

## TRUE CRABS

***Cardiosoma armatum*** (Herklots, 1851)

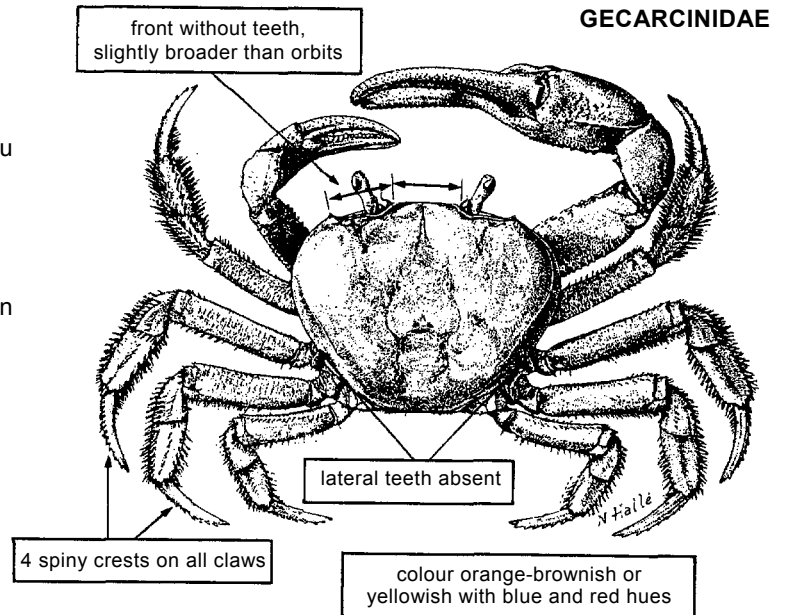
**FAO names** : **En** - Lagoon land crab; **Fr** - Tourlourou des lagunes; **Sp** - Moro de laguna.

**Size** : 12 cm (carapace width of adult males).

**Fishing gear** : baited traps, nooses, digging by hand.

**Habitat** : a terrestrial species living in burrows in marshy grounds.

**Loc.name(s)** :

***Geryon maritae*** Manning & Holthuis, 1981

**Synonyms** : *Geryon quinquedens* (non S.I. Smith, 1879) [Monod, 1956].

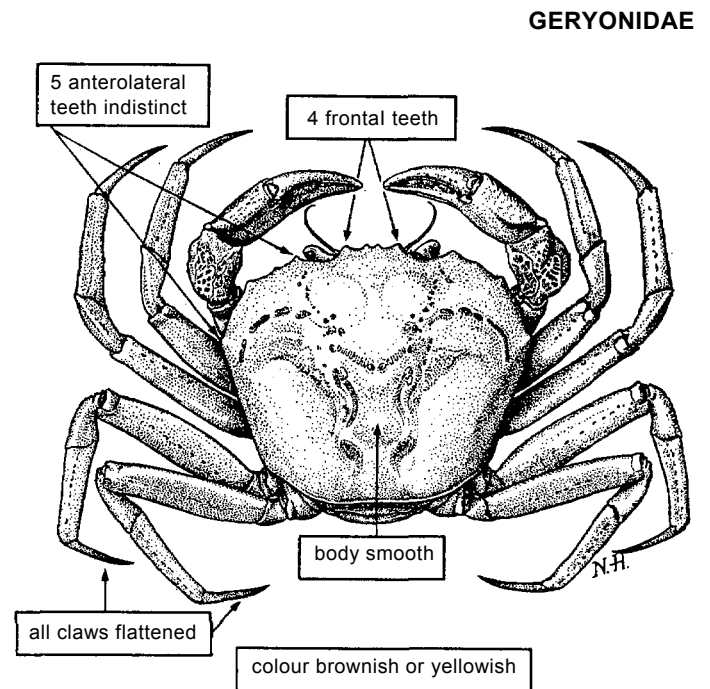
**FAO names** : **En** - West African geryon; **Fr** - Géryon ouest-africain; **Sp** - Gerio cangrejo de Guinea.

