

## Wild Mushrooms in Nepal : Plate to Poison





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Facts about the fungi

**Global fungal scenario** 

**Morphological variations** 

Diversity

**Delicacy and ILK** 

Poisoning

**Prospects** 

### Facts about the Fungi

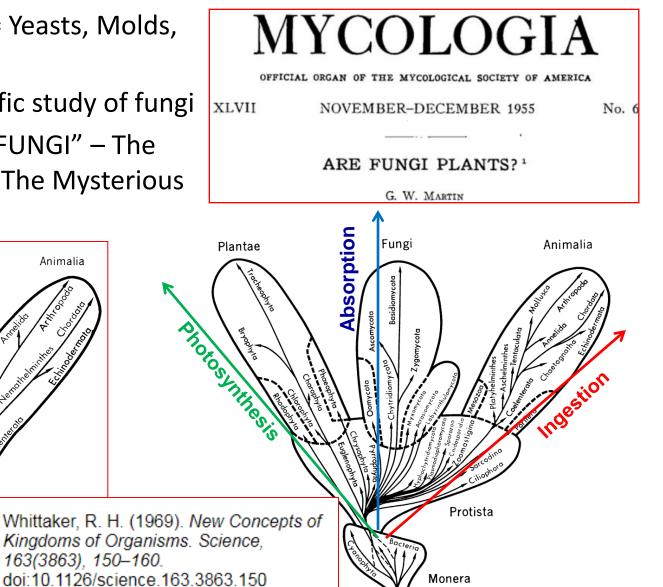
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- Fungus (Pl. fungi) = Yeasts, Molds, **Mushrooms**
- Mycology = Scientific study of fungi
- Distinct kingdom "FUNGI" The Hidden Kingdom – The Mysterious Kingdom

Animalia



# Where of the two pictures (of plant and animal) below do you think Fungi are more closely related to?

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 74, No. 11, pp. 5088–5090, November 1977 Evolution

## Phylogenetic structure of the prokaryotic domain: The primary kingdoms

(archaebacteria/eubacteria/urkaryote/16S ribosomal RNA/molecular phylogeny)

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ABSTRACT A phylogenetic analysis based upon ribosomal RNA sequence characterization reveals that living systems represent one of three aboriginal lines of descent: (*i*) the eubacteria, comprising all typical bacteria; (*ii*) the archaebacteria, containing methanogenic bacteria; and (*iii*) the urkaryotes, now represented in the cytoplasmic component of eukaryotic cells. to construct phylogenetic classifications between domains: Prokaryotic kingdoms are not comparable to eukaryotic ones. This should be recognized by an appropriate terminology. The highest phylogenetic unit in the prokaryotic domain we think should be called an "urkingdom"—or perhaps "primar kingdom." This would recognize the qualitative distinct between prokaryotic and eukaryotic kingdoms and empty .ze





Fungi are closer genetically to animals than to plants, revealed after comparing sequences of ribosomal RNA.



#### Facts about the Fungi

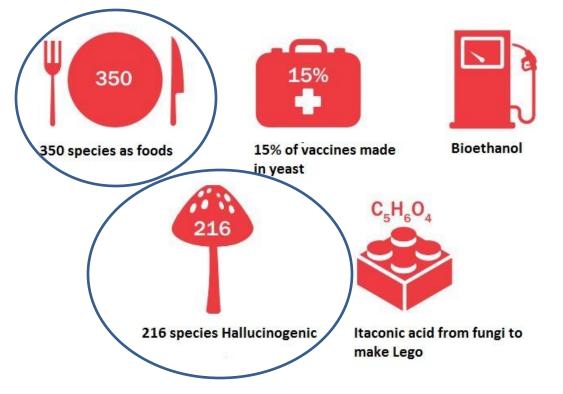
Fairy Ring of Mushrooms (Picture: From Manang)

- The old belief that fairies danced inside the circle of mushrooms.



