

Identification Notes for wildlife law enforcement

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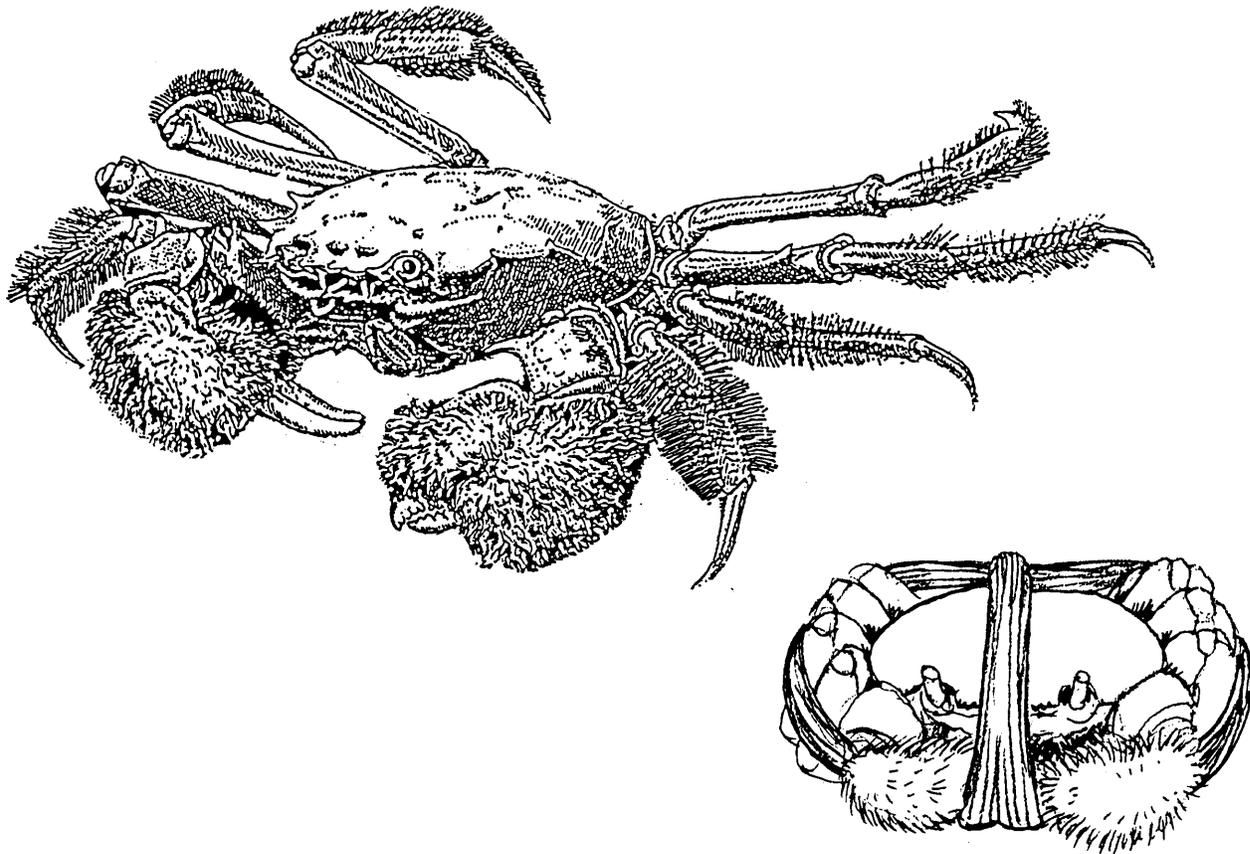
Scientific name: *Eriocheir sp.*

Common Names: Mitten crab

Shanghai Crab

Chinese Mitten Crab

PROBLEM: Live Mitten or Shanghai Crabs are an injurious species prohibited from entry into the US under 50 CFR 16. These animals host the Oriental Lung Fluke and should not be handled without gloves or other precautions. Any crab not fully cooked or frozen solid should be considered "live." Imports are seasonal, usually between September and December. They are valued at \$10-20 each



WATCH FOR: Crabs with furry mittens on their front claws. Size similar to Atlantic Blue Crab. If live, they will generally be bound with a raffia-type binding as shown above.

FROM: Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, etc.

SOME SUSPECT IMPORTERS: Personal baggage, Commercial seafood shippers.

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