

Amorphophallus Titanum

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About Amorphophallus Titanum:

- Amorphophallus Titanum (called Titan Arum in short) blooms **once in a decade** and is one of the largest in the world — growing over 10 ft in height.
 - It is also called Corpse **Flower**.
 - It was first described by Italian botanist Odoardo Beccari in 1878.
 - **Features**
 - It blooms approximately once every decade, with each flowering lasting merely 24 to 48 hours.
 - It **mimics the stench of rotting flesh** to attract its pollinators — carnivorous bees and flies that feed on corpses.
 - The dark, red interior of the spathe that is exposed when it is fully open looks like the surface of a piece of uncooked meat, and the spadix in the centre even warms up to provide the perfect simulation of a warm, abandoned body.
 - It looks peculiar, with a tall, crooked, **pale yellowish phallic structure** — the 'spadix' — rising from the centre of what looks like an upturned meat skirt — its dark red, thick, waxy 'spathe', which is the spiral, petal-like structure that holds within it the inflorescence.
 - **Habitat:** It **blossoms on limestone hills** in the rainforests of **western Sumatra, Indonesia**, where it is called bunga bangkai (bunga means flower and bangkai means corpse).
 - **Conservation status**
 - **IUCN:** Endangered
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Q1: What is Pollination?

It is the act of transferring pollen grains from the male anther of a flower to the female stigma. The goal of every living organism, including plants, is to create offspring for the next generation.

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