Chinese Mitten Crab
_Eriocheir sinensis_ Milne Edwards, 1853 Crustacea: Decapoda: Brachyura: Varunidae

**Status**
Exotic (absent from Australia)

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| **Distribution - Regions** | Europe and Northern Asia  
                          South and South-East Asia  
                          USA and Canada |
| **Distribution - Notes** | Native to China and Korea. |

**Diagnostic Characters:**

**Description:** four sharp spines on the front and four strong lateral spines, a thick coat of long hairs **cover the chelipeds**;

**Size:** to 70mm wide.

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Red Rock Crab
References


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Diagnostic Images

Anterior body appendages

Caption: Chela of Eriocheir sinensis, showing the coat of thick hairs

Source: Dr. Tin-Yam Chan, National Taiwan Ocean University

carapace

Caption: Drawing of carapace

Source: E. Dane, Museum Victoria
Overview Images

Dorsal

Caption: Dorsal view of Eriocheir sinensis

Source: Dr. Tin-Yam Chan, National Taiwan Ocean University