An art exhibition at the aquarium

~ get a better understanding of crustaceans' life with natural history paintings ~

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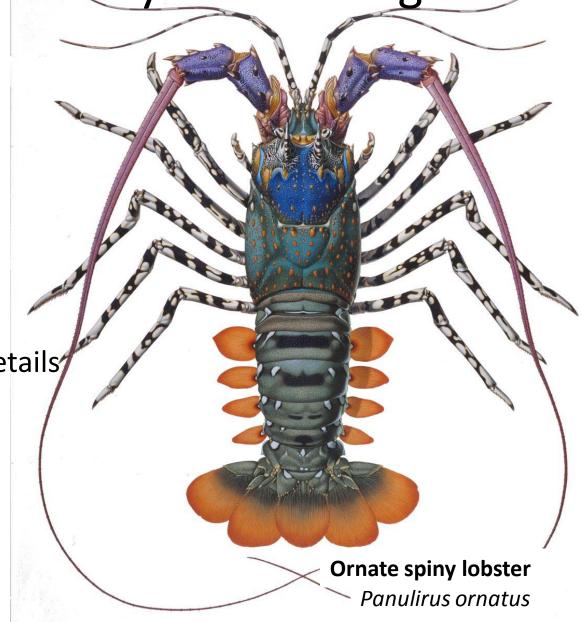
Crustaceans drawn by Chisato Sugiura



Chisato Sugiura (1962~2001)

 Beautifully-recreated details and colors of live form

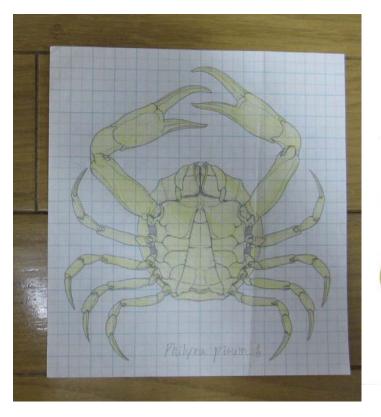
 Three dimensional appearance



Deepen visitor's understandings in the crustaceans' life with paintings

(The purpose of exhibiting his works at the aquarium)

 Accurately-described paintings enable to observe detailed structure (Usually, it is very difficult because • • •).



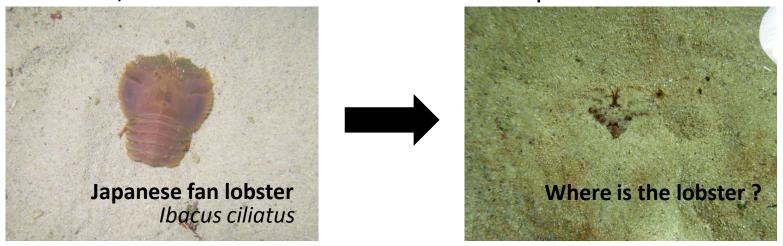


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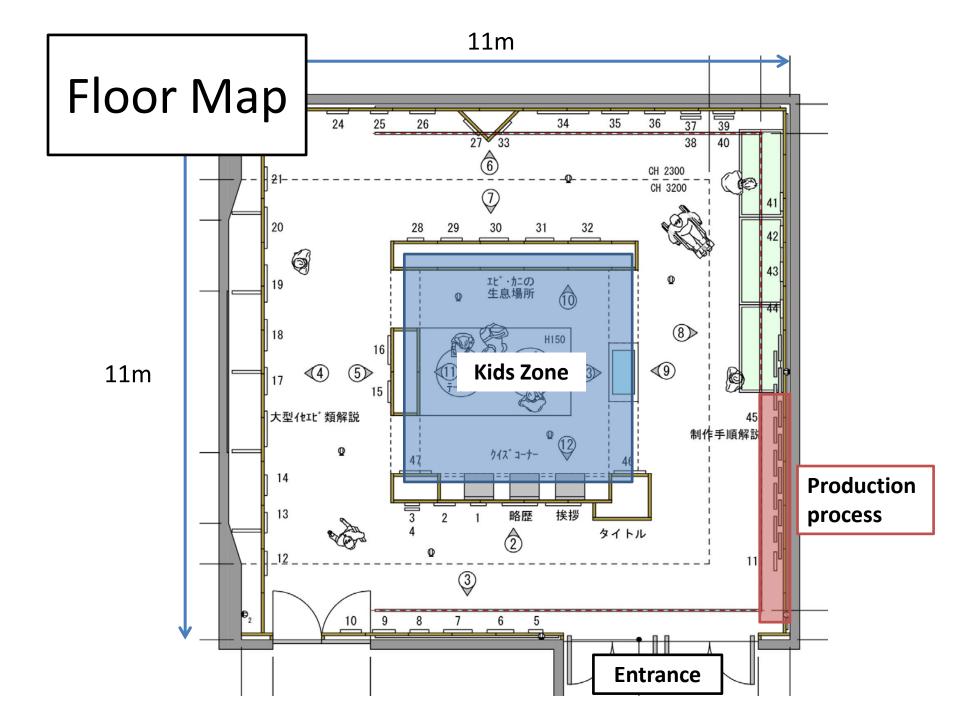
(The purpose of exhibiting his works at the aquarium)

