

**IMPACT AND SOCIO ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF WOOD  
CARVING IN ABEOKUTA METROPOLIS, OGUN STATE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The study on impact and socio economic contribution of wood carving was carried out in Abeokuta, Ogun state, Nigeria. The study was carried out to evaluate the economic importance of wood carving and to determine its impact in the study area. Structured questionnaire was administered to 50 sole proprietor of the business within Abeokuta metropolis, the data collected were analyzed using descriptive statistic to show the demographic characteristics of the respondents while cost and return analysis was used to determine profitability of the business. The study revealed that 86% of the respondents were male which is the dominant gender while most were married with 88% and 98% of the respondents practiced the occupation full-time. The study also revealed that 58% of the respondents were between age class 25 – 40 and 72% of the respondents had secondary education. The result also revealed that the average net income of respondents per seller/month was approximately ₦3,700 which showed that carving business is economically viable. It was therefore concluded that people of Abeokuta are advised to venture into carving business due to its profitability which would help reduce the problem of unemployment to the barest minimum in Abeokuta metropolis