



Lionfish:

COMPETITIONS (SAFE HANDLING AND SPEARFISHING
TECHNIQUES) AND URGENT NEED OF HELP FROM
SCUBA DIVERS

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Objectives

- ORGANIZED EVENTS / COMPETITIONS
- SAFE HANDLING
- “CALL TO ARMS”



Organized events / Competitions

BENEFITS

- Reward divers for most, largest, and smallest lionfish harvested
- Organized scientific sampling
- Pulse of outreach and education
- Supplies the market with lionfish



Organized events / Competitions

TO – DO LIST

- Collaboration
- Incentivize
- Access / Legalize harvest activities



Techniques and Safe Handling

ESSENTIAL GEAR

- Zookeeper LCU
- Pole spear or sling
- Gloves
- “Oops” equipment



“CALL TO ARMS”

IMPORTANCE OF DIVER ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

- Outreach, commercialization, research, tournaments all depend on divers
- Working with divers to inform management
- Support the commercialization and harvest of lionfish





QUESTIONS?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4ZDXZDTXFO&t=2s>