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The colours of fiddler crabs



spoon-shaped tips are used for scooping food into its mouth. The male fiddler crab will die of hunger if both claws were oversized. They eat the algae and detritus that they separate from the grains of sand and mud. Because sand and mud contain little organic material, the crab must feed continuously to survive.

Fiddler crabs dig tunnels into the mud which loosen and aerate the soil. This helps the mangrove seedlings to grow better.

Taking their photos will need a lot of patient. They never smile to my camera and they always stay near to their burrows, so

they can retreat into the holes quickly, before I can approach them close enough. I have to wait a long time to see them come out from their burrows again. I even bring a small chair with me, sit there and wait for a photographic opportunity under hot sun.

That's why it took me more than six months to photograph only six or seven species of them. Human do not eat fiddler crab but they can kill the crabs by pollution. Please keep our wetlands (rivers, mangrove swamp, lakes, etc.) clean, so they can live happy forever.

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