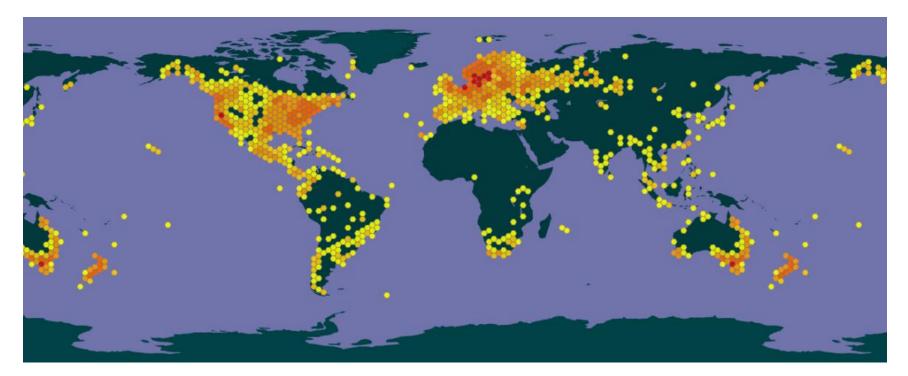
## **Global Fungal Scenario**

- Underrepresented and/or undervalued in academic research, conservation planning, **global and regional assessments** and decision making processes.
- About 14000 mushrooms species are reported (Hawksworth 2001).
- About 1-10 % of mushrooms are predicted to be poisonous (Miles and Chang 1997).



