

# Does fiddler crab's **major claw** have a role in **body temperature** regulation?

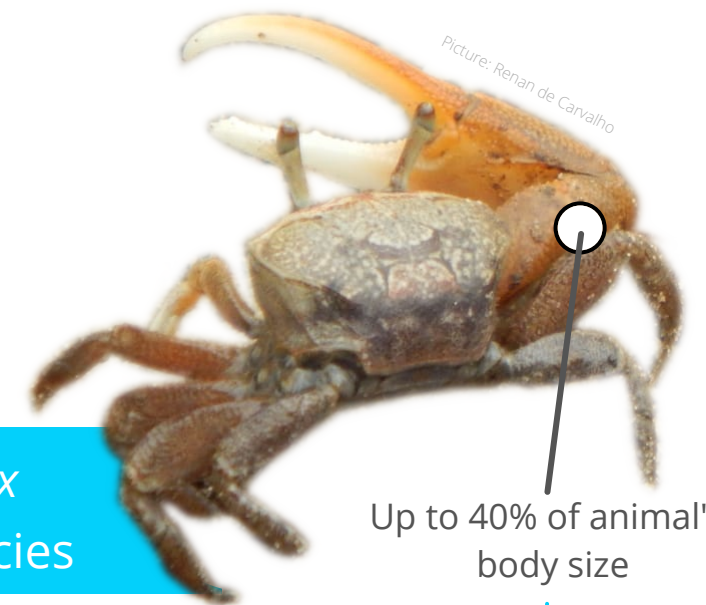
Intact and declawed organisms



Temperature ramp: **25°C to 37°C\***  
(1°C/6 min)

