Record Nr. UNINA9910807290603321 Autore Stoller Paul Titolo The taste of ethnographic things: the senses in anthropology / / Paul Stoller Pubbl/distr/stampa Philadelphia:,: University of Pennsylvania Press,, 1989 ©1989 **ISBN** 1-283-21198-X 9786613211989 0-8122-0314-3 0-585-12737-9 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xv, 182 pages): illustrations University of Pennsylvania Press contemporary ethnography series Collana Disciplina 306.096626 Soggetti Songhai (African people) Senses and sensation Ethnology - Fieldwork - Niger Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Third paperback printing 1992. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [167]-177) and index. Nota di contenuto pt. 1. Tastes in anthropology -- pt. 2. Visions in the field -- pt. 3. Sounds in cultural experience -- pt. 4. The senses in anthropology. Anthropologists who have lost their senses write ethnographies that Sommario/riassunto are often disconnected from the worlds they seek to portray. For most anthropologists, Stoller contends, tasteless theories are more important than the savory sauces of ethnographic life. That they have lost the smells, sounds, and tastes of the places they study is unfortunate for them, for their subjects, and for the discipline itself. The Taste of Ethnographic Things describes how, through long-term participation in the lives of the Songhay of Niger, Stoller eventually came to his senses. Taken together, the separate chapters speak to two important and integrated issues. The first is methodological—all the chapters demonstrate the rewards of long-term study of a culture. The second issue is how he became truer to the Songhay through increased sensual

awareness.