



COMMERCIALIZATION OF WILD MUSHROOMS DURING MARKET DAYS OF TLAXCALA, MEXICO

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ABSTRACT

Three “tianguis” (popular market days) in the State of Tlaxcala were visited in order to monitor wild edible fungi being sold, their prices and seasonal availability, as well as to interview mushroom sellers. Most species reported were found in the market of Tlaxcala city, and their prices varied seasonally. Although this is a common traditional practice in central Mexico, it is interesting that no commercial or official regulations for selling wild mushrooms have been implemented.

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