

# Huge trove of mammoth skeletons found in Mexico

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Mammoth bones are pictured in Tultepec, Mexico in this handout photograph released by Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology (INAH)

Archaeologists said Wednesday they have made the largest-ever

discovery of mammoth remains: a trove of 800 bones from at least 14 of the extinct giants found in central Mexico.

Moreover, they believe they have made the first-ever find of a mammoth trap set by humans, who would have used it to capture the huge herbivores more than 14,000 years ago, said Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH).

"This is the largest find of its kind ever made," the institute said in a statement.

The [skeletal remains](#) were found in Tultepec, near the site where President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's government is building a new airport for Mexico City.

Some bore signs that the animals had been hunted, leading experts to conclude that they had found "the world's first mammoth trap," it said.

"Mammoths lived here for thousands of years. The herds grew, reproduced, died, were hunted... They lived alongside other species, including horses and camels," archaeologist Luis Cordoba told journalists.

Researchers said at least five mammoth herds lived in the area of the find.



Mammoth skeletal remains, pictured in this handout photograph released by Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology (INAH), were found at a site where President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's government is building a new airport



An expert works with mammoth bones discovered in Tultepec, Mexico, in this handout picture released by the country's National Institute of Anthropology (INAH)

Mexico has been the scene of surprising mammoth discoveries before.

In the 1970s, workers building the Mexico City subway found a mammoth skeleton while digging on the capital's north side.

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