- In aquariums, it is not easy to display their whole outlook.
- Often, visitors don't even notice their presence.



- Try to present interesting biological aspect of crustaceans with Sugiura's paintings.
- Try to exhibit his paintings not just as art works, but in aquarium's way.





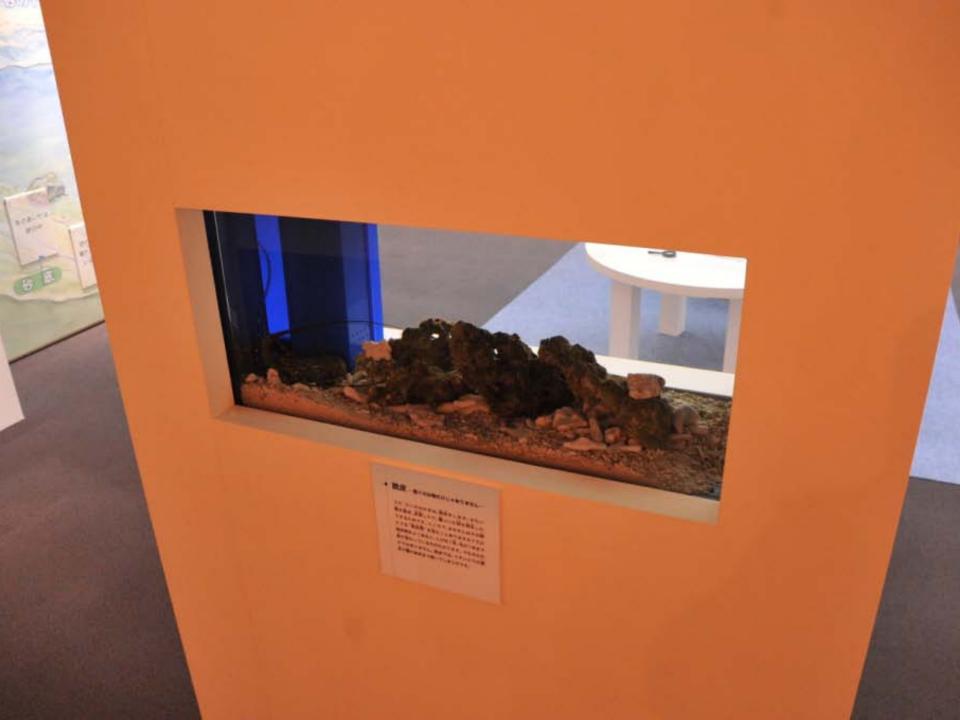
Contents of the exhibits

- Paintings of Sugiura
 - Natural history paintings: 55 paintings (crustaceans: 52, others: 3)
 - Production process: 13 panels
 - Other paintings: 2paintings
- Live Exhibit
 - Painted spiny lobster (Panulirus versicolor)
- Kids zone
 - Shed shells of crustaceans: 6 species









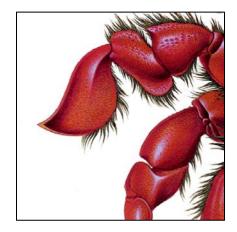


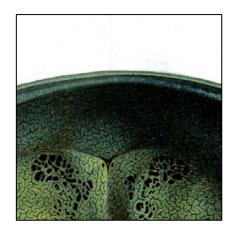
Displaying methods 1

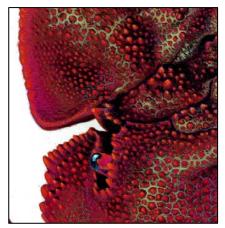
- a Magnifying glass
 - Observe Intricate details closely

