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Hermit Crab

Paguroidea

Hermit crabs are unique crustaceans well-known for their habit of occupying empty shells to protect their soft, vulnerable abdomens. Unlike most crabs, their bodies are asymmetrical to fit into spira...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Paguridae

Habitat: Coastal regions, intertidal zones, and tropical beaches

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-10 years

Weight: 10-200 grams

Scientific name: Paguroidea

Did you know?

- Hermit crabs are not true crabs; their closest relatives are actually squat lobsters and porcelain crabs.
- Hermit crabs use discarded mollusk shells for protection and will fight or negotiate with other crabs for better shells. Some species form symbiotic ...

What I learned