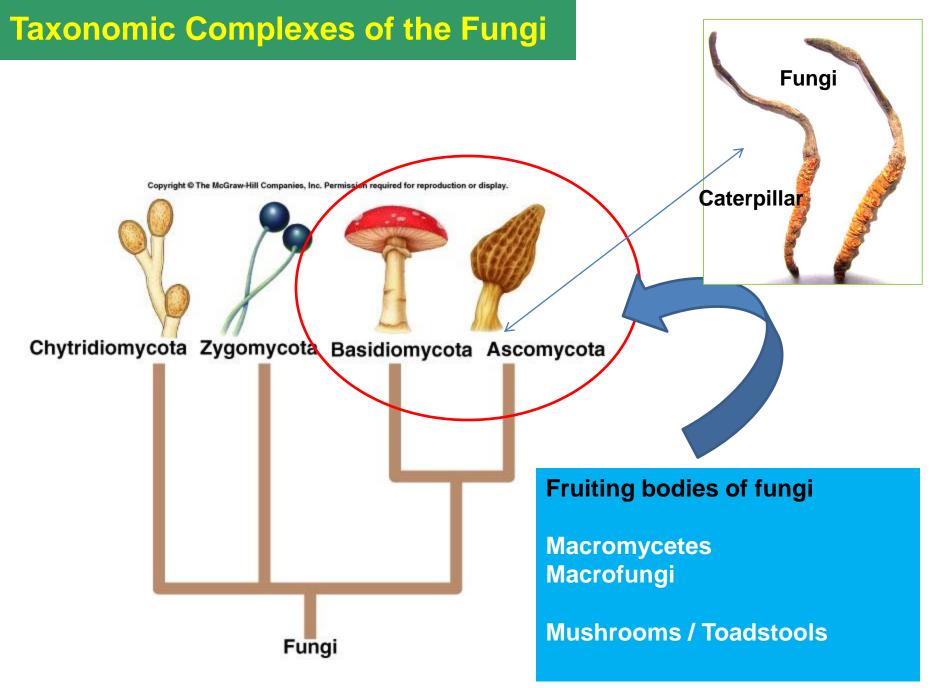


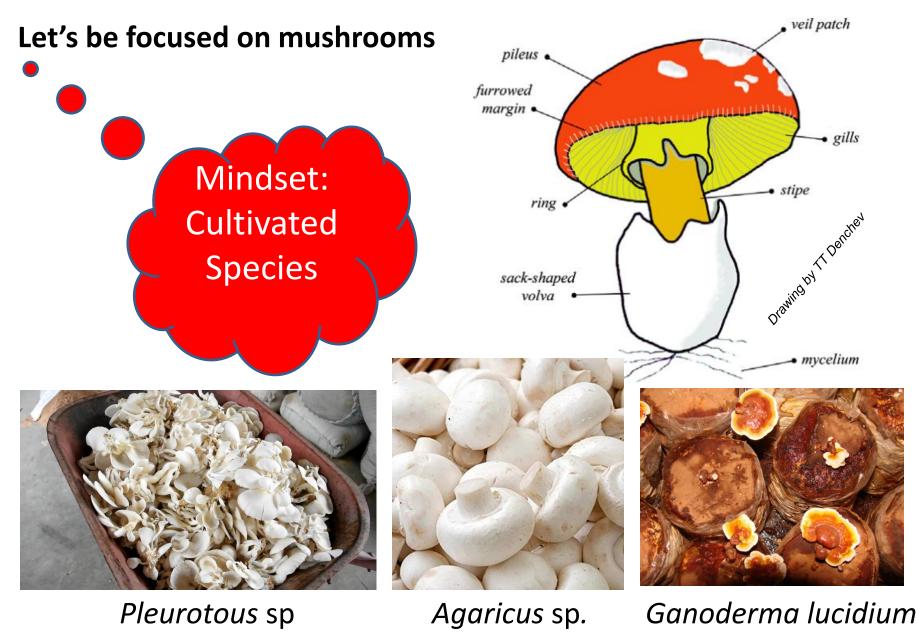
## **Global Fungal Scenario**



Occurrences of Fungi in 2020 @ GBIF

- Seriously lacking in Asian and African Countries
- Less represented from the Global South

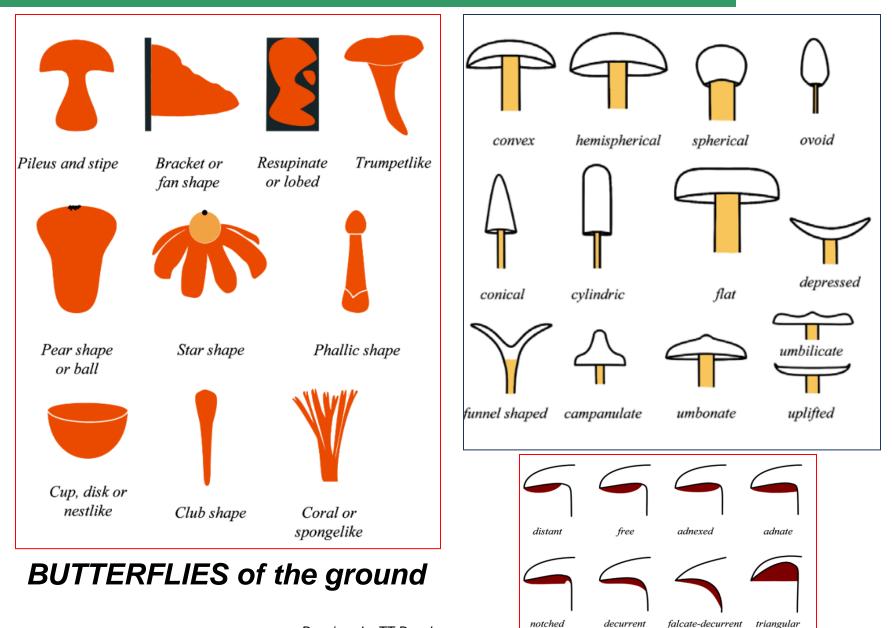




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## **Morphological Variations of Wild Mushrooms**



Drawings by TT Denchev

## **Mushroom Diversity : Nepal**

**Family :** 108 **Genera :** 357

Species : 1291 (Ascomycota : 65 and Basidiomycota :126)

Plant Diversity in Nepal, 2020, 41-54 Eds.: M. Siwakoti, P.K. Jha, S. Rajbhandary, S.K. Rai Publisher: Botanical Society of Nepal, Kathmandu

#### Wild Mushrooms of Nepal

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## **Endemic Mushrooms of Nepal**

