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Christmas Island Red Crab

Gecarcoidea natalis

The Christmas Island Red Crab is a striking land crab native exclusively to Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands in the Indian Ocean. Recognized for their vivid red coloration and impress...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Gecarcinidae

Habitat: Tropical rainforest

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 20–30 years

Weight: 300–500 grams

Scientific name: *Gecarcoidea natalis*

Did you know?

- Although they are land crabs, Christmas Island Red Crabs must return to the ocean to breed, releasing their eggs directly into the sea.
- Each year, tens of millions of red crabs migrate across Christmas Island in one of the world's most spectacular natural events. The crabs are so impo...

What I learned
