

Ghatiana Karnataka

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A beat forester from Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary, Udupi has scientifically described a new freshwater crab species, Ghatiana Karnataka.

About Ghatiana Karnataka

- It is a new species of **freshwater crab**.
- It was discovered from **Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary** in **Karnataka**.
- It is the **15th species of the Ghatiana** family to be **discovered in the Western Ghats**, and **eight of them, including the latest one, are endemic to Karnataka**.
 - **Ghatiana** is a **genus of freshwater crabs** found among the **Western Ghats** in India.
- Unlike the other species of Ghatiana that are hard to find during the dry seasons, Ghatiana Karnataka was **recorded in all the seasons**.
- **Habitat:**
 - They live **near perennial streams** and in **evergreen or semi-evergreen forests**.

- During the monsoon, they can be found on laterite rocks, and during other seasons, inside the tree cavities that are moist.
- It has a **dark purple body** and **light pink claws**, which are distinct from the seven other species of Ghatiana that were discovered in Karnataka.

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