

Soldier crab

Mictyris longicarpus



Adaptation to environment

- When disturbed, burrows corkscrew-like into sand for protection
- Thousands of crabs march like armies across intertidal zone, providing relative safety in numbers.

Feeding relationships

Where do I live? Mangrove Shore

What do I eat?

- Plant & animal matter: sorts through muddy sand-flats on the outgoing tide
- Leaves the beach covered with little balls of sand.

What eats me?

- Shore birds, including herons & kingfishers
- Fish & stingrays.

- To more than 25 mm
- Sky-blue, ball-like body
- Can walk forwards, unlike other crabs that only walk sideways.