

Animal Fact Sheet

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Pacific mole crab

Emerita analoga

The Pacific mole crab is a small, barrel-shaped crustacean found along the sandy beaches of the eastern Pacific Ocean. Adapted for burrowing, it uses its streamlined body and powerful legs to quickly...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Hippidae

Habitat: Sandy intertidal zones of the Pacific Ocean coastline

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 2-7 grams

Scientific name: *Emerita analoga*

Did you know?

- Unlike most crabs, Pacific mole crabs can only move backward and never sideways or forward.
- Pacific mole crabs can bury themselves in the sand in less than two seconds to escape predators. They lack claws, unlike many other crabs, and instea...

What I learned
