

Japanese spider crab

The Japanese spider crab is the largest crab alive. Fully grown it can reach a weight of up to 20 kg or 44 pounds. The crab's natural habitat is on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean around Japan where it feeds on dead animals and shellfish. It is believed to have a life expectancy of up to 100 years. This particular type of crab is feared by some fishermen and sailors because some of the larger ones have been seen eating the flesh of drowned men.



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