Nigeria’s Cross River Cultures

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Left: Map of 19th century West Africa. Right: Map of the cultures of the Nigerian and Cameroonian Cross River area whose peoples were swept up during the transatlantic slave trade.
Left: Ejagham peoples, Nigeria, Photo of an Ekpe (or Men’s Leopard Secret Society) masquerader, early 20th century. Right: Ejagham peoples, Nigeria, Photo of a priestess of Nnim (or the Women’s Secret Society), early 20th century.
Ejagham peoples, Nigeria, Women performing a Moninkim-style masquerade dance at the Calabar Carnival, early 21st century.