

Deadliest Catch: Lionfish

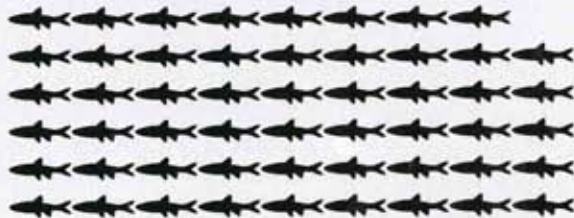
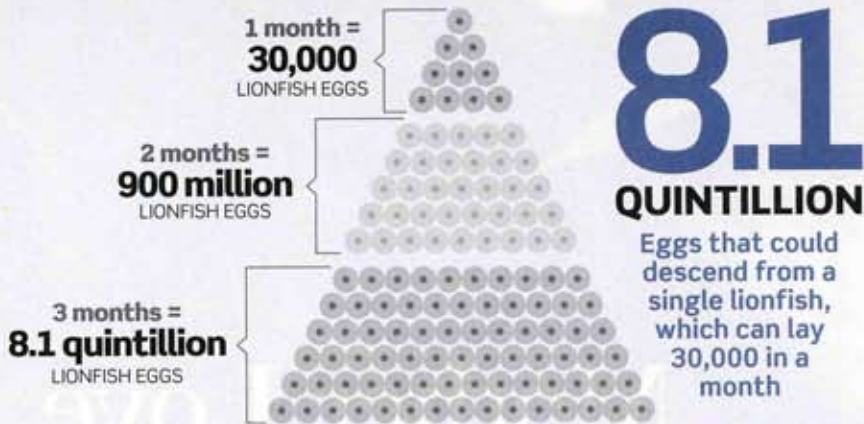
Lionfish, also called turkey fish, dragon fish and scorpion fish, are native to the reefs and rocky crevices of the Indo-Pacific, although they've found their way to warm ocean habitats worldwide.



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LIONFISH JUST ATE THAT TOO

Their diet includes mollusk, jawfish (1), yellowtail snapper, bluehead wrasse, rainbow wrasse, razorfish (2), striped parrotfish, stoplight parrotfish, hamlet (3), shrimp (4), bridled goby, arrow blenny, Nassau grouper (5), diamond blenny, creole wrasse (6), yellowhead wrasse, Spanish hogfish, masked goby, harlequin bass, tang (7), royal gramma, blackcap basslet, lizardfish, octopus (8), blue chromis, brown chromis, bicolor damselfish, mantis shrimp (9), belted cardinalfish, trumpetfish, Caribbean sharp-nose puffer, squirrelfish, goatfish and dozens more.



53 Highest number of juvenile fish found in the stomach of a single lionfish

Invasive lionfish are a threat not only because of their prolific breeding but also their voracious appetite — the species has a stomach that can expand to up to 30 times its normal size.