

# Bivalves



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### *Batissa violacea*

These bivalves live beneath the surface of the mud or sand in tidal rivers. At high tide they come to the surface to feed on plankton and organic matter.

They have two siphons, one takes in the water and extracts the food particles while the other one expels the waste.

They can also be found in mangrove mud. They can grow quite large reaching a size of ten centimetres. Roasting them in their shell until the shell opens is a common way of cooking these, some say, delicious shellfish.