

# Other Crabs

## Spanner Crabs (Frog Crab)

### *Ranina ranina*

Spanner crabs are easily recognizable by their frog-like appearance and their bright red colouration. They usually have a pattern of white dots across the middle of their carapace.

They are different from other crabs as their movement is forwards and backwards. Their claws are spanner-shaped. Male crabs grow to about 15 cm shell breadth and females grow to about 11.5cm.

Being a marine animal, the spanner crab inhabits waters to depths of more than 100 metres from sheltered bays to surf areas. These crabs prefer sandy areas.

They are usually found buried in the sand. This is where they launch attacks on passing prey such as small, bottom-dwelling fish.