SN	Species	SN	Species
1	<i>Arcyria aureoglobosa</i> Yamamoto	18	Phellinus poltii Ryvarden
2	A. nepalensis Poelt	19	P. subsanfordii Hattori
3	A. poeltii Nannenga-Bremekamp and Yamamoto	20	Pholiota microspora (Berk.) Sacc. van himalensis
4	B. substerilis Kreisel	21	Pleurotus nepalensis Corner
5	B. vascelloides Kreisel	22	<i>Russula chloroides</i> var. <i>godavariensis</i> Adhikari
6	Bovistella poeltii Kreisel	23	R. delica var. dobremezii Adhikari
7	Chroogomphus asiaticus Miller and Aime	24	R. kathmanduensis Adhikari
8	Clavulina alta Corner	25	R. nepalensis Adhikari
9	Disciseda ochrochalcea Kreisel	26	Secotium himalaicum Zang and Doi
10	Lactarius thakalorum Bills and Cotter	27	Spathularia bifurcata Otani
11	<i>Lycogala fuscoviolaceum</i> Onsberg	28	Stereum endocrocinum Berk.
12	Lycoperdon altimontanum Kreisel	29	<i>Termitomyces arghakhanchensis</i> Aryal *
13	L. elongatum Berk.	30	T. palpensis Aryal *
14	L. lambinonii var. quercetorum Kreisel	31	Trichaptum montanum Hattori
15	<i>Mollisia dhankutae</i> Balfour- Browne	32	Valsa nepalensis (Berk.) Sacc.
16	<i>Ophiocordyceps nepalensis</i> Sung, Hywel-Jones and Spatafora	33	Xeromphalina aspera Mass
17	Pachykytospora nepalensis Hattori	34	Xylaria fistuca Berk.

\* Submission on MycoBank is in progress.

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## **Endemic Mushrooms of Nepal**

MYCOTAXON

Volume XLIII, pp. 25-31

January-March 1992

#### AMANITA CHEPANGIANA-A NEW SPECIES FROM NEPAL

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Hemanta Ram Bhandary Department of Botany, University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-1100 U. S. A.



https://www.gbif.org/occurrence/1829970836

OCCURRENCE 26 NOVEMBER 2013

## Amanita chepangiana Tulloss & Bhandar

**Collected in Japan** 

Fungi > Basidiomycota > Agaricomycetes > Agaricales > Amanitaceae > Amanita

Nepal # Just started to scratch the surface of knowledge of this intriguing kingdom of organisms

## Initiation to Minimize Knowledge Gap (Taxonomy / Distribution)

Project: Digitization of mycological collections (Wild mushrooms and Lichens) in Nepal

Duration: July 2020 – June 2021 (Delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic) Programme BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia

Funded by Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan

## Partners

<u>Central Department of Botany, Tribhuvan University</u> <u>Department of Plant Resources, Ministry of Forests and Environment,</u> <u>Government of Nepal</u> <u>Natural History Museum, Tribhuvan University</u>

Project lead Global Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies

Contact: Shiva Devkota

## **Common Edible Mushrooms in Nepal**

#### 4000m+ 3000-4000m 2000-3000m 1000-2000m 100-1000m Alpine meadow Tsuga/Abies forest Quercus forest Castanopsis forest Cordyceps sinensis Gomphus clavatus Griffola frondosa Laccaria vinaceoavellanea Agaricus campestris Lactarius deterimus Laetiporus sulphureus Russula spp. Paneolus sp. Flammulina velutipes Lactarius volemus Termitomyces clypeatus Pinus wallichiana Juniperus scrubland forest Pinus rhoxburghii Ramaria botrytis Morchella conica forest Ramaria spp. Lactarius thakalorum Russula spp. Russula delica Amanita caesarea Suillus sibiricus Laccaria laccata Shorea robusta Tricholoma terreum Cantharellus cibarius forest Lentinus lepidus Scleroderma spp. Amanita javanica Helvella crispa Hydnum repandum Amanita chepangiana Termitomyces heimii Russula spp. Scleroderma spp. Fig. Schematic cross section of Nepal listing species commonly used at different altitude Christensen et al 2010

### Collection and Use of Wild Edible Fungi in Nepal<sup>1</sup>

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Habitat

*Economic Botany*, 62(1), 2008, pp. 12–23 © 2008, by The New York Botanical Garden Pre

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Eco-region <sup>a</sup>	No. of species <sup>b</sup>
Dry Sub-alpine forest (3000–4000 meters-m): Juniperus spp., Pinus wallichiana, Betula utilis	39
Temperate Coniferous forest (2500-3000 m): Pinus wallichiana, Tsuga dumosa, Abies spp.	66
Temperate Broadleaved forest (2000-2500 m): Quercus spp., Alnus nepalensis	54
Subtropical Coniferous forest (1000-2000 m): Pinus roxburghii	56
Subtropical Broadleaved forest (1000-2000 m): Schima wallichii, Castanopsis spp.	54
Tropical Broadleaved forest (100–1000m): Shorea robusta, Bombax ceiba	37

