



Amended Terms of Reference ICRI Ad-Hoc Committee on Caribbean Regional Response to Lionfish Invasion

***Adopted by the participants of the ICRI 26th General Meeting
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The ICRI General Meeting agrees to extend the work of the ICRI Ad Hoc Committee to facilitate a coordinated response to the Lionfish invasion in the Caribbean region.

The Ad Hoc Committee will be co-chaired by Mexico, United States of America, the Regional Activity Centre for UNEP's SPAW Protocol (SPAW-RAC) and France. Participation is encouraged by other countries, territories and organizations within the region.

The Ad Hoc Committee will implement the following activities:

1. Guided by Cancun outcomes and questions identified below, draft a regional lionfish response strategy to identify and guide collaborative actions. Conduct a workshop to substantively review the draft regional strategy and develop a vision on regional elements of the response strategy. Governments in the region will be asked to nominate representatives to the workshop.
2. Continue to work with ICRI Secretariat to facilitate the dissemination and implementation of the Strategies and Practices for the invasive lionfish control in the Wider Caribbean.
3. Continue to raise awareness among the fishery and marine protected area managers on the lionfish threat and the need to develop effective local response plans.
4. Encourage governments and organizations working on this issue to participate actively by sharing best management practices identified in the Strategies and Practices for the invasive lionfish control, including through local workshops, as feasible, and by encouraging activities to implement the regional strategy
5. Launch a web portal to serve as a site for ongoing regional communication, current and credible scientific information, and access to best management practices and manager-training tools.