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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

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