**Land Hermit Crab**

**Native to:** Costal Regions around the Indo Pacific

**Predators:**  Shore birds, Lizards, Small Mammals

**Food:**  Omnivores who scavenge mostly dead animal and plant matter along the shore and beaches in which they live.

**Facts:**.

* They can grow to almost a half-pound in weight
* They spend most of their lives after they have went though their adult stage on land in their shell that they found in the ocean during development.
* The are nocturnal scavengers and eat many forms of rotting food along the areas where they reside.
* They can be found as far inland as up to 100 meters away from the ocean. To stop from drying out they actually drink fresh water and brackish water.
* They can live upwards of 20 to 40 years in the wild with records of 70-year-old individuals.
* They go longer periods of time than another crabs without water and still survive.
* They are now very common in the pet trade but do not usually do as well as in the wild because they are not given the right conditions for success.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Claws
* Shells

**Reproduction:**

* Females brood their larva in their shells then deposit them in ocean to grow and develop.

**Lifespan:** Live can live up to 20 to 40 yrs in the wild but usually not as long in captivity.

**Handling Tips:**

He is relatively easy to handle hold him gently in your hands do no allow him to drop can damage his shell. Also beware of the claws.