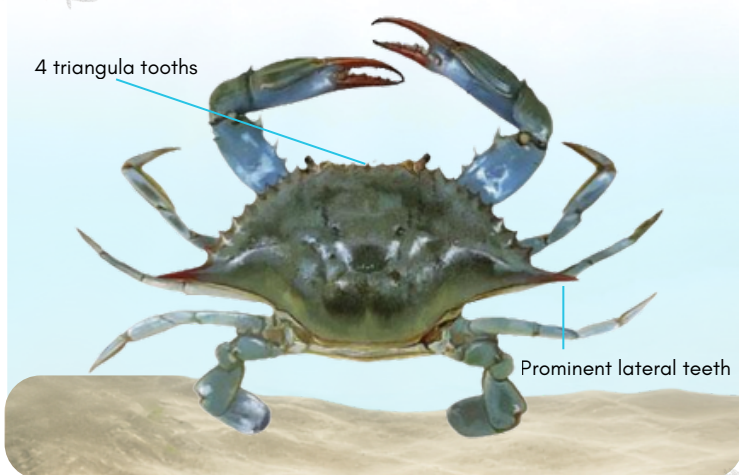
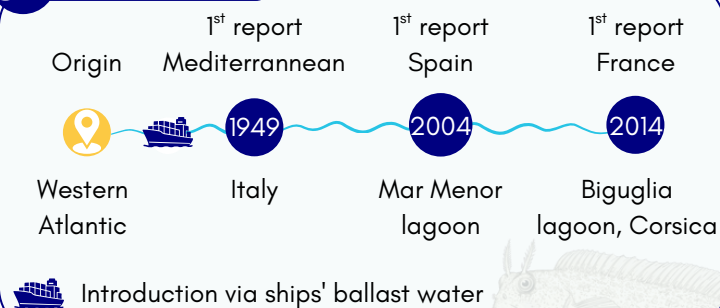


Blue

crab - *Callinectes sapidus*



ITS HISTORY



ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The American blue crab is **aggressive** toward other species and **competes** with native crabs for food and space. Economically, this species, which is commercially **harvested** in its native range, is beginning to be fished in the Mediterranean, particularly in Spain. However, its expansion is causing **economic losses** for fishermen as it damages fishing gear and preys on commercial species.

FUN FACTS

Capable of laying **2 million eggs** per year

Can travel **15 km** in a single day

High culinary interest

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

Carapace : Smooth and oval with blue-green **lateral spines**

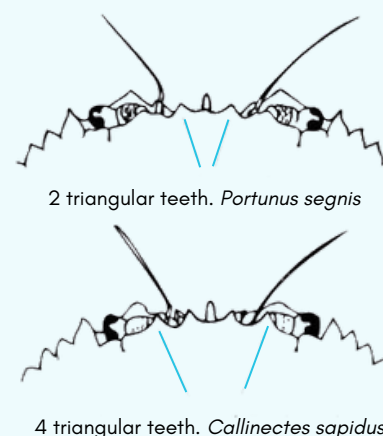
Claws : **Asymmetrical** (one large claw for crushing and one small claw for grasping), **bright blue** in males, **reddish-orange** in females



SIMILAR SPECIES

Blue swimming crab *Portunus segnis*

Mediterranean non-indigenous species



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