

# 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