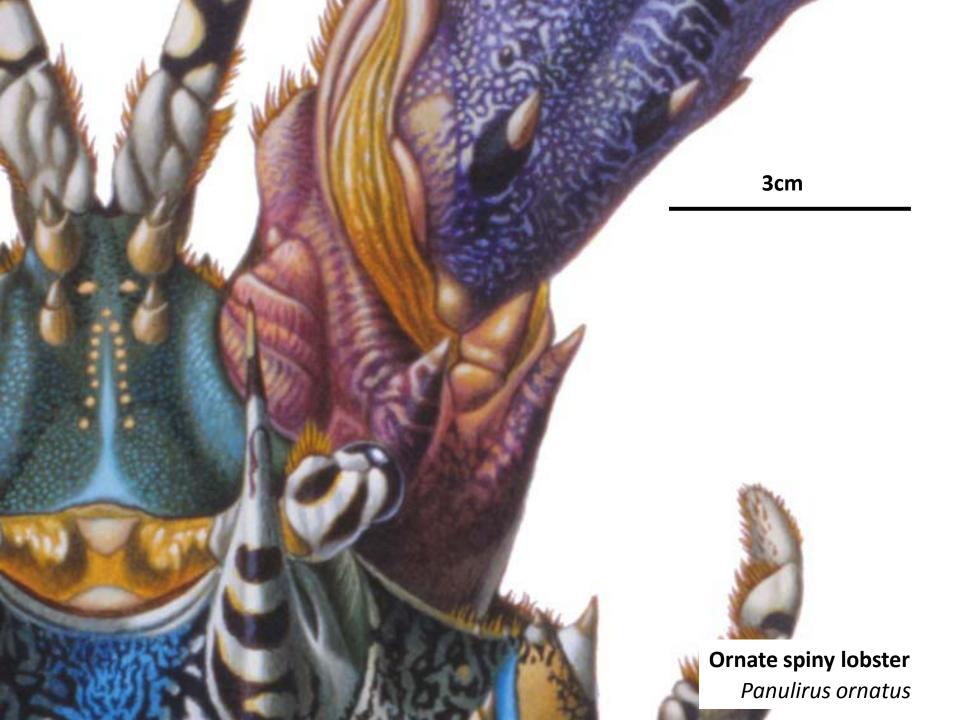


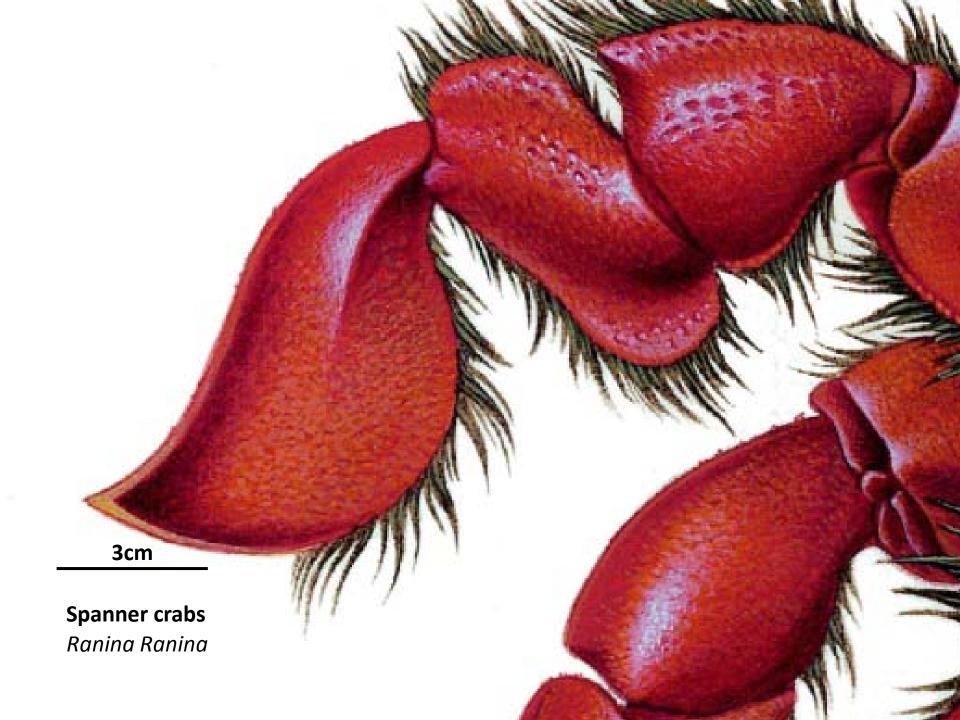




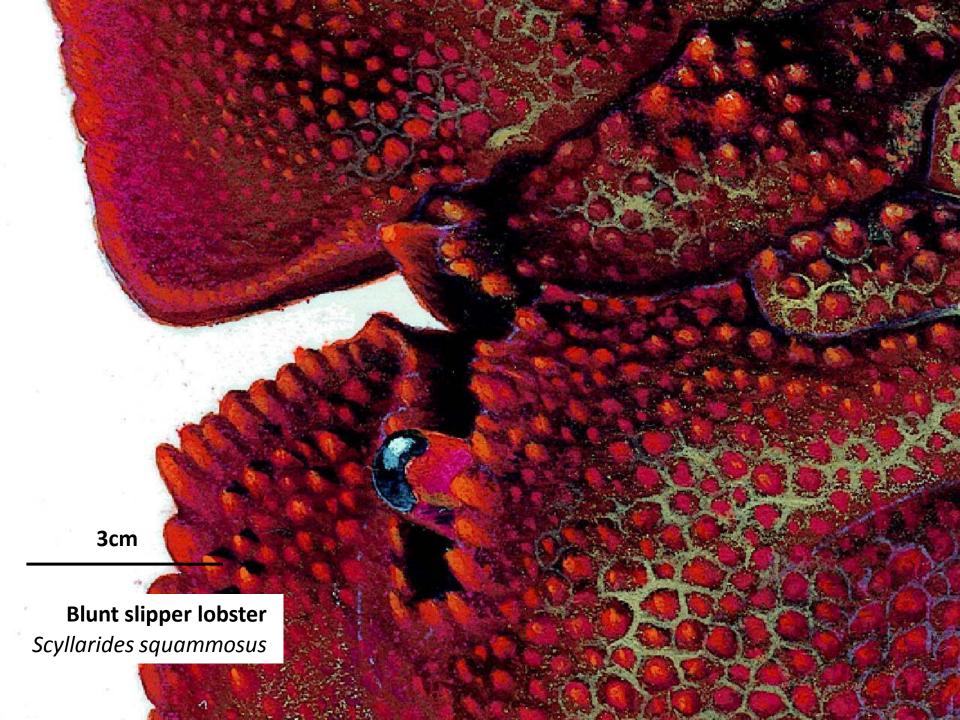












Displaying methods 2-1

- Give a biological explanation
 - Understand the characters, their function and the connection of life styles



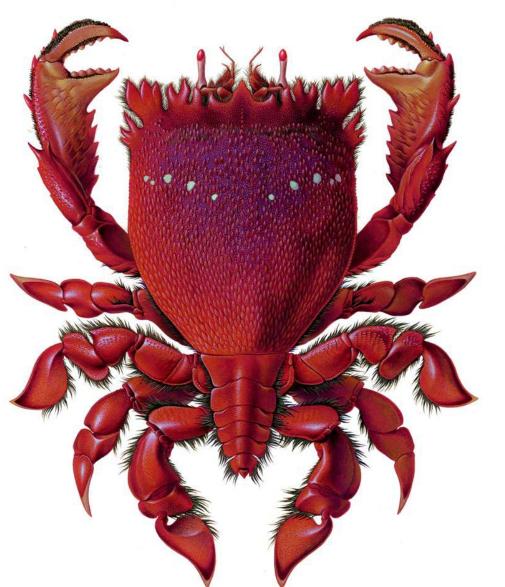
American lobster

(Homarus americanus) NEPHROPIAE

Check out their claws!

American lobsters have two big claws. The right-hand claw called "pincers", are utilised to tear and hold. The thick and powerful left-hand claw called "crushers", are utilised to crack. If they grew up in the tank without gravel or sands, both of two claws would be pincers.

