

MOTTLED CRAB

Metopograpsus messo



Frequently seen foraging at the base of mangroves at low tide, the mottled crab can be seen all year round.

It is capable of withstanding temperature fluctuations of over 20 degrees centigrade. The crab plays an important role in aerating the mud flats.

EAD maintains a network of protected areas throughout Abu Dhabi to preserve marine ecosystems including species such as the Mottled crab.

Mottled crab range from the Maldives in the East to the African coasts in the West and from the Arabian Gulf in the North to South Africa.

