



Japanese Spider Crab

This type of crab is the largest in the world. They live at the bottom of the ocean, where it is very dark and cold. Can you see the perfect symmetry between the left and right sides?



Male
Unknown
Macrocheira kaempferi
Kagoshima (Okinawa, Japan)

Time for a Close-Up
Can you see that the Japanese spider crab has

Two claws in front and eight other legs? Notice the white teeth on the inside of the claws.

A shadow on his stomach made by his enormous claws?

A band across his abdomen? It's called an apron, and females have wider ones.

Check out his face! See his eyes, tentacles, and mouth?



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Parts

