

Belize National Lionfish Management Strategy 2019 - 2023

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Objective 1

To establish a multi-stakeholder Lionfish Working Group in 2019 that will coordinate lionfish management, monitoring and evaluation.

Completed



Objective 2

To establish at least one seafood processing facility that will purchase lionfish from fishers by 2020.

Not Accomplished



Objective 3

To establish a lionfish tourism certification scheme that will adequately address associated risks, supports the needs of marine tour operators, and supports lionfish management priorities by 2020.

**Not Fully Accomplished –
Brigades Established**



Objective 4

By 2021

- All lionfish tournaments registering with the Lionfish Working Group
- Raise awareness about the lionfish invasion
- Provide economic benefits to host communities
- Record data to national database.

Partially Accomplished



Objective 5

Lionfish control in Belize's no take zones (NTZ) has been implemented by 2021.

Completed



Objective 6

Conduct consistent education and outreach programmes about lionfish with a wide range of stakeholders.

Partially Accomplished



Objective 7

Increase the value of lionfish catch through diversified product markets.

Partially Accomplished



Objective 8

Conduct research and monitoring to fill identified knowledge gaps and evaluate lionfish control actions.

- National Lionfish Monitoring Plan
- Lionfish assessment at one of Belize's atolls.
- Systematic monitoring of lionfish landings from fishery, tourism and tournaments.
- Conduct social research every three years to enable adaptive management

Ongoing



Objective 9

Ensure adequate funding is available for consistent implementation of lionfish control activities, as well as monitoring and evaluation.

Ongoing



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