

TRUE CRABS

PORTUNIDAE

Callinectes marginatus (A. Milne Edwards, 1861)

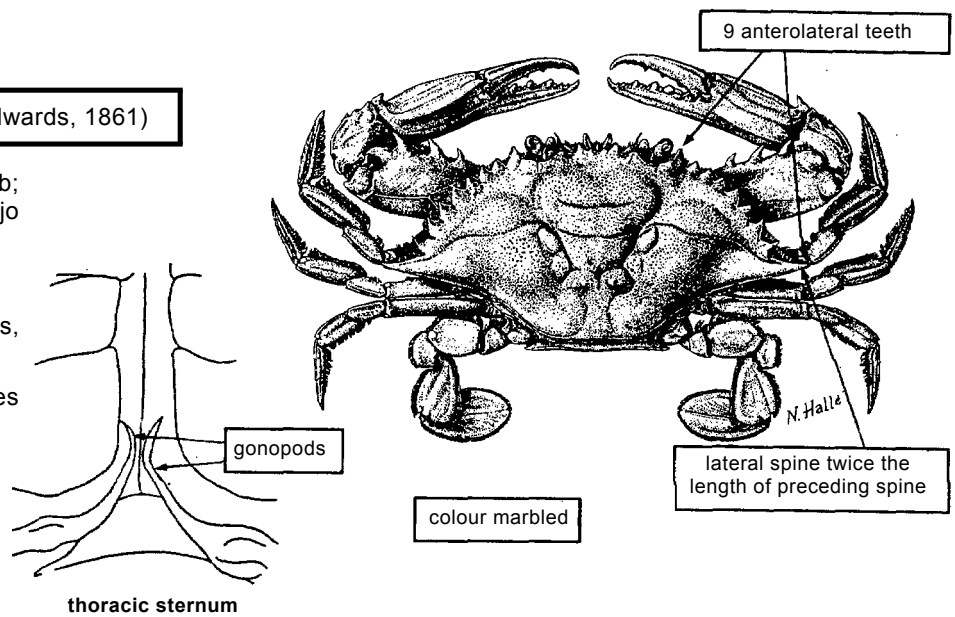
FAO names : **En** - Marbled swimcrab;
Fr - Crabe marbré; **Sp** - Cangrejo jaspeado.

Size : 10 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : hand nets, square nets, crab pots, hook-and-line.

Habitat : brackish waters of estuaries and lagoons.

Loc.name(s) :

***Callinectes pallidus*** (De Rocheburne, 1883)

Synonyms : *Callinectes gladiator* Benedict, 1893.

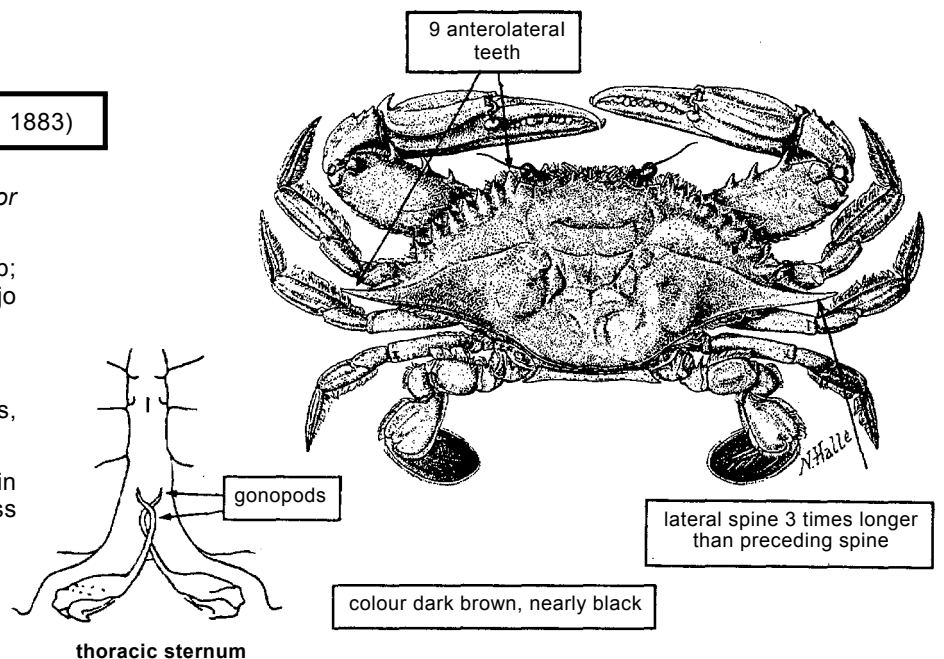
FAO names : **En** - Gladiator swimcrab;
Fr - Crabe gladiateur; **Sp** - Cangrejo gladiator.

Size : 4.5 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : hand nets, square nets, crab pots, hook-and-line.