**Size** : 16 cm and 9.5 cm (carapace width of males and females, respectively).

**Fishing gear** : bottom trawls, crab pots.

**Habitat** : muddy bottoms from 100 to 940 m depth.

**Loc. name(s)** :

***Goniopsis pelli*** (Herklots, 1851)

**Synonyms** : *Goniopsis cruentata* (non Latreille, 1802) [Monod, 1956].

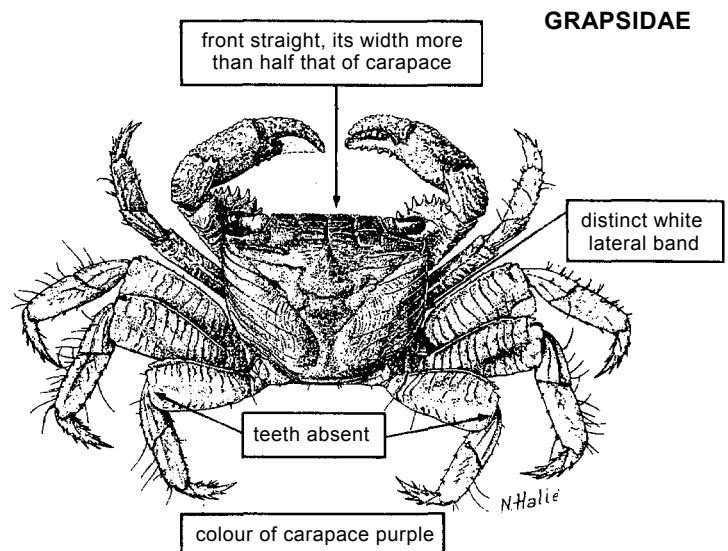
**FAO names** : **En** - Purple mangrove crab; **Fr** - Anglette de mangroves; **Sp** - Abuete real.

**Size** : 4.9 cm (width of carapace).

**Fishing gear** : various types of artisanal gear.

**Habitat** : brackish waters on muddy bottoms, often in mangroves.

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## GRAPSIDAE

***Grapsus grapsus*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

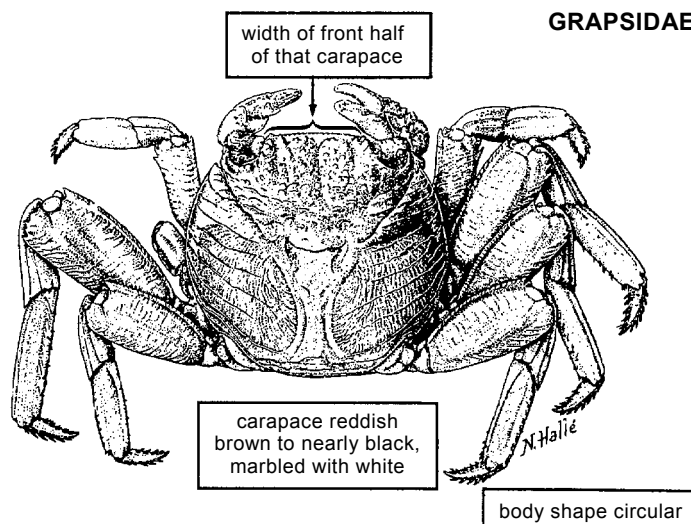
**FAO names** : **En** - Lightfoot crab; **Fr** - Anglette commune; **Sp** - Abuete negro.

