



Halloween Moon Crab

Gecarcinus quadratus

Care Sheet

Average Size

2 - 4 inches long

Average Lifespan

5 - 10 years

Diet

Halloween Moon Crabs are scavengers. Prepared crab foods can be used along with other items such as raw coconut, seeds, peanut butter, small pieces of fruit, greens, freeze dried crickets, mealworms and shrimp. A source of calcium such as a cuttlebone is recommended.

Feeding

Halloween Moon Crabs are scavengers and prefer having food available at all times.

Housing

Habitat - Halloween Moon Crabs are mainly found along the Pacific Coast in places such as Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama. Halloween Moon Crabs do like to climb. Provide pieces of cork bark of varying sizes and heights to allow them to move around the enclosure. Halloween Moon Crabs primarily hunt and forage at night and are buried/hiding during the day.

Size - Halloween Moon Crabs should be kept in no less than a 20-gallon enclosure for individuals. However, Halloween moon crabs are found in groups in the wild and do best when kept with others of the same species which would require a larger enclosure.

Substrate - Halloween Moon Crabs like a moist, deep, sand/soil substrate that will allow for them to burrow and properly molt. In the wild they can create a network of burrows 3 foot deep.

Temperature - Temperatures between 75-90°F are perfect for Halloween Moon Crabs which can be achieved with a heat lamp or under tank heater.

Humidity - The humidity of the enclosure should also be kept relatively high at 80% humidity.

Watering - Halloween Moon Crabs require both fresh and saltwater pools that are easy to get in and out of. Halloween Moon Crabs always need access to water to keep their gills moist.

Lighting - Since this is a nocturnal species, it requires only one light bulb. This is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. There is no current proof that the animal requires UVB light, although some keepers prefer to provide UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.



 Follow us