

Discover Fascinating Trivia About the World's Largest Edible Mushrooms, Coexisting Harmoniously with Termites

Most edible mushrooms are relatively small, but in West Africa as well as Zambia, there's one particularly enormous species that outgrows all the rest of them.



Termitomyces titanicus. A rather fitting name for such a huge species. In Zambia, where mushroom-gathering is an important part of life, the *Termitomyces titanicus* is especially held in high regard. While the largest fungus (and organism) in the world is of the genus *Armillaria* and is currently consuming Oregon on 1,000 hectares, *Termitomyces titanicus* is the world's largest edible mushroom, with a cap that can measure a little more than three feet (one meter) across.

