



Hi there, I am a
Chanterelle !

I didn't understand why my friend « Tente » had been introduced and not me. I'm so much more beautiful, interesting and tasty! Phew... the error is now repaired 😊

My name is *cantharellus*, more known as Chanterelle.

Apart from a few exceptions, the tropical species of Chanterelles are very bright colored: from yellow to red. We are super pretty!



One can easily recognize us with our funnel shape hat made of decurrent, forked and interveined folds.



We have a very typical fresh and fruity smell.

Over a hundred species are known worldwide, but researchers estimate that there are over 200 existing species.

In tropical Africa there are about thirty species, but this figure is underestimated. The only inventory of Chanterelles made at Mikembo enumerated more than 15 species, among which many of them were new to science! These species are being analyzed and will be published later in the year. ☺ Didn't I tell you that we are so much more interesting?

Compared to the temperate forests of Europe, we are strongly represented in the Miombo. We are all ectomycorrhizal fungi (see the ecology of my friend the "Tente"), and therefore necessarily associated with trees. We are located in almost all regions of the world, under different species. Miombo's Chanterelles are unique as they grow nowhere else.

All Chanterelles are edible. Moreover, we are very rarely infested by insects.

In Katanga, and elsewhere throughout the region (Zambia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe), many of us are picked to be sold at the market or along the roads leading to the city. With our abundance in species and in quantity, our collect is an interesting and an income-generating activity for many villagers.

It is a sustainable activity because, as you know by now, the fungus is similar to a fruit and repels every year.



Unfortunately, the production of « makala » charcoal, n°1 combustible of the villagers, takes place in the Chanterelle forests. If the Miombo is not protected as soon as possible, I could one day disappear ☹

SOS...Help me!