#### **Ethnic Groups**

Ethnic group	No. of species	Species
Tamang	56	Laccaria spp.
Magar	51	Cantharellus cibarius
Gurung	47	Lactarius thakalorum
Dalit	34	Russula delica
Chhetri	31	Tricholoma terreum
Bhotia	29	Morchella conica
Brahmin	27	Lateriporus sulphureus
Thakali	26	Ramaria spp.
Sherpa	23	Termitomyces heimii
Newar	22	Grifola frondosa

#### Species with market value

## **Nutrition from Mushrooms**

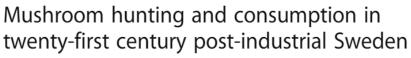
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Termitomyces clypeatus (Taplejung)



Agaricus bisporus (Dolpa)





Laetiporus sulphureus\* (Eastern Nepal) Termitomyces sp (Bardia)





Ramaria botrytis (Manang)





Pseudocraterellus undulatus (Manang)



Russula species (Dakshinkali)



Scleroderma sp (Nagarkot)



Grifola frondosa (Lumle, Kaski)





Lactarius thakalorum (Mustang)



Lactifluus volemus (Sagarmatha)



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## **Together we Learn**



## **Common Poisonous Mushrooms of Nepal**



Amanita citrina (Kaski)\*



A. longistrata (Palpa)\*



A. pantherina (Gorkha)







Amantia complex

\*Photos by Morten Christensen

Status	Edible species	Poisonous Species
False	Pleurotus sp.	Omphalotus olearia.
	Lentinus sp.	
	Laetiporus sp.	
False	Coprinus comatus	Stropharia sp.
		Psilocybe sp.
		Coprinus disseminatus
False	Morchella conica,	Amanita muscaria
	Russula delica,	phalloides
False	Amanita caesarea,	Amanita pantherina,
	Cantharellus cibarius	A. muscaria,
	Tricholoma nuduns	Russula emetica,
False	Amanita rubescens,	Pholiota adipose
	Microlepiota procera	Amanita cokeri
False	Boletus cyanescens	Boletus luridus
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### **Edible Vs Poisonous Mushrooms**

Mushrooms **bearing vulva** are poisonous.

Mushrooms **bearing annulus** (ring) is poisonous

Mushrooms which cause milk or **egg to coagulate** are said to be poisonous

Mushrooms that produce **latex** on being injured are said to be poisonous

Mushrooms with **bitter, acrid** or pungent taste are poisonous

Poisonous mushrooms can be **detoxified** after boiled in water with or without salt or vinegar

All mushrooms loose their poison through exsiccations

Poisonous mushrooms **tarnish a silver spoon**, onion, and garlic pieces.

Mushrooms that are consumed by **flies**, **squirrels**, cats, monkeys are edible to humans.



### To minimize poisoning (Indigenous Local Knowledge)

- Avoid unknown species
- Boil mushrooms in mild salt water, turmeric Powder before cooking
- Do not store long time in Plastic bags/containers
- Do not eat large amount in first time
- Add vinegars while cooking

#### **Treatments**

Vomiting / Vinegars / Mild black tea / Doctors *Paris poryphylla* (Satuwa), *Xanthoxylum armatum* (Aakhen Timur), Allium sativum (Lasun)



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## Poisoning Tragedy PALPA @ 2005



### **Groups of poisonous mushrooms**

#### Type I

- Locally acting poison (s)
- Gastrointestinal tract
- Toxicity develops in 1-2 h after consumption
- Eg. Agaricus xanthodermus

#### Type II

- Affects nervous system
- Nausea, Diarrhea
- Sweating, Vomiting
- Toxicity develops after
  2 hr after consumption
- Even uncontrolled laughter/crying
- Hallucinations
- Loss of consciousness
- Eg. Amanita pantherina, A. muscaria, A. citrina

#### Type III

- Affects the liver, kidneys, and damage other vital organs, cells and central nervous system
- Toxicity appear very later after 8-48 h
- Lethality
- Eg. Amanita phalloides (Death cap), Hypholoma fasciculare

