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Lionfish: The Beautiful Invader

Short Answer Key

1. Lionfish venomous spines protect them from predators by causing a painful sting.
2. Lionfish harm coral reefs by eating small fish that help control harmful algae.
3. Lionfish eat small fish, shrimp, and crabs. This affects the ecosystem because it removes animals that are important for the health of coral reefs.
4. An invasive species is an animal or plant that moves to a new area and causes harm to the environment, animals, or humans.
5. Humans are helping by catching and eating lionfish to reduce their population.

