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Scientific Name: -*Pterois miles*

Family: Scorpaenidae

Common Name: Lionfish

Physical Characteristics:

Lionfish typically have elongated bodies with colourful stripes or patterns, long flowing fins, and feathery tentacles above their eyes and below their mouths. Their appearance is often described as ornate and majestic, resembling a lion's mane, which is why they are called "lionfish".

Geographical Distribution:

Native to the Indo-Pacific region, including the Red Sea, East Africa, and throughout Southeast Asia to Australia and Japan.

Economic Importance:

While they are attractive in the aquarium trade, they pose significant ecological challenges as invasive species in the Atlantic Ocean. Economically, they hold value in the aquarium industry and as a targeted species for invasive control and culinary use. Effective management and conservation efforts are essential to balance their impact in native and non-native regions.

