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Tachypleus gigas, with a bizarre appearance and horseshoe shaped body is one of the four extant species of the present world, basically unchanged for last 200 million years. The animal had noticed the drifting of Continental Shelf and the rising mountains. It roams along the coastline of Bay of Bengal sharing the space with other closest relative, Tachypleus (=Carcinoscorpius, n. comb.) rotundicauda. For mankind, study of the hemolymph and eye of these has led to medical breakthrough. Care should be taken immediately to protect these unique and harmless marine creatures, considered now as the "threatened" and "endangered" species from the verge of extinction.