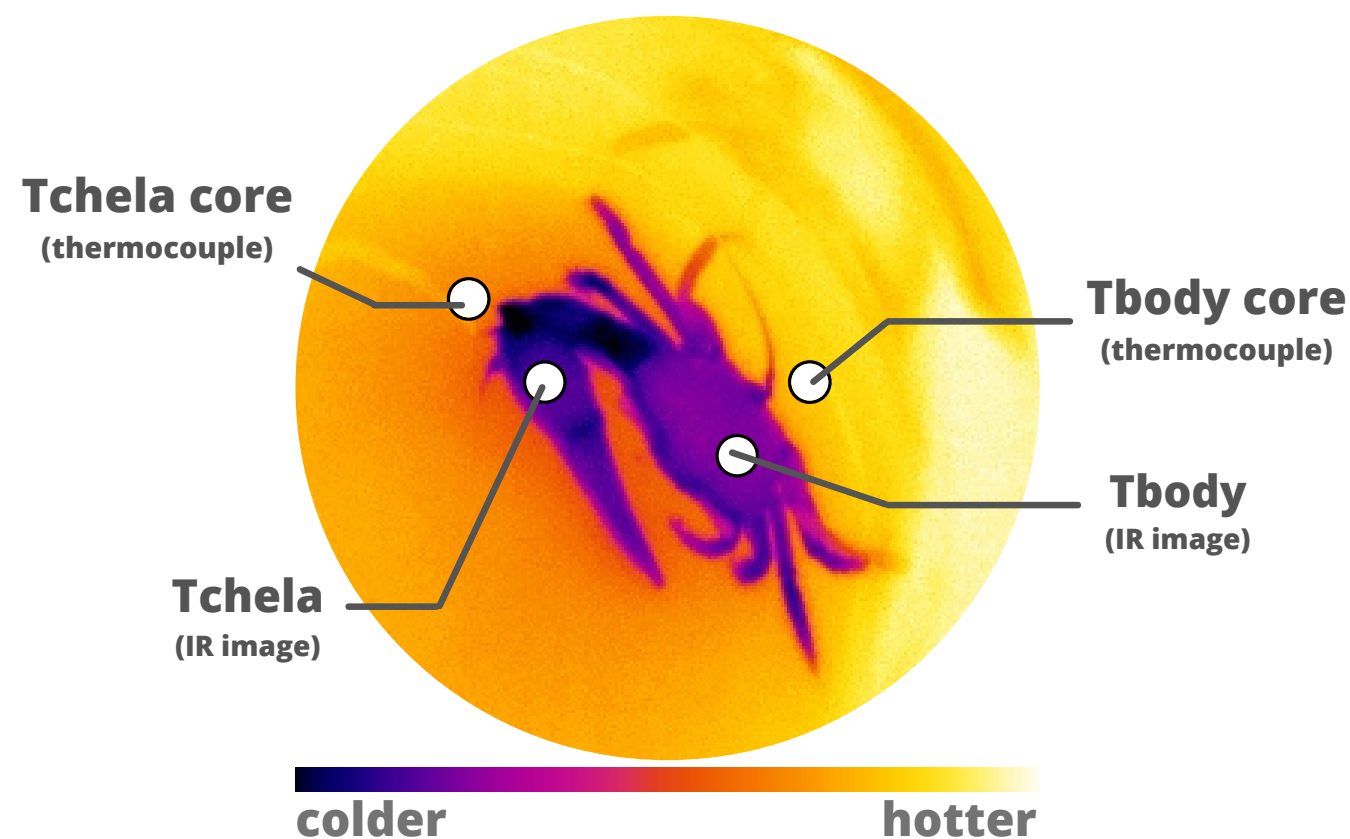
**Evaporative Water Loss (EWL)**

*Minuca rapax*  
Generalist species



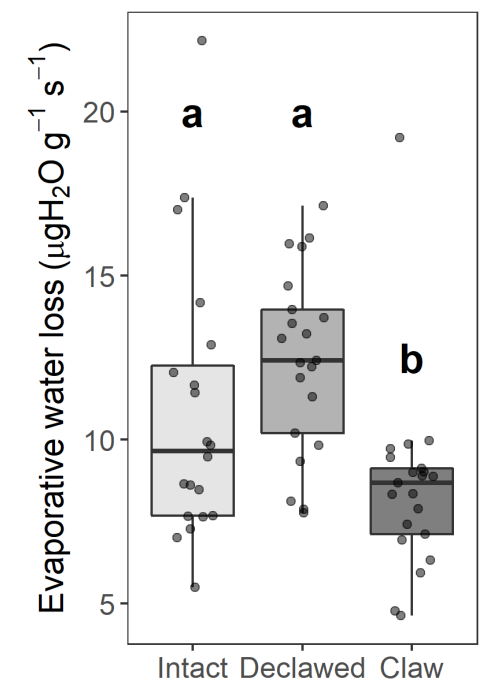
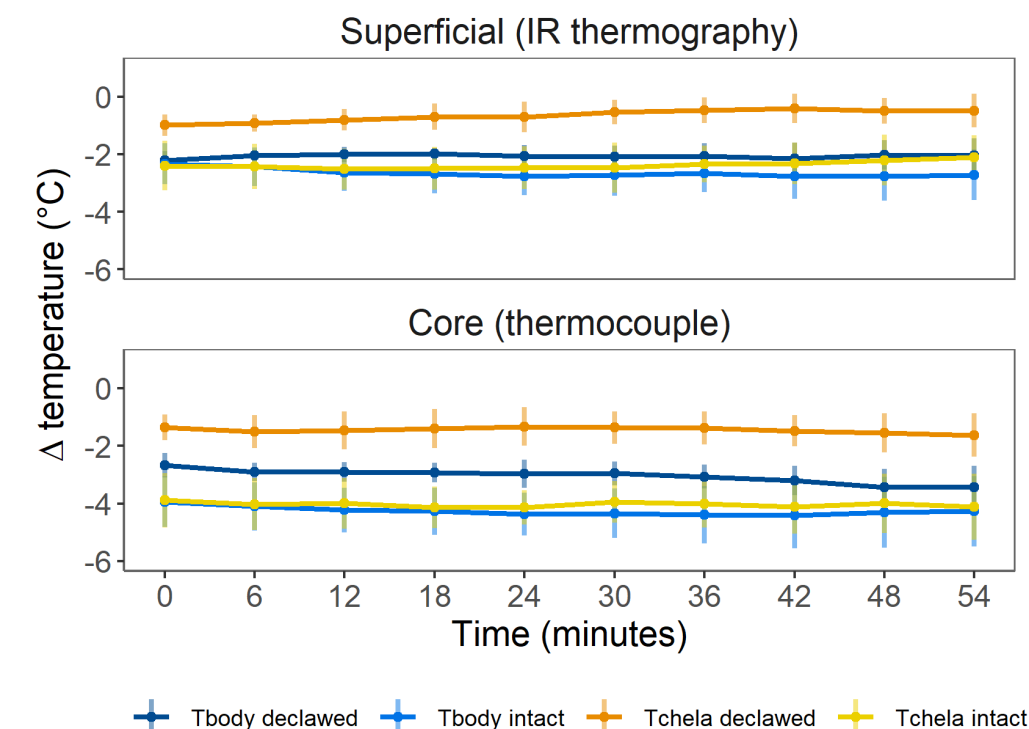
Up to 40% of animal's body size

Role in temperature regulation  
(Darnell and Munguia 2011)



Major claw: assisted in managing increased heat loads.

Major claw: lower EWL rates - **thermoregulatory function not associated to evaporative cooling.**



\*Here, showing results for up to 34°C (consistency in replicates n)  
Darnell, M. Z., and Munguia, P. (2011). Thermoregulation as an alternate function of the sexually dimorphic fiddler crab claw. Am. Nat. 178, 419–428. doi:10.1086/661239.

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