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Animal Fact Sheet

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Hermit Crab

Paguroidea

Hermit crabs are decapods that traded a hard abdomen for a soft, spirally curved one that fits inside an empty gastropod shell, held in place by a hooked tail and modified rear legs that grip the she…

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.
- Vacancy chains in hermit crabs were formally described using the same models economists use for job and housing markets, and the crabs will wait in a…

What I learned

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