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Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotfin Lionfish

Pterois antennata

The lionfish is a superb predator and, in the Atlantic, an ecological catastrophe. Native to the Indo-Pacific, it was introduced to the western Atlantic and Caribbean, where nothing recognises it as …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Scorpaenidae
Habitat: Coral reefs and rocky reef environments
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-15 years
Weight: 0.2-0.5 kg
Scientific name: Pterois antennata

Did you know?

- Despite their threatening appearance, Spotfin Lionfish are sometimes preyed upon by large groupers and eels that are immune to their venom.
- In the Atlantic it is a devastating invader — nothing there recognises it as dangerous, and nothing eats it. It herds small fish against the reef wit…

What I learned

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