



# INVASIVE LIONFISH BY THE NUMBERS

## BIOLOGY

**50,000**  
EGGS EVERY 3 DAYS

**1 YEAR**  
to maturity

**18**

**30**  
YEAR  
LIFESPAN

venomous  
spines

## DISTRIBUTION

**17X**  
DENSITY in Atlantic  
vs. native Pacific range

REACH DEPTHS  
of **1,000** feet

**1985** year  
first  
found  
off  
Miami  
FL



## CONTROL

**164** **restaurants**  
SERVING  
LIONFISH

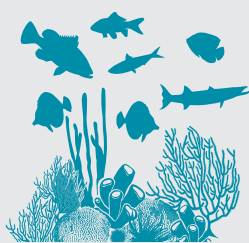
**51,420** lbs  
commercial lionfish caught in U.S.

**lbs**

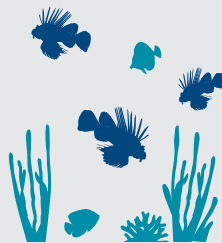
**28,770** lionfish  
**REMOVED**  
during REEF sanctioned lionfish derbies

## IMPACTS

### INVASIVE SPECIES THREATEN CORAL REEFS



BEFORE INVASION

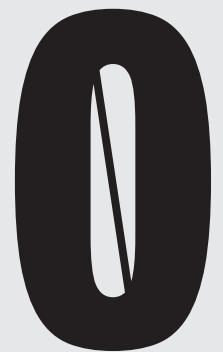


AFTER INVASION

**OVER 100**  
PREY FISH SPECIES

1,000 lionfish can consume

**5 MILLION**  
PREY FISH IN 1 YEAR



**KNOWN PREDATORS**

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