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Lionfish: What Threatens the Hunter?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Lionfish have fewer natural predators in invasive areas because the local animals are not used to hunting them or are afraid of their venomous spines.
2. Pollution and coral reef destruction could reduce the hiding and hunting areas for lionfish, possibly lowering their survival rates.
3. If humans stopped hunting lionfish, their populations in invasive areas might grow too quickly, harming local ecosystems by eating too many smaller fish.
4. Lionfish survive threats by using their venomous spines for defense, adapting to different environments, and reproducing quickly to keep their populations strong.

