

Intertidal Crabs

Red Crab

Neosarmatium smithii

- have “teeth” or jagged spikes on topside of claw
- are found in large holes under the Orange Mangrove Trees
- are nocturnal
- are reddish and larger than most other intertidal crabs
- are foliage eaters – pick up shed leaves
- can be caught in a trap with bait of sweet potato and honey
- have adapted to exist out of water for short times – they can take oxygen out of the air. They take in water, hold it and pump it slowly over the surface of the “lung” or “gills”. The water runs down over a fine meshwork of hook-like hairs at the front of its body where a gas exchange takes place.
- their burrows go down deep to meet the water below the mud

