

Have you seen a Chinese mitten crab?



Chinese mitten crab
(*Eriocheir sinensis*)

- Grey-green to dark brown crab
- Long walking legs
- Squarish body up to 86 mm across
- Dense brown 'fur' on the white-tipped claws
- Habitat: rivers, brackish water estuaries, rarely along the marine inshore coast
- 4+4+4 pattern of teeth around front of shell
- Juveniles may lack 'fur' on claws



Not to be confused with:



Common shore crab
(*Carcinus maenas*)

- Lacks 'fur' on claws
- Shell shape more triangular
- Found on the sea shore and in estuaries but never in freshwater rivers

- 2 long antennae
- Only 3 pairs of walking legs apparent
- Found on the sea shore but never in freshwater rivers

The broad-clawed porcelain crab (*Porcellana platycheles*)



Powerful claws



Handle with care

Recording Chinese mitten crabs

**Report your sightings
by email or phone**

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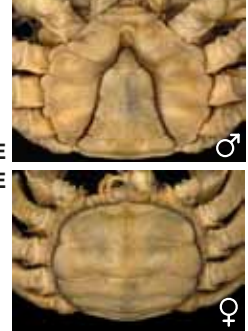
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Please tell us where and when you
saw a Chinese mitten crab, your
contact details

and, if possible:

- was it male or female?
- take a photograph:
 - ▶ take photo from above
 - ▶ use a 50p coin to show scale
 - ▶ try to show claws clearly

MALE
FEMALE



**You can also report sightings
by text or picture message to 07806 938789
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