### Poisoning Tragedy DOLPA @ Today 08.24.2020

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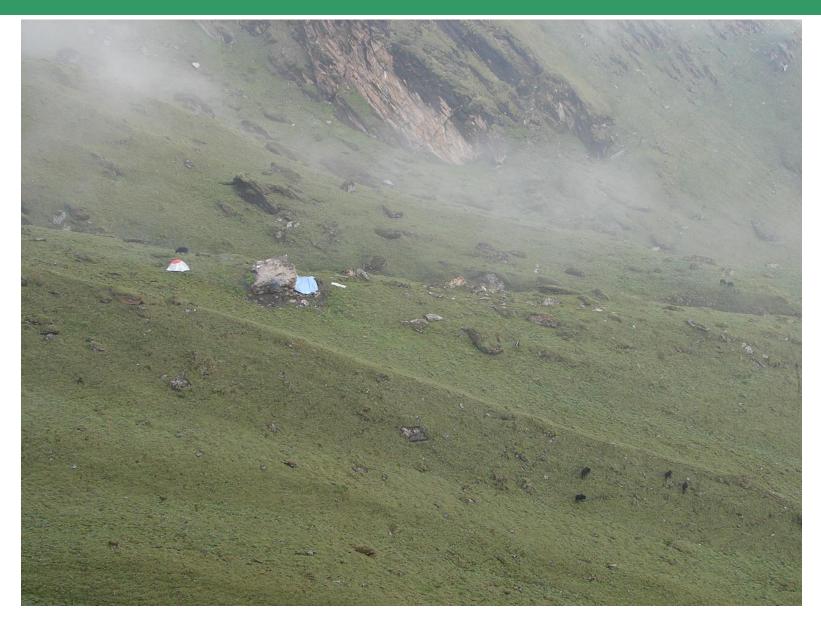
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## DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS OF HIGHLAND MUSHROOMS: A STUDY FROM DOLPA, NEPAL

#### S. Devkota

This study comprises report on mycological exploration in 2006 at the most remote and highland district, Dolpa of Western Nepal. The study area was virgin for mushrooms study. Forty four species were collected, out of which 40 are new to the area. The collected species are parasitic, saprophytic and mycorrhizal associates' in habitat. Locally 22 and five species were used for culinary and medicinal values respectively. *Cordyceps sinensis, Morchella conica, M. esculenta, Laetiporus sulphureus, Agaricus bisporus, Termitomyces clypeatus* and *Cantharellus cibarius* are most popular and potential resources from the study sites.

## **Poisoning Tragedy DOLPA @ Location: Pokepani, Dolpa**



## Poisoning Tragedy DOLPA @ Today 08.24.2020

- in the year 2001, a collector (40 years old) from Rimi VDC died after consumption of poisonous mushrooms.
- In 1992, four family members of Mr. Manchandra Buda, from Tripurakot VDC, neighboring VDC of Majphal suffered from mushroom poisoning, but no any death incidents occurred.
- Locally poisonous mushrooms are called Bhoot chyau and Bhatkhoriyau chyau. Local people of Raha and Majphal used Satuwa (Parish poryphylla) and Timur (Xanthoxylum armatum), to minimize possible poisoning along with vinegar.



Laetiporus sulphureus (Dolpa)



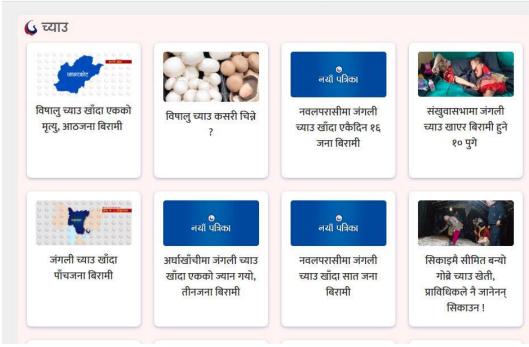
Agaricus bisporus (Dolpa)

