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Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlantic mole crab

Emerita talpoida

The Atlantic mole crab is a small, burrowing crustacean commonly found along sandy beaches of the western Atlantic Ocean. Recognizable by its oval, domed body and lack of claws, this crab is an exper…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Hippidae
Habitat: Sandy intertidal zones along the Atlantic coast
Diet: Filter feeder
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 1-3 grams
Scientific name: Emerita talpoida

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'crabs,' Atlantic mole crabs are more closely related to shrimp than to true crabs.
- Atlantic mole crabs can bury themselves in less than two seconds to avoid predators. Unlike most crabs, they lack pincers and rely on their antennae …

What I learned

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