

Brush-clawed shore crab

Hemigrapsus takanoi

This crab originated from the North-East Pacific and has been observed in Europe since the end of the twentieth century. It arrived in La Rochelle in 1993 and is now widespread in the Channel and North Sea but yet to arrive in England.



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Its carapace is approximately square and no wider than 3cm and is approximately square. Generally brownish, the male also possess a patch of hair on the external part of the claw at the base of the pincer.



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