






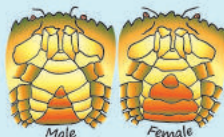


# Crabbing with Kindness!

**Crabbing is fun! Here are some top tips on how to keep your crabs safe and well.**

*Crabs are hardy but, as with any living thing, they deserve our care and respect.*

-  Don't overcrowd buckets with crabs – you can always catch them again!
-  Crabs need oxygen from seawater – fill and replenish the water frequently.
-  If crabs start to fight, tip them back immediately. Place some seaweed in the bucket; this seems to calm them.
-  Handle carefully – they will nip in self defence!
-  Gently tip the bucket out at water level to let them go.



**Spot the difference!**



## Did you know...?

Shore crabs are found throughout the estuary. Their early life stages are planktonic and in the adult stage they must shed their shell many times in order to grow.



Crabs feed in a variety of ways: scavenging, crushing molluscs, sifting through the mud and snatching food from the water.



Thank you!

