




Land Crabs of the Seychelles Islands


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 The Seychelles Islands archipelago, situated in the western Indian Ocean, consists of 115 islands scattered around in a large area of km². The central islands are granitic. Others are coral islands and some atolls are present as well. Different habitats such as mangroves, mudflats, rocky shores and sandy beaches are home to numerous crabs adapted more or less to the life outside water.



 This site attempts to give information on which crabs are living on the islands and where they can be found. Whenever possible, other information on the ecology of the crabs is added. A general description and pictures are also included.

 If you have any information or pictures which can be added to this site, please don't hesitate to contact me on ericdemuylder@yahoo.com

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Seychelles



General

Islands

This page gives a list of islands catagorized by type.

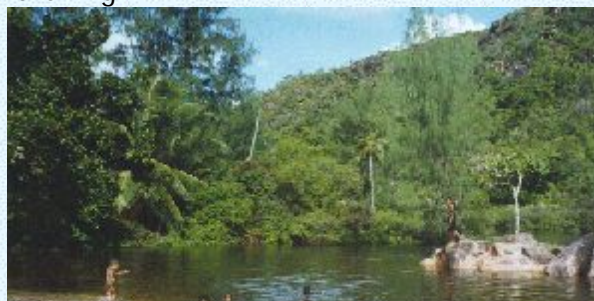
[Go to Habitat Page](#)

The [Habitat page](#) gives a description of the different habitats where land or coastal crabs can be found in Seychelles. Each habitat contains a list of crabs observed. Habitats can be classified as following :

Sandy beaches

Mangroves

Mudflats



• Rocky pools

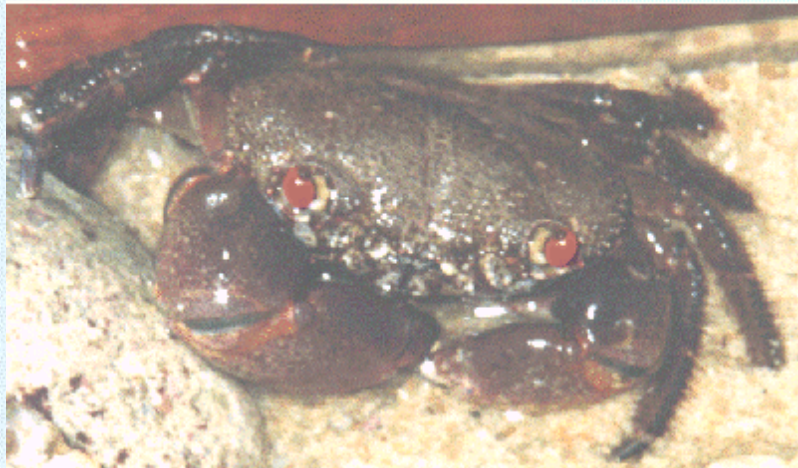
• Freshwater



Classification

Go to the [Classification page](#) for a detailed classification of the families of decapod crabs. Each family contains a list of crab species observed in Seychelles. You can also go straight to the page for the families below.

Families



- [Coenobitidae](#)
- [Diogenidae](#)
- [Gecarcinidae](#)
- [Grapsidae](#)
- [Menippidae](#)
- [Ocypodidae](#)
- [Porcellanidae](#)
- [Portunidae](#)
- [Sesarmidae](#)
- [Xanthidae](#)

• Species found

Each Family page describes the species observed.

Literature

A list of references used.

• [Some other crabs](#)

- [Some fiddler crabs from Guimaeras island \(Philippines\)](#)



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