Displaying methods 2-2



Spanner crabs

(Ranina Ranina) RANINIDAE

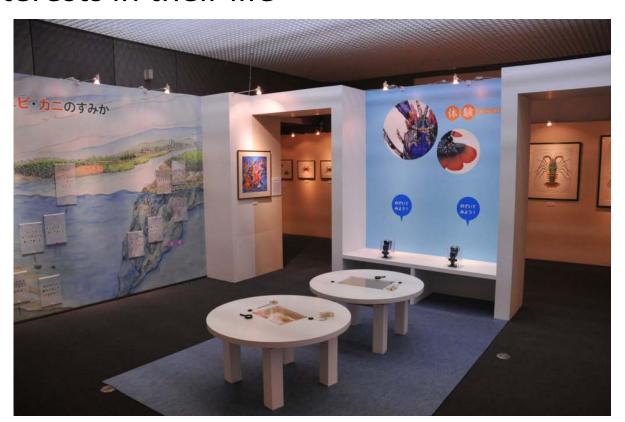
I am a good sand diver.

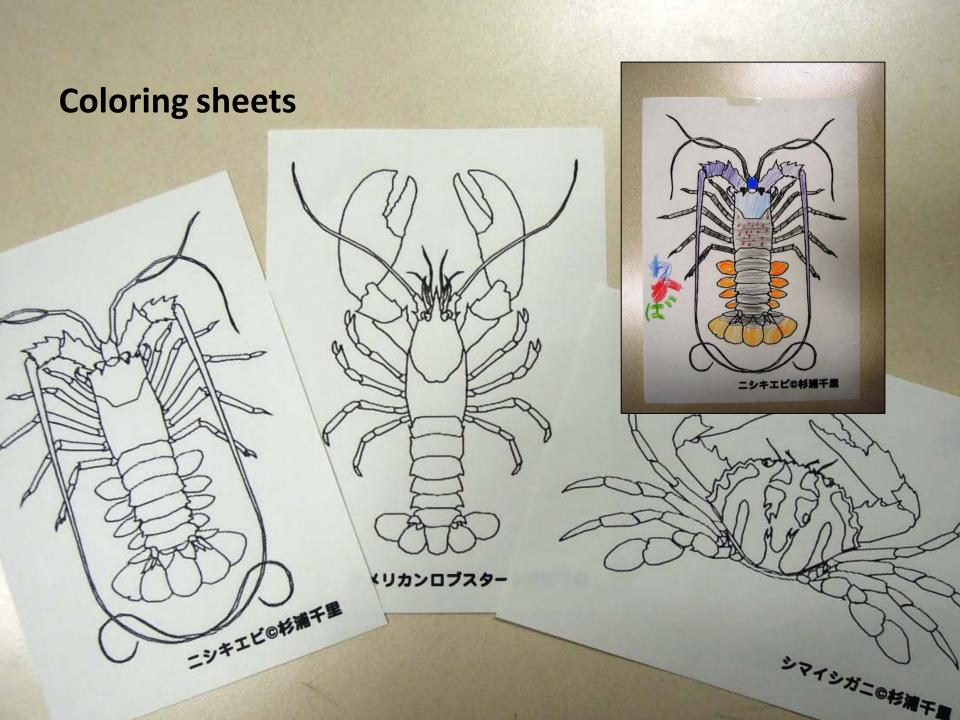
Look at the legs of this crab. The end of their legs are flat. Spanner crab is usually buried in sand, and this shape of the legs are useful to dig sands. When they hide in the sands, they make strokes with legs and move backward.

As just described, the shape of crabs vary depend on their life styles. Please compare with different species.

Displaying methods 3

- Kids Zone
 - Observe crustacean's body forms, and have interests in their life











Reviewing visitors' voice

- Impressed by the details of the paintings
 - "Looks like Photos!", "Never imagined how beauty shrimps and crabs really are.", "How minute they are!"



At least, they noticed the details of crustaceans' body form. They might have interests in the connection between biological characters and life styles of the crustaceans.





Reviewing kids' voice

- Less attention to the paintings
- Looked at shed shells intently and do colorings by imitating Sugiura's paintings

At least, they were aware that crustaceans have variation forms and colors.





Was the purpose achieved?

 We think that visitors had interests in biological aspects of crustaceans in his amazing paintings as a starter.

 By adding the scientific information, potential values of Sugiura's paintings were enhanced.







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