

Invasive Species of the Month Chinese Mitten Crab (*Eriocheir sinensis*)



**Teacher
Activity**



**Pest Risk
Assessment**



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What? Mitten crabs are native in the coastal estuaries of eastern Asia from Korea in the north to the Fujian province of China in the south. They are named for the dense patches of hair on the claws of adults and large individuals. They pose ecological, economic, and human health threats and affect biological communities through predation and competition.

Where? They can change the structure of fresh and brackish water benthic invertebrate communities in areas they invade.

Lookalike? No. None of our native crabs have hairy claws.

What can you do? If you see or catch a mitten crab, contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 503.872.5260 ext. 5347.

January

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