**Size**: 8.7 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : cast nets.

**Habitat** : near the waterline on rocks; very active on land.

**Loc.name(s)** :



body shape circular

***Pachygrapsus transversus*** (Gibbes, 1850)

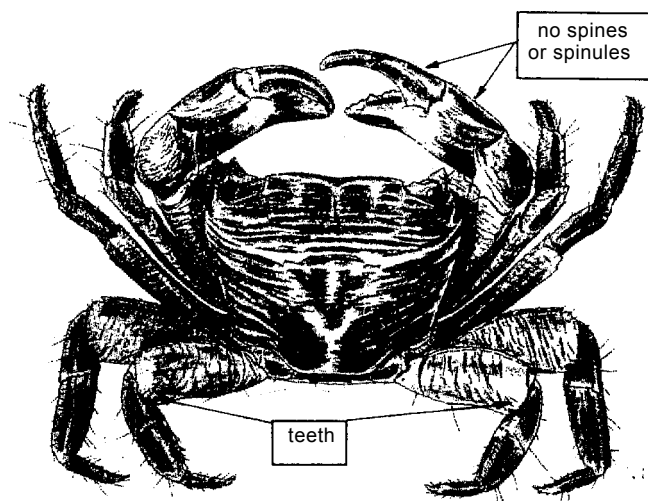
**FAO names** : **En** - African matchbox crab; **Fr** - Anglette africaine; **Sp** - Abuete cajeta.

**Size** : 1.8 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : caught mainly by hand, cast nets.

**Habitat** : on rocks along the coast, just below the surface.

**Loc.name(s)** :



colour brown variegated with green and yellow

lateral margin of carapace toothless behind the extraorbital tooth

***Sesarma angolense*** de Brito Capello, 1864

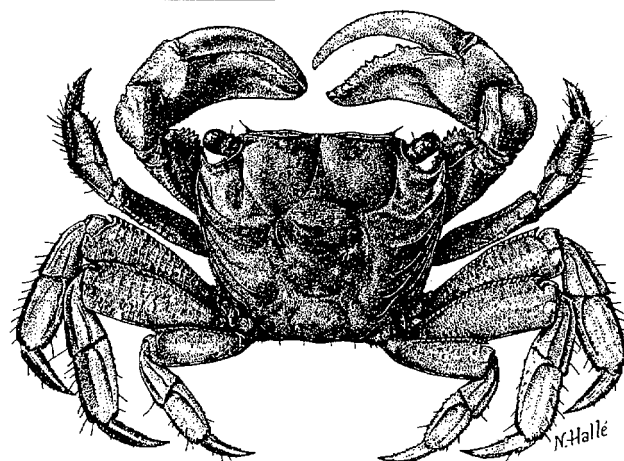
**FAO names** : **En** - Angola marsh crab; **Fr** - Anglette angolaise; **Sp** - Abuete de Angola.

**Size** : 4.2 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : caught by hand.

**Habitat** : swamps and mangroves, makes burrows in muddy ground.

**Loc.name(s)** :



body reddish brown to dark brown; fingers of chelipeds yellowish

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## HOMOLIDAE

***Paramola cuvieri*** (Risso, 1816)

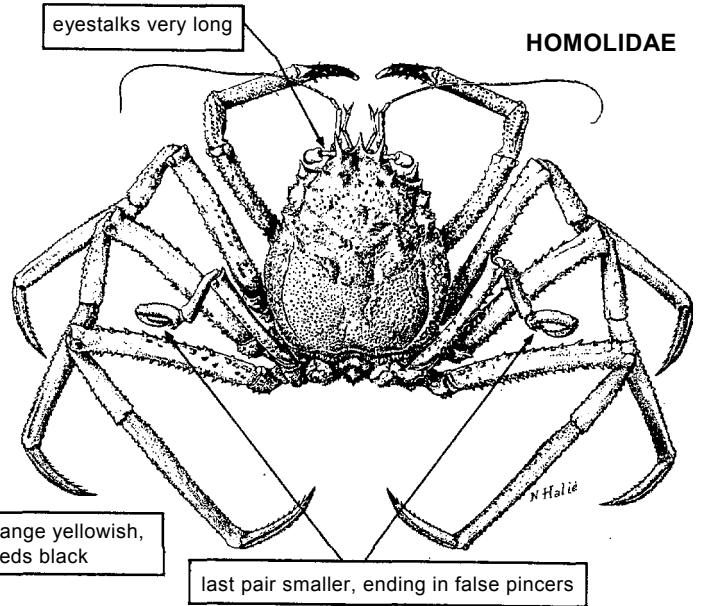
**FAO names** : En - Paromola; Fr - Paromole;  
Sp - Paromola.

