

## HABITAT

- Adults – brackish estuary waters
- Young – freshwater

## LOCATION

**Native to:** China and the Yellow Sea

**In Delaware:** Open waters of Delaware River and Bay

☞ Between Appoquinimink and Leipsic River



# Chinese Mitten Crab

*Eriocheir sinensis*

**INVASIVE**

## HOW TO IDENTIFY

- Hairy claws (equal in size) with white tips
- Light brown color
- Notch between eyes
- Maximum shell width 3 inches
- Legs twice as long as shell width

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Feeds on native species of algae, small animals and fish
- Young burrow into banks and cause erosion
- Damages fishing gear and bait