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Lionfish: What Threatens the Hunter?

Short Answer Key

1. Groupers, sharks, and moray eels are natural predators of lionfish.
2. Humans reduce lionfish populations by catching them, hosting tournaments, and serving them as food.
3. Environmental changes like rising ocean temperatures, pollution, and coral reef destruction can harm lionfish.
4. Lionfish use their venomous spines to protect themselves by discouraging predators from attacking them.
5. Diseases and parasites can weaken lionfish, making it harder for them to hunt or avoid predators.