Habitat : sandy and muddy bottoms in brackish and marine waters at less than 30 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Cronius ruber*** (Lamarck, 1818)

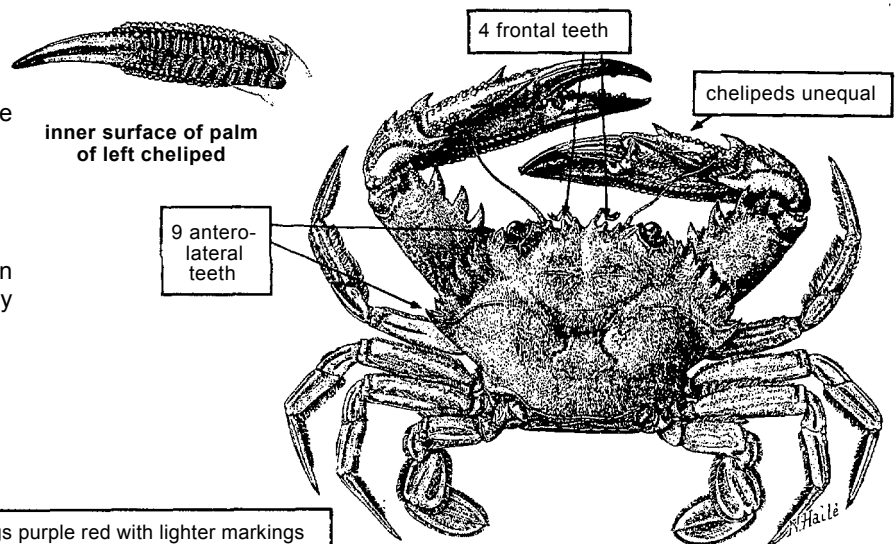
FAO names : **En** - Red swimcrab; **Fr** - Crabe rouge; **Sp** - Cangrejo colorado.

Size : 8.2 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : hand nets, crab pots.

Habitat : intertidal zone to 38 m depth; on different types of bottoms, especially those with seaweeds, sea squirts, etc.

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Liocarcinus corrugatus (Pennant, 1777)

Synonyms : *Portunus corrugatus* (Pennant, 1777);
Macropipus corrugatus (Pennant, 1777).

FAO names : **En** - Wrinkled swimcrab; **Fr** - Etrille ballant;
Sp - Cangrejo de arrugas.

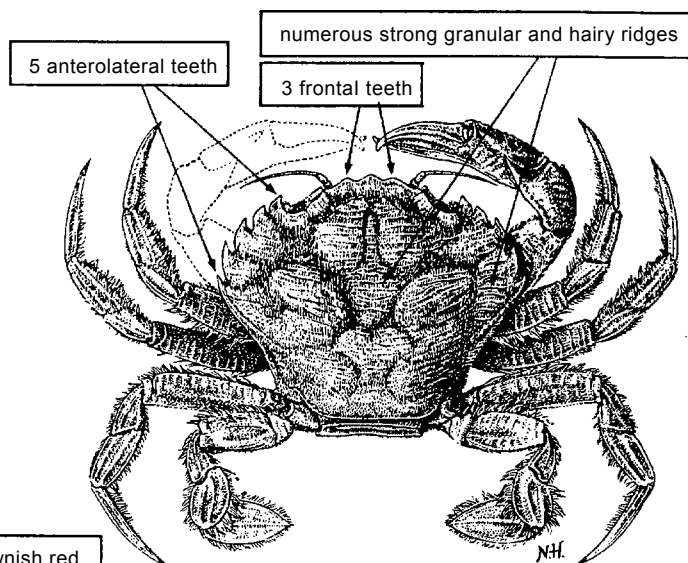
Size : 6 cm (carapace width), common to 2.5 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls (bycatch), beach seines (bycatch).

Habitat : from the littoral zone to 60 m depth, on rough bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :

colour yellowish brown, marbled brownish red

***Portunus hastatus*** (Linnaeus, 1767)

Synonyms : *Neptunus hastatus* (Linnaeus, 1767).

FAO names : **En** - Lancer swimcrab; **Fr** - Etrille nageuse; **Sp** - Jaiba cornuda.

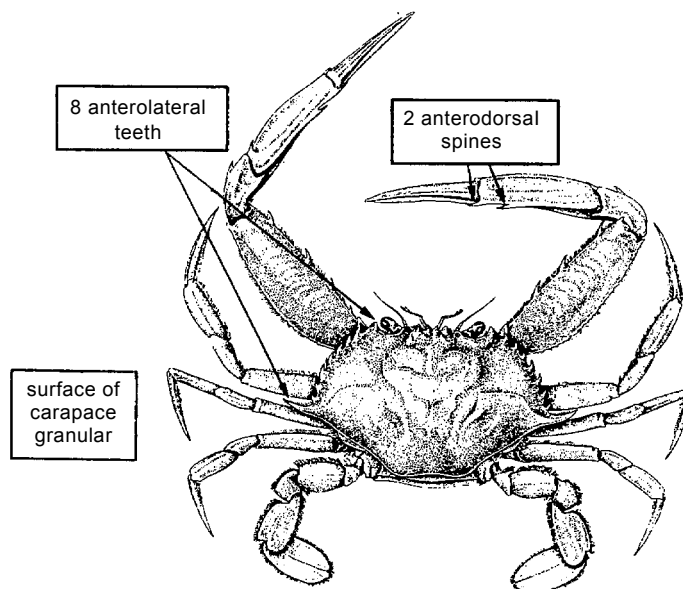
Size : 5.6 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : lobster pots, beach seines (bycatch).

