

Where to find magic mushrooms in Europe



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Possessing, growing and consuming magic mushrooms is currently prohibited by law in many countries.

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1 Spatial Data Sources

Vector Europe polygon layer -
Natural Earth - Medium scale data, 1:50m

Mean temperature raster (October, 2023) -
Copernicus Interactive Climate Atlas

Soil bulk density raster -
SoilGrids250m 2.0 - Bulk density aggregated 5000m

Soil pH raster -
SoilGrids250m 2.0 - Soil pH in H₂O aggregated 5000m

Soil organic carbon point measurements -
WoSIS latest - Organic carbon

Land cover raster -
CORINE Land Cover 2018 raster 100m

2 The procedure of analysis

Firstly new raster had to be interpolated from the points of measured organic carbon. It was created using IDW method with output cell size 5000m to match the other soil data rasters.

Rasters then had to be reclassified to match the ideal conditions for mushrooms to grow. Land cover was reclassified to three qualitative categories.

- Best land cover - Pastures, Annual crops associated with permanent crops, Land principally occupied by agriculture, with significant areas of natural vegetation, Natural grassland
- Adequate land cover - Green urban areas, Vineyards, Fruit trees and berry plantations, Olive groves, Agro-forestry areas, Transitional woodland/shrub,
- Least suitable land cover - Non-irrigated arable land, Permanently irrigated arable land, Rice fields, Complex cultivation patterns, Moors and heathland, Sclerophyllous vegetation, Sparsely vegetated areas, Inland marshes, Peatbogs,

This classification was conducted taking into account both the type of vegetation and the extent of human intervention in the landscape. [1]

Interpolated raster with organic carbon was reclassified to show only places with 3% to 17% . Optimal range is 5-15% yet this interval was slightly increased.

pH raster was reclassified to show only suitable pH levels from 4.0 to 6.0. [7]

Bulk density was reclassified to two qualitative categories. Optimal range is 0.8 - 1.0 g/cm³ and outside this interval soil suitability exponentially worsens. [9] So ranges 0.6 - 0.8 g/cm³ and 1.0 - 1.2 g/cm³ are also included but with half of the original weight value.

The temperature raster was classified in intervals of 1°C. Where interval 11.5-12.5°C was chosen as optimal and weight values were decreased with each following interval. Minimal suitable temperature is 8.5°C and maximal is 16.5°C. [10]

Then new raster of soil evaluation was created with combining previously described soil rasters. They are combined with their values weighted by importance of the phenomenon [8] they show like:

- Land cover - 40%
- Bulk density - 25%
- Organic Carbon - 20%
- pH - 15%

Cells without suitable land cover are not taken into computation.

This raster was combined with temperature raster in bivariate colors. The final raster was clipped by Europe countries polygons.

3 Information sources

Psilocybe semilanceata - commonly known as the liberty cap, is both one of the most widely distributed psilocybin mushrooms in nature, and one of the most potent. In wet conditions the colour will be yellowish-brown. It has a glutinous layer which can be removed. When dried out the colour fades. The conical cap remains a similar shape throughout these changes. It has striated markings with a distinctive small nipple at the top. The thin stem can grow up to 8cm. The gills are creamy-grey at first, but as the mushroom matures they become a purple-brown.

Source: [1]

How to feel fine after consumption:

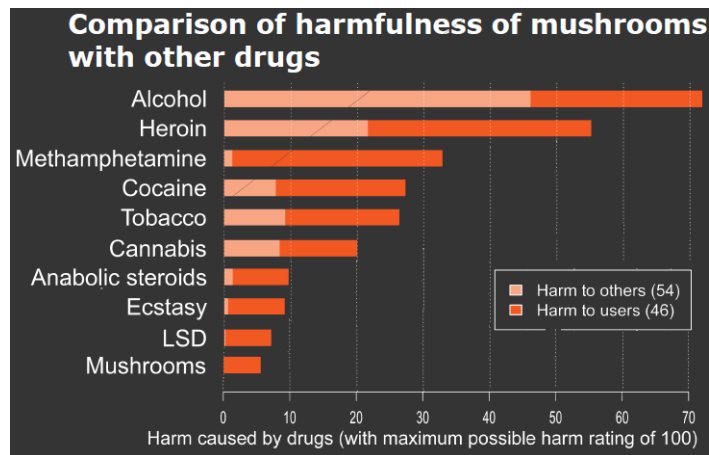
- Start with lower dosage (like 2 grams)
- Do not use if you are in a bad mood
- Use in a familiar safe space
- Have a trip-sitter with you (trusted non-using informed friend)
- Do not combine with other drugs !

