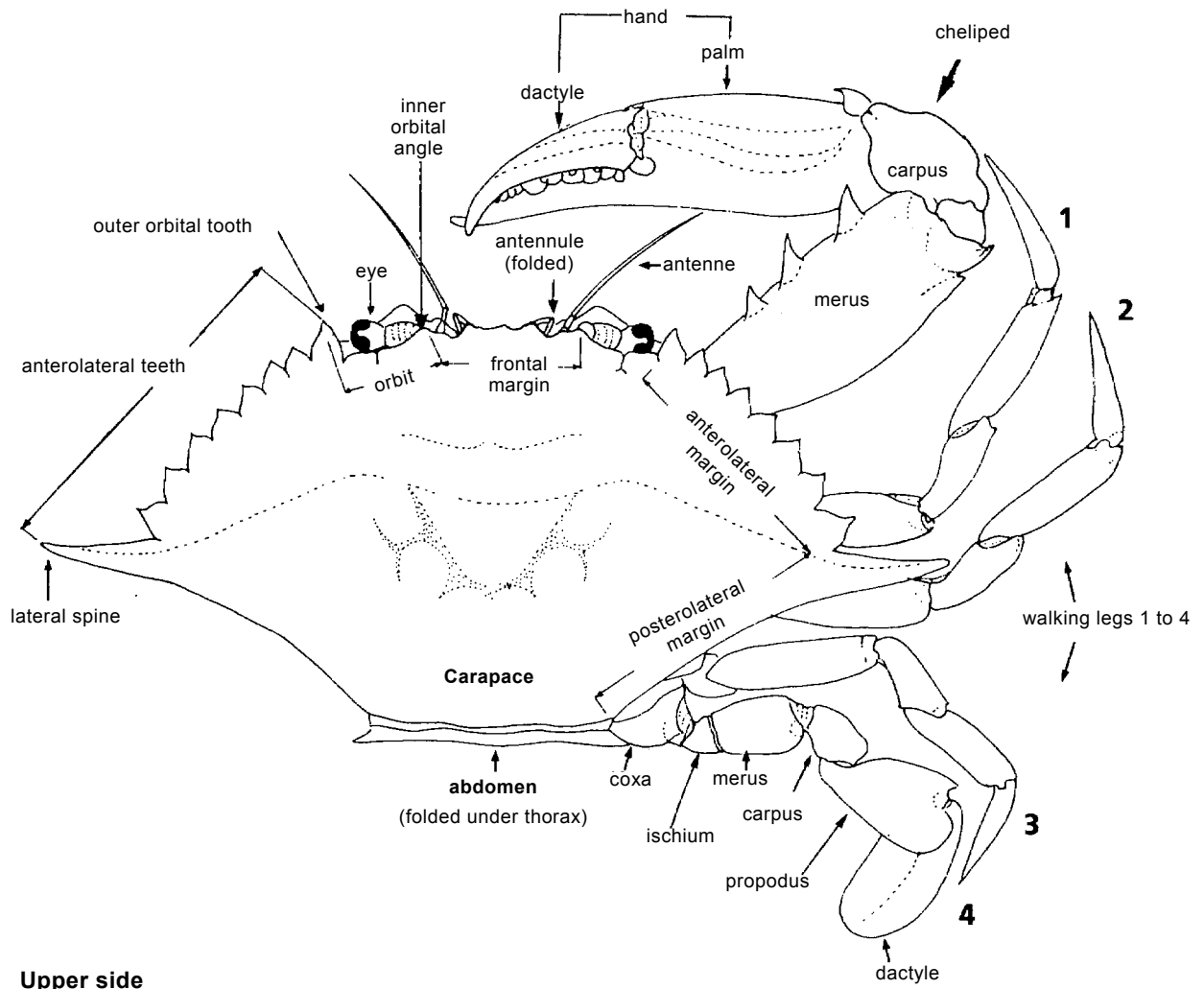
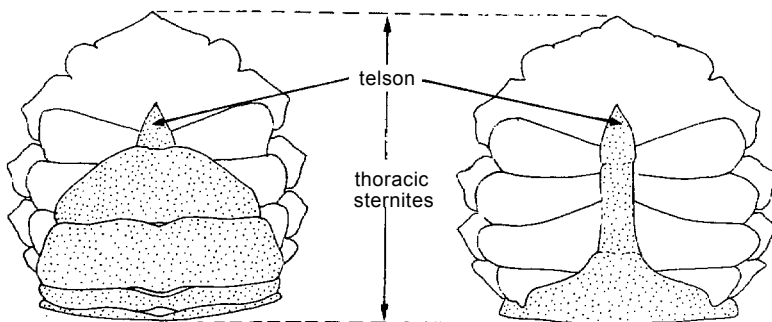


TRUE CRABS

TECHNICAL TERMS AND PRINCIPAL MEASUREMENTS USED

PARTS OF A TRUE CRAB (*Callinectes* sp.)

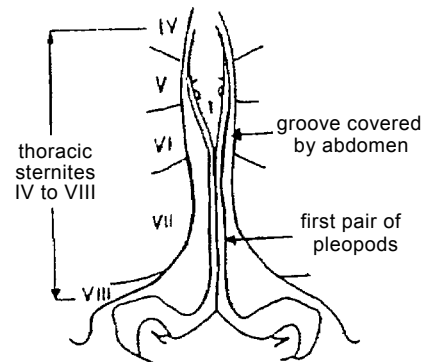
Upper side



abdomen of female

abdomen of male

ventral view



Thoracic sternum of male after removal of abdomen, showing first pair of pleopods (copulating organs)

TRUE CRABS

MOST COMMON EDIBLE FAMILIES AND SPECIES

In view of the large number of species used as human food, and of the fact that many edible species are not yet exploited, it is not possible at present to establish a complete list of species of interest to fisheries.