Habitat : sandy and muddy bottoms, from the coastline to 55 m depth.

Remarks : presence in the Gulf of Guinea to be confirmed.

Loc.name(s) :

***Portunus validus*** (Herklots, 1851)

Synonyms : *Neptunus validus* (Herklots, 1851).

FAO names : **En** - Smooth swimcrab; **Fr** - Etrille lisse; **Sp** - Jaiba satinada.

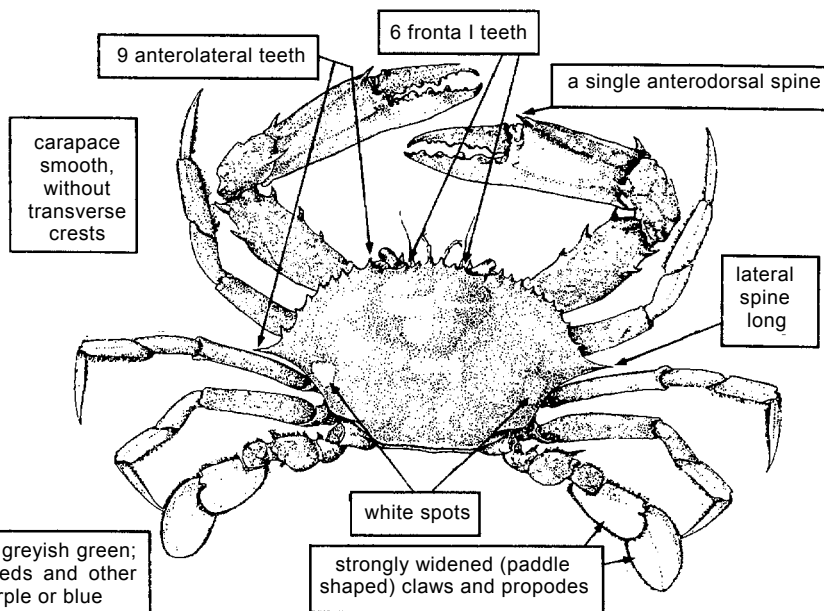
Size : 1.9 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : beach seines, trammel nets, bottom trawls (bycatch).

Habitat : from the coastline to 50 m depth. More common in the warm season.

Loc.name(s) :

carapace brownish to greyish green; upper side of chelipeds and other legs marbled with purple or blue



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Menippe nodifrons Stimpson, 1859

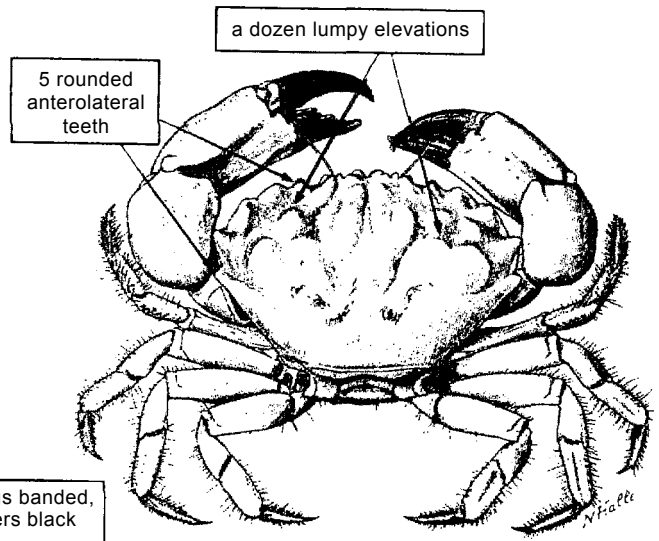
FAO names : **En** - Lumpy stone crab; **Fr** - Crabe caillou guinéen; **Sp** - Cangrejo jorobado.

Size : 6.5 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : bottom trawls (bycatch), beach seines (bycatch).

Habitat : littoral and sublittoral zone to 20 m depth, on rocky bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :

***Panopeus africanus*** A. Milne Edwards, 1867

FAO names : **En** - African mud crab; **Fr** - Crabe caillou africain; **Sp** - Cangrejo de piedra africano.

Size : 5 cm (carapace width).

Fishing gear : collected by hand in the intertidal zone.

Habitat : intertidal and subtidal zone to 4 m depth, estuarine and marine, burrowing in mud or under stones.

Loc.name(s) :

