

# DO'S AND DON'TS OF LIONFISH MANAGEMENT



## PROMOTE LIONFISH HUNTING TOURISM

Helps support dive operators and tourism; divers need training and proper equipment.



## ALLOW HARVEST VIA SCUBA AND POLE SPEARS

Noncompliance can be mitigated by gear use restrictions and working with stakeholder groups.



## ENCOURAGE RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Derbies provide a participatory approach to conduct removals, research, and public education.



## ENCOURAGE COMMERCIAL MARKETS

Develop market-based solutions to control lionfish densities and diversify fishers' catches.



## ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT

Stakeholder engagement can support removals, market building, and strategic planning.



## DON'T RELY ON "BOUNTY" PROGRAMS

Funds can be quickly exhausted. Sustainable control is better achieved by improving education, stakeholder engagement, and lionfish fisheries.



## COORDINATE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT

Biological invasions require rapid and strategic management approaches with multinational cooperation.



## DON'T "TRAIN" NATIVE PREDATORS

Feeding speared lionfish to predators results in aggressive behavior by them towards divers.

