



Noble Crayfish (*Astacus astacus*)

Size: Length, males up to 16 cm; females up to 12.7 cm **Weight:** Males up to 142 g; females up to 60 g

Habitat: Prefers highly oxygenated water with soft, sandy banks **Surviving number:** Unknown



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Pristine, please. With very little tolerance for pollution, the noble crayfish prefers aquatic environments in their most pure, untouched state. It pursues an omnivorous diet, from worms and aquatic insects to mollusks and plants. But an invisible enemy has invaded the streams that feed it: crayfish plague. This fearsome infection not only wipes out populations, but also persists in the

crustacean's habitat, preventing reintroduction or colonization. Will the noble crayfish lose its pristine paradise forever?

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