



# We Need Your Help!

## Please be on the lookout for Mitten Crabs



- Brownish-orange to greenish-brown color
- Hairy, white tipped claws (look like mittens)
- Distinct notch between eyes
- Four spines along each side of the shell
- Legs are twice as long as the width of the shell

Mitten Crabs are **NOT** native to Connecticut but have recently been sighted here. Establishment of mitten crabs in Connecticut may have negative consequences for coastal and freshwater ecosystems.

### Please help us learn more about Mitten Crabs in CT

If you catch a Mitten Crab:

1. Do not release it!
2. Please freeze it or preserve it in alcohol
3. Note date & location of capture
4. **Please report within 48 hours to**  
[david.molnar@ct.gov](mailto:david.molnar@ct.gov) or call (860) 434-6043



Scan me to easily report catches of Mitten Crabs on DEEP's Marine Aquatic Invasive Species Survey.