

#### **Lionfish Update**

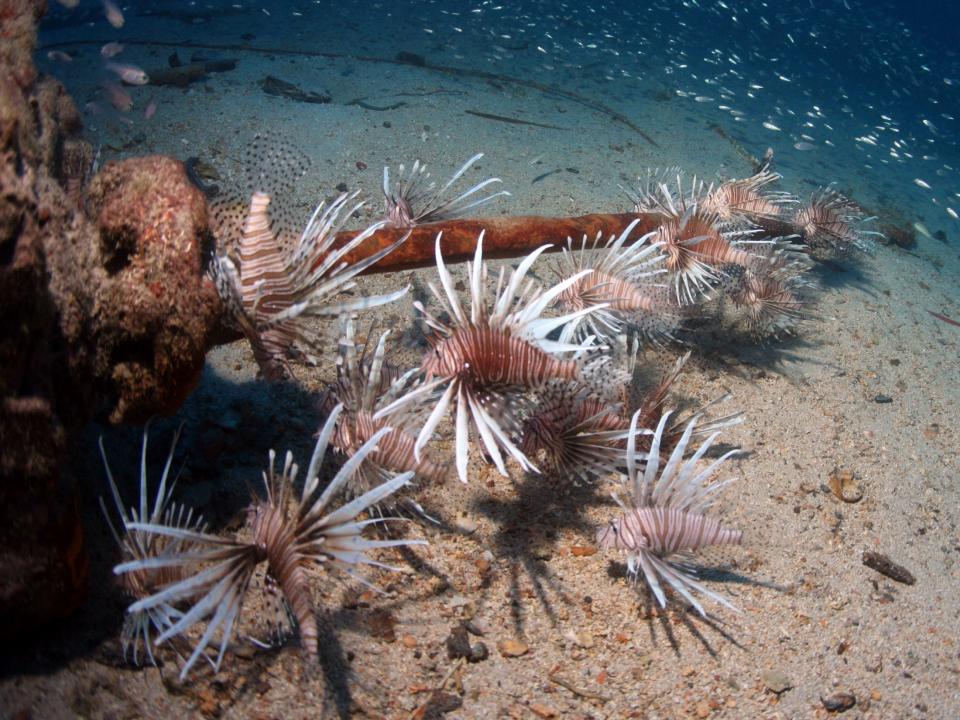


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# Lionfish in the Atlantic





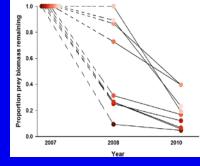






- Papers
- Collecting/Handling Workshops
- Derbies
- Reporting
- NPS Control strategy (Chris)
- ANSTF Ad-Hoc committee (James)
- Regional Best Practices Manual
- Current Research
- Media





- Papers
  - Green et al (consumption rates 3x lab estimates)
  - Green et al (65% decline in prey)
  - Cote and Green (climate change affect local control)
  - Badillo et al (sting paralysis)
  - Munoz et al (hardbottom diet variation)
  - Layman and Algiers (diet specialization)
  - Jud et al (lionfish in estuaries 5.5km)
  - Jud and Layman (site fidelity in Loxahatchee)



- Collecting/Handling Workshops
  - -WFL (Ft Myers, St Pete, Destin) (USFW)
  - SE FL (Miami, Palm Beach, Broward) (CPI w/ Seagrant)
  - Keys (FKNMS)
  - GCFI, Bahamas (NFWF)







- REEF Derbies
  - Abaco
  - Palm Beach
  - Fort Lauderdale
  - Miami
  - Key Largo
- Many other international







- Reporting
  - ~half dozen reports/day
  - mostly internet
  - working on phone app
  - standardize reporting numbers (?)







- NPS Lionfish Response Plan (Chris)
- ANSTF Ad-Hoc lionfish committee (James)

## <u>Update</u>

- Regional Best Practices Manual
  - 5 chapters (Management Framework,
    - Education/Outreach, Control, Monitoring, Research)
  - Published through GCFI (new series)
  - Available summer 2012





- Current Research
  - Lobster by-catch
  - Removal frequency
  - Microhabitat association
  - Target density
  - Re-colonization





- Media
  - Print
  - CNN International
  - NBC Nightly
  - ZED (French TV)
  - NOS Podcast
  - Pet amnesty day
  - Cookbook reprint



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### <u>Upcoming</u>

- Research
  - acoustic tagging
  - derby effectiveness
  - movement
  - target densities
- Local control is effective
- Market development many locations offering LF, 6,000 lbs Gary Nichols, aquarium trade
- International training workshops
- Internet based training
- Regional strategy and web portal (GCFI)















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## Thank you!