

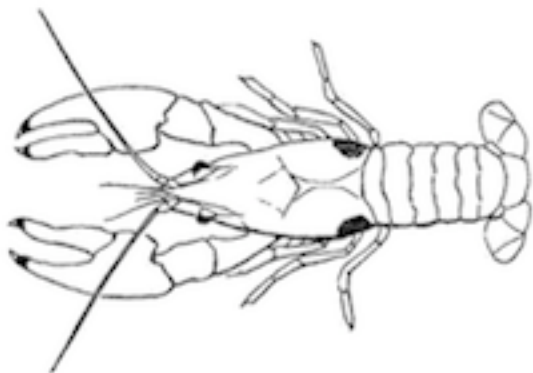


Lionfish

Pterois volitans



Invasive Species



Characteristics

- Body is white or cream colored with red to reddish-brown vertical stripes; stripes can be wide or thin
- Numerous long, venomous spines (dorsal and anal)
- Adults can grow to 15 in (38cm) and weigh 2.6 lb (1.2 kg)

Habitat

- Along U.S. east coast, waters of 13.8°–24.4°N
- Depth range of 33-575 ft (10-175 m)
- Hides in unexposed places at daytime, often with head down and nearly immobile



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