

WANTED



DEAD OR ALIVE



INVASIVE SPECIES: Chinese Mitten Crab

The key identifying characteristic are “furry” claws. All adults and juveniles over an inch long have furry white-tipped claws that are equal in size. They have light brown to olive green round bodies (carapaces) that are 3 to 4 inches wide in adults. The carapace is smooth and has 4 lateral spines; the fourth spine may be small. Between the eyes sits a U-shaped notch. Mitten crabs can be found in both freshwater and saltwater environments.

WHAT TO DO IF I FIND A CRAB?

DO NOT THROW IT BACK ALIVE!

Freeze the animal, keep on ice, or preserve it in rubbing alcohol, as a last resort.

Note the precise location where the animal was found & take multiple close-up photos!

Upload photos to <http://mittencrab.nisbase.org/> for identification.

Include your contact information with photo!