#### Measures are needed to reduce human poisoning and fatalities

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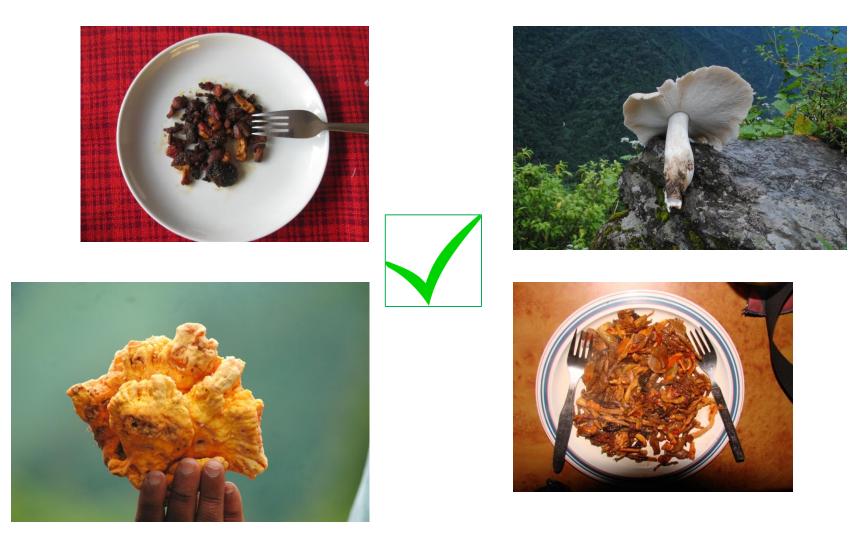
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- कतिपय प्रजातीहरु (ल्याक्टारियस भोलिमस- दुधे च्याउ) काँचै खानमिल्ने भनेतापनि त्यसरी खानु हुदैन् ।
- परिपक्व मानिस अथवा सम्भव भएसम्म च्याउ विज्ञसंग परामर्श लिएर मात्रखाने गनुपर्दछ ।
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- दुई वा सो भन्दा वढि प्रजातीका च्याउहरु एकै पटक खानु हुदैन् ।
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- प्लाष्टिकको मोला, टिनको वाकस जस्ता गुम्सने भाँडामा कहिल्यै पनि च्याउ संकलनगर्नु हुदैन । यसले गर्दा च्याउगुम्सेर विग्रन सक्दछ, त्यस्तोच्याउखानु स्वास्थ्यको लागित्यति राम्रोहुदैन् ।
- च्याउ पकाउदा दुई चार थोपा अमिलो राख्नु पर्दछ।
- विषालु च्याउखाएको शंका लागेमा प्रशस्तमात्रामा मनतातो नुनपानि पिउनु पर्दछ । अमिलो, सतुवा, ऑखे टिमुर र लसुनमिसाएर पिधेर खानु पर्दछ, र जतिसक्दो छिटो स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र जानुपर्दछ ।

#### Look but don't touch if you are in doubt ©



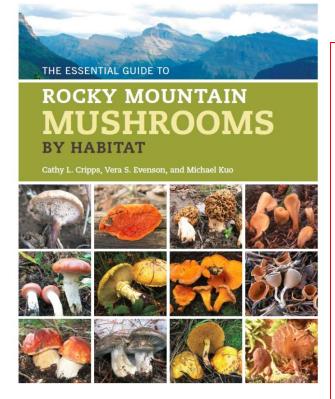
## All fungi are edible but some are only edible once !



## Hit and trail doesn't count here !

#### What we needed now?

#### .....lessons from others



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#### **Domestication**

High Altitude Research Station

For biological, physical studies related onsite station.

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Goals for conserving and sustainably using nature and achieving sustainability cannot be met by current trajectories, and goals for 2030 and beyond may only be achieved through transformative changes across economic, social, political and technological factors.



#### **Mushrooms and Conservation Targets**

 Responsible for incredibly important processes like global cycling of nutrients, carbon sequestration, and even the prevention of desertification.



- Support integrated delivery of sustainable development goals (2 # hunger, food security and nutrition, 3 # good health and well being, 13 # climate change; and 15 # life on land).
- Support the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the Aichi Target- 14 (Ecosystem services) & Aichi Target – 19 (TK & IPLCs).



## **The Way Forward**

- Changes in ecosystem services under different development and climate change scenarios should be assessed.
- Further research on species identifications (taxonomic gaps), pattern of abundance, stock estimation and collection impact of the economically important fungus species is encouraged,
- Setting standards on how to harvest mushrooms in a sustainable way could be a better option to generate a moderate income for people who traditionally use this uncommon biological resource.
- Fungal conservation strategies should be developed to support policy makers and stakeholders working on and interested in, climate change responses and policy integration,



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