Sources: [2] [3]

Possible effects on your body:

- Nausea
- Higher body heat
- Colours seem brighter
- Short-term memory anomalies
- Objects seem moving/breathing
- Seeing visual patterns with closed eyes
- Confusion and time distortion

Sources: [2] [3]




Sources: [4]

DID YOU KNOW ?

That psilocybin, the hallucinogen contained in the magic mushrooms, is experimentally used by psychoanalysts to treat patients with depression or alcohol addiction.


Only one therapeutic session under influence of psilocybin can improve patients mood for several months.

Sources: [5] [6]



Ideal temperature
This map uses mean temperature in October of 2023. This month seems to be ideal for the growth.

- *Optimal temperature*- 10°C - 14°C
- *Adequate temperature*- 8.5°C - 17°C



Ideal soil
Following factors effect the growth the most in descending order :

- *Bulk density* -
optimal - 0.8 - 1.0 g/cm³
adequate - 0.6 - 1.2 g/cm³
- *Organic carbon* -
optimal - 5 - 15 %
- *pH* -
optimal - 4.0 - 6.0
- Liberty caps grow in humid meadows, pastures and old abandoned fields

Sources: [7] [8] [9] [10] [11]

- Legal status of psilocybin mushrooms [12]

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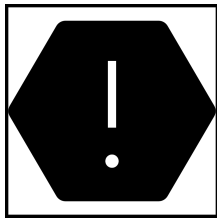
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4 Image Sources



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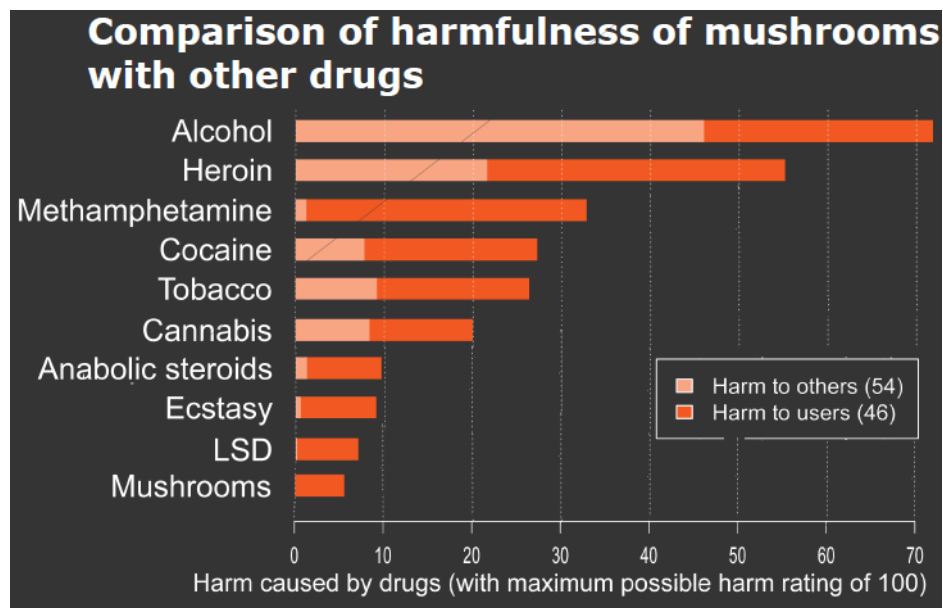
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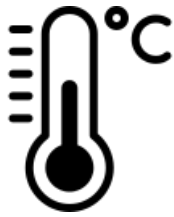
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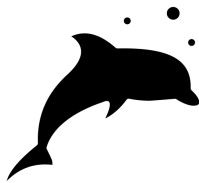
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