CALAPPIDAE

Calappa gallus (Herbst, 1803)

FAO names : **En** - Yellow box crab; **Fr** - Migraine jaune;
Sp - Calapa amarilla.

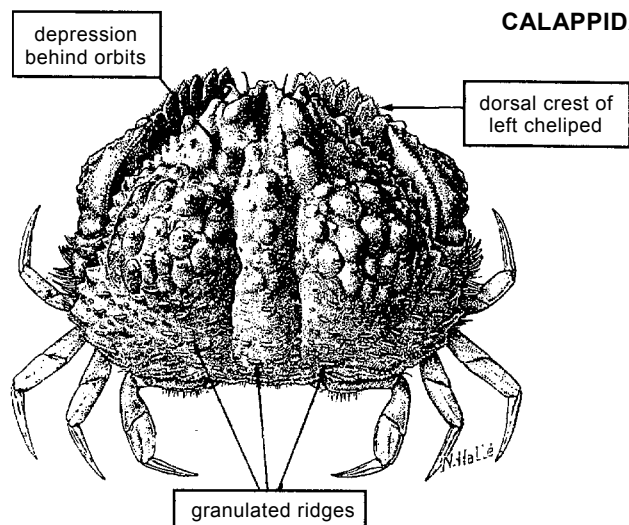
Size : 8 cm (width of carapace).

Fishing gear : bottom trawls (bycatch),

Habitat : coastal waters to 200 m depth; burrows in sand or muddy sand.

Loc.name(s) :

colour orange to brownish orange with brownish red spots; underside yellow

***Calappa pelii*** Herklots, 1851

FAO names : **En**- Spiny box crab; **Fr** - Migraine épineuse; **Sp** - Calapa espinuda.

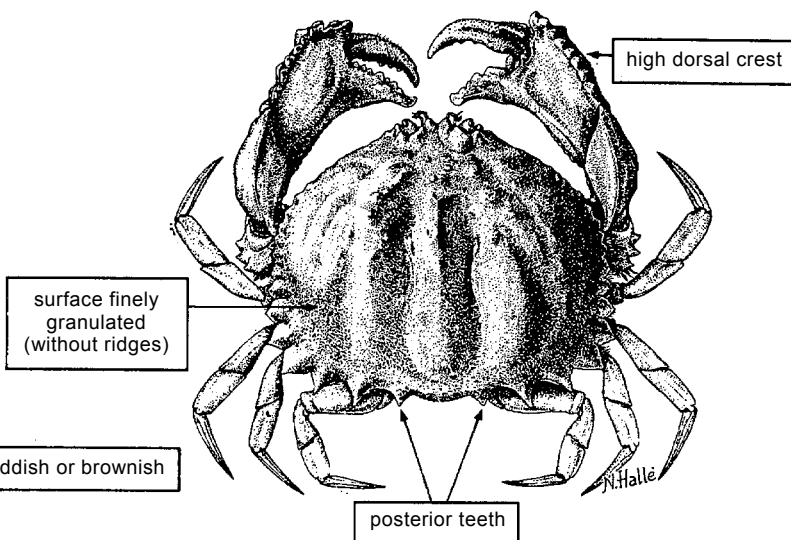
Size : 6 cm (width of carapace).

Fishing gear : bottom trawls (bycatch).

Habitat : burrows in sand or sandy mud between 12 and 400 m depth, common between 50 and 150 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

colour reddish or brownish

***Calappa rubroguttata*** Herklots, 1851

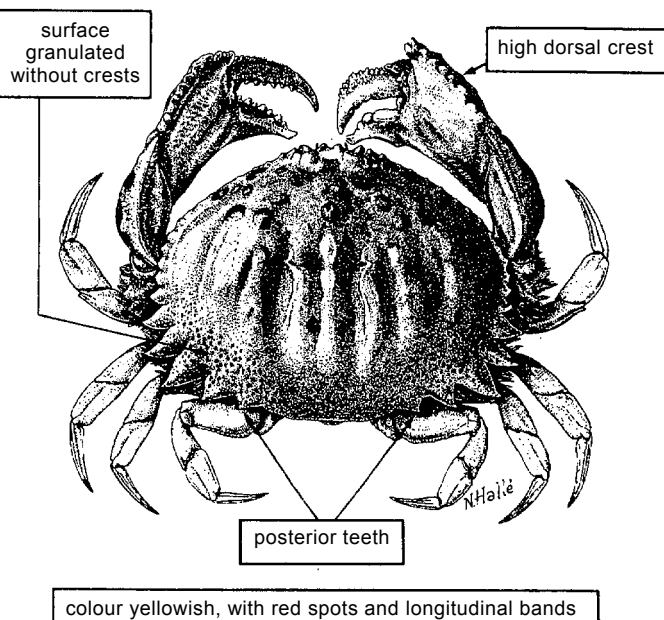
FAO names : **En** - Spotted box crab; **Fr** - Migraine maculée; **Sp** - Calapa manchada.

Size : 10.8 cm (width of carapace).

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, bottom set nets.

Habitat : burrows in sand or gravel, from the coastline to 90 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



colour yellowish, with red spots and longitudinal bands