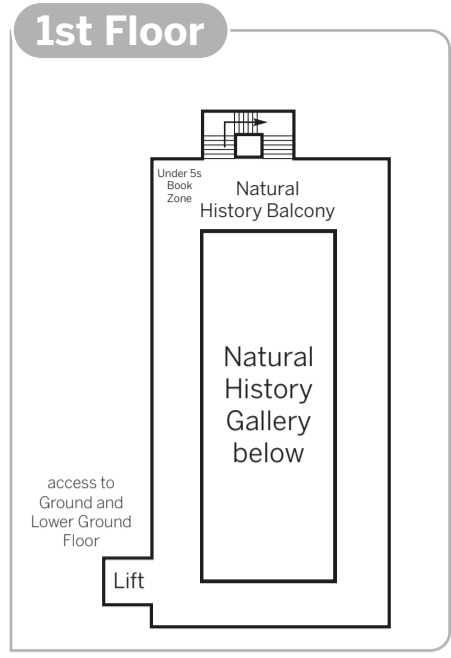
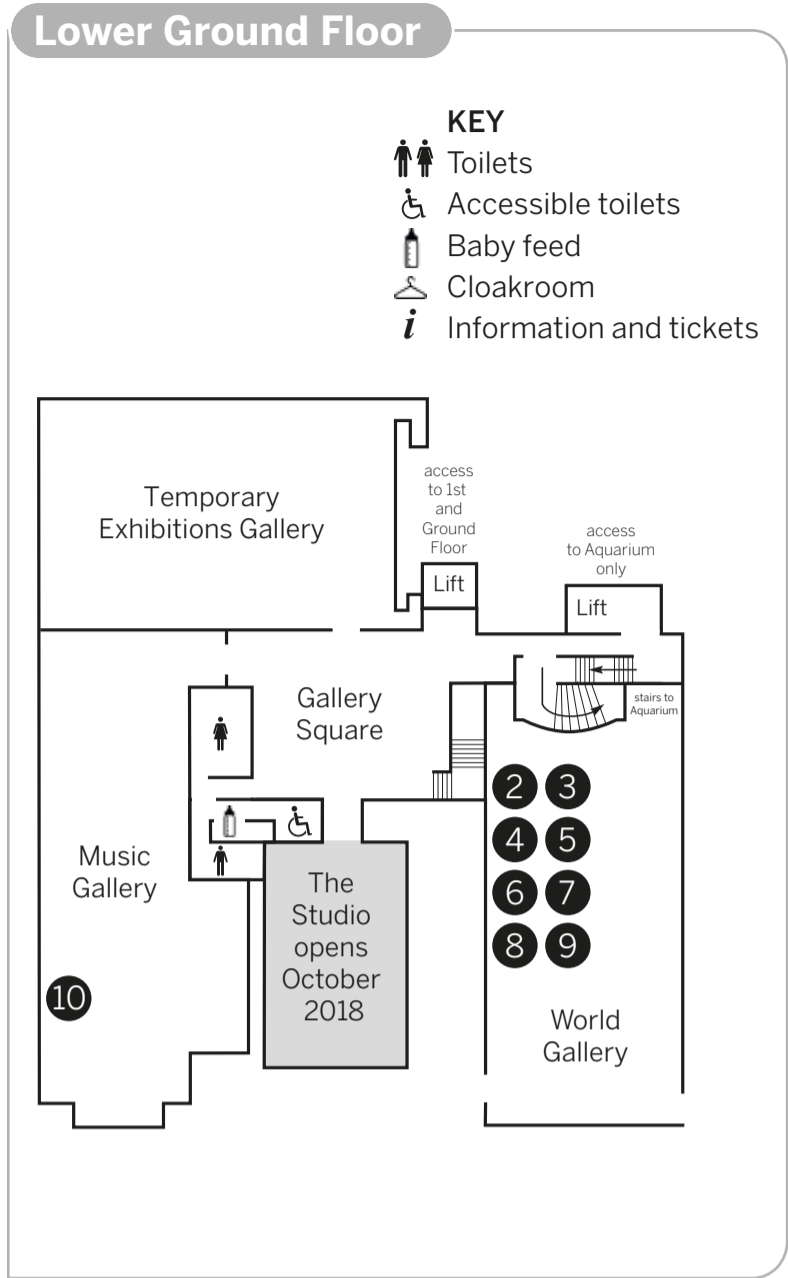
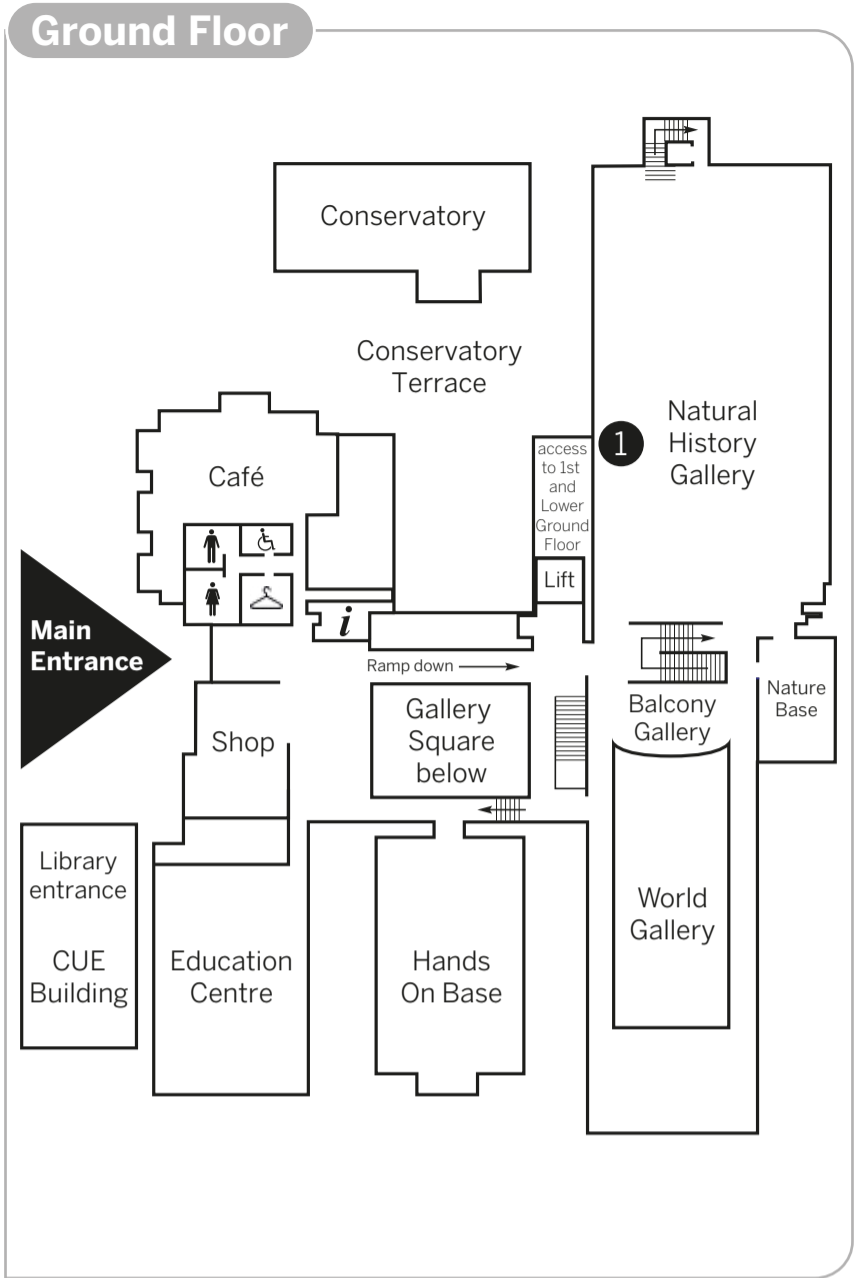


Oba Orhogbua ruled Benin from 1550–1578 AD. His first task as *Oba* (king) was to punish villagers who refused to pay their taxes of goods, slaves and cowrie shells. This plaque shows him with a staff, coral beads and tattoos – symbols of power. Which animal heads can you spot?

10 Bàtá drum



In Nigeria, the Yorùbá people play drums for important occasions such as births, deaths and initiations. Three to seven of these Bàtá drums are played together. This is the mother drum, *Iyaalu*. It mimics spoken language. What would you 'say' using a talking Bàtá drum?



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