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TREE-CLIMBING CRAB

Episesarma sp.

APPEARANCE

- Tree-climbing Crabs have a flat and squarish body, with a width of 4-5cm.
- Their legs are flat with pointed tips, and their pincers may be colourful, ranging from red to purple!

HABITAT

Tree-climbing Crabs are mangrove specialists, and live near the base of mangrove trees in the mangrove forest.

DIET

Tree-climbing Crabs feed on leaves, either from the forest floor or from trees. They are also known to feed on mangrove propagules.

FUN FACT

Tree-climbing Crabs are also known as Vinegar Crabs, as they have been known to be pickled or cooked in vinegar and eaten!

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