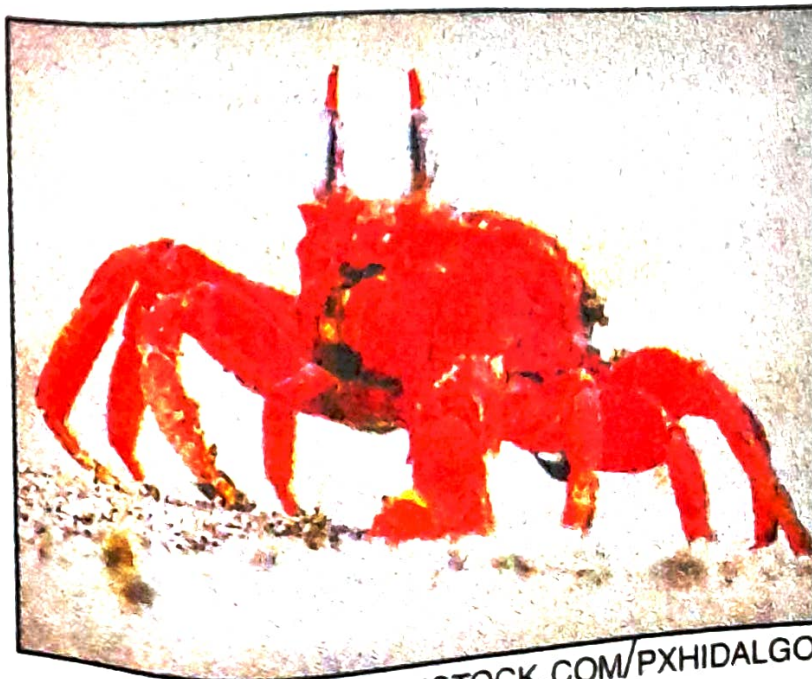


Side walk

■ The famous sideways walk of crabs may be traced back to a single evolutionary moment 200 million years ago. Researchers at the University of Nagasaki in Japan found that most modern crabs inherited this trait from one ancestor — and never looked back. The movement likely gave them an edge, helping them dodge predators with quick, unpredictable bursts. It's a rare example of a behaviour evolving once and then dominating an entire group.

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