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*The hermit crab trade* consumes thousands of shells from the ocean every year, depriving wild crabs of already scarce homes. **Please, help end the plight of the hermies. Never purchase a hermit crab; always adopt a crab in need.**

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