

## HABITAT

- Tolerates a wide range of salinities (salt content)
- Rock, sand, mud, shell and other materials
- Found in depths of up to 20 feet

## LOCATION

**Native to:** Atlantic Coast of Europe and Africa

**In Delaware:** Lower Delaware Bay and inlets



# European Green Crab

*Carcinus maenas*

**INVASIVE**

## HOW TO IDENTIFY

- Shell is mottled and varies in color
- 5 spines on each side of shell
- Yellow spots on belly
- Last walking legs are flat
- Maximum size is 3 inches

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

- Aggressive predator – able to crush mussels and snails
- Competes with other crabs for food and space