**Size** : 21.5 cm (carapace length).

**Fishing gear** : bottom trawls (bycatch).

**Habitat** : from 10 to 1000 m depth, more  
common between 80 and 350 m.

**Loc. name(s)** :



colour light red or orange yellowish,  
fingers of chelipeds black

last pair smaller, ending in false pincers

## MAJIDAE

***Maja squinado*** (Herbst, 1788)

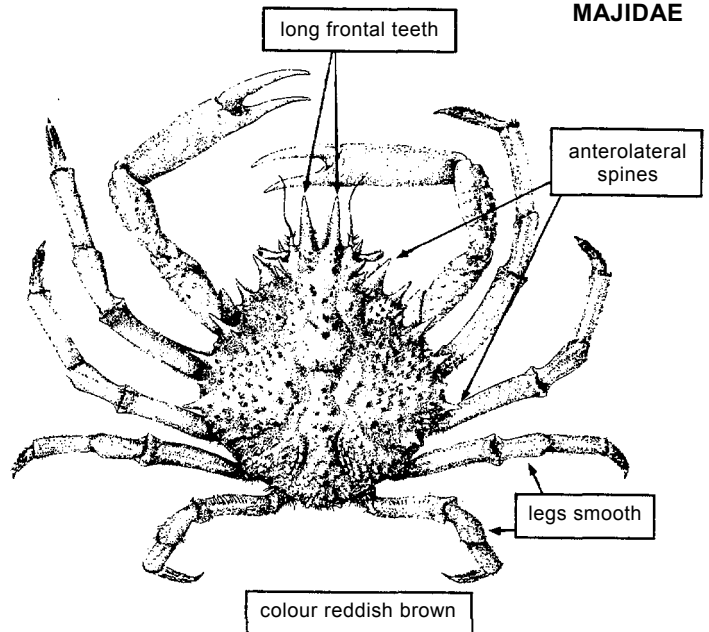
**FAO names** : En - Spinous spider crab; Fr - Araignée  
européenne; Sp - Centolla europea.

**Size** : 22 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : bottom trawls, trammelnets.

**Habitat** : shallow rocky bottoms to 75 m depth.

**Loc.name(s)** :



colour reddish brown

## OCYPODIDAE

***Ocypode africana*** De Man, 1881

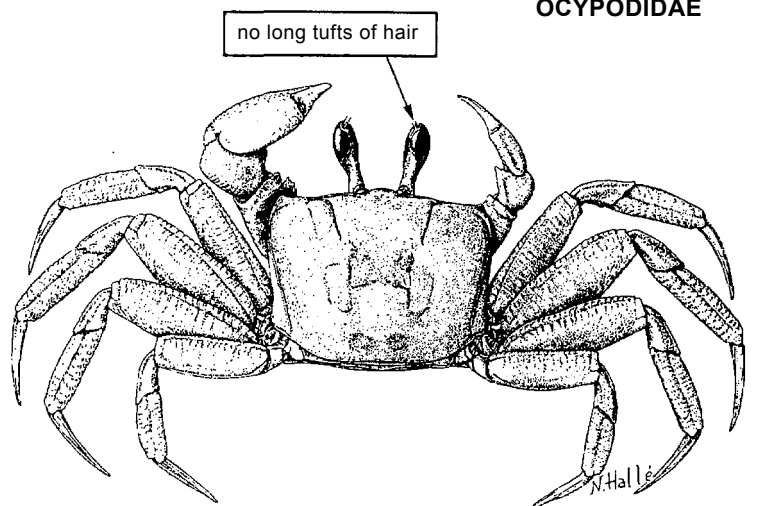
**FAO names** : En - African ghost crab; Fr - Ocypode  
africain; Sp - Capuco africano.

