

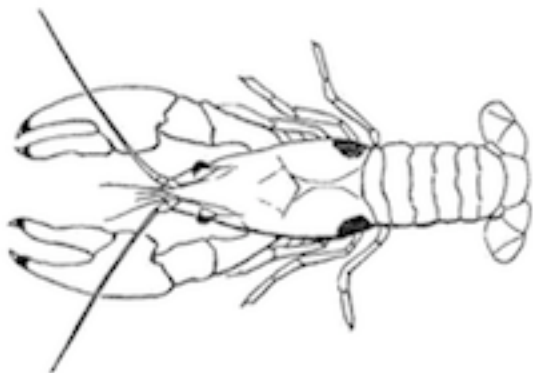


# Mitten Crab

*Eriocheir sinensis*



**Invasive Species**



## Characteristics

- Light brown to olive green
- Carapace (shell) up to 4 in (10 cm) wide
- 4 lateral spines on each side of carapace
- Notch between the eyes
- Claws hairy with white tips
- Claws normally equal in size
- Legs longer than twice the carapace width

## Habitat

- Estuaries, lakes, riparian zones, water courses, wetlands
- Burrows in the bottom and banks of freshwater rivers and estuaries
- Tolerates wide range of temperatures
- Catadromous life cycle



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