**Figure 1: Mangroves are home for unique biodiversity and support local fisheries. This picture shows *Parasesarma leptosoma,* a crab adapted to an arboreal life grazing leaves. Crab activity in mangrove forests is an essential part of the soil carbon cycle.**

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**Picture taken by Davidas Valaitis in the mangrove forests of Gazi Bay, Southern Kenya (June 2006)**