**Size** : 3.4 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : caught by hand, baited traps, cast nets,  
nooses.

**Habitat** : sandy beaches above the tide mark.

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***Ocypode cursor*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

**Synonyms** : *Ocypode* (h)ippeus Olivier, 1807.

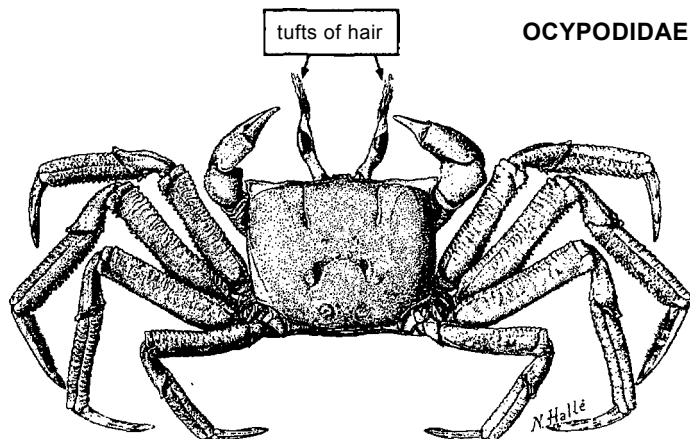
**FAO names** : **En** - Tufted ghost crab; **Fr** - *Ocypode pénicillée*; **Sp** - Capuco de mechón.

**Size** : 5.5 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : caught by hand, baited traps, cast nets, nooses.

**Habitat** : sandy beaches, burrowing above the water line.

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Uca tangeri*** (Eydoux, 1835)

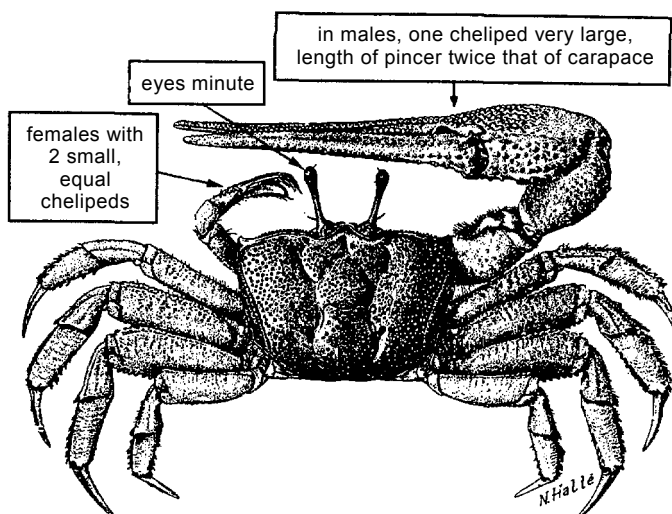
**FAO names** : **En** - West African fiddler crab; **Fr** - *Gélasime africain*; **Sp** - *Violinista africano*.

**Size** : 4.7 cm (carapace width).

**Fishing gear** : caught by hand.

**Habitat** : swamps and mud flats near river mouths

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Callinectes amnicola*** (De Rocheburne, 1883)

**Synonyms** : *Callinectes latimanus* Rathbun, 1897.

**FAO names** : **En** - Bigfisted swimcrab; **Fr** - *Crabe bicorne*; **Sp** - Cangrejo tijerón.

**Size** : 15 cm (carapace width)

**Fishing gear** : hand nets, square nets, crab pots, hook-and-line.

**Habitat** : estuaries, lagoons and rivers.

**Loc.name(s)** :

