Table S1. Texas Gulf Coast county resident lionfish consumption survey questionnaire.

Note: Response options are separated by a semicolon (;).

Question	Response Options
Please select your age range:	Less than 18 years; 18-24; 25-39; 40-64; 65 years and over
What is your gender	Male; Female
Which of the following do you most closely identify with?	White; Hispanic or Latino; African American; Asian; Other race/ethnic group (please specify)
In which county do you reside?	Aransas County; Brazoria County; Calhoun County; Cameron County; Chambers County; Galveston County; Harris County; Jackson County; Jefferson County; Kenedy County; Kleberg County; Liberty County; Matagorda County; Nueces County; Orange County; Refugio County; San Patricio County; Victoria County; Willacy County; Other County
Do you agree to participate?	Yes; No
What would you say is your level of knowledge of lionfish? Rate yourself on the following scale, where 0 "no knowledge" and 10 "expert knowledge".	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Indicate your level of concern for impacts lionfish can have on each of the listed items. Recreational fisheries; Commercial fisheries; Coral reefs; Native fish populations; Coastal economy; Tourism and recreation; SCUBA diving operations; Offshore energy production	Not concerned; Somewhat concerned; Neutral; Concerned; Very Concerned
Would you support control efforts aimed at reducing the impacts of lionfish in the Gulf of Mexico?	Yes; No
Indicate how important it is to you to have the following areas managed to control lionfish populations. Coral reefs; Marine Protected Areas; Artificial reefs; Estuaries; Boat docks and ports; Coasts used for recreational activities; Offshore oil and gas platforms	Not important; Somewhat important; Neutral; Important; Very important
Who do you think should be responsible for controlling the lionfish populations?	Federal government fishery managers (e.g. National Marine Fisheries Service); State government fishery managers (e.g. Texas Parks and Wildlife); Recreational water-sport owners and operators (e.g. dive boats, jet ski rentals); Recreational volunteers; All of the above; I do not know enough to say.

Do you support collaboration between researchers, fishermen, and managers to develop a strategy to control lionfish?	Yes I support collaboration; No I do not support collaboration; I do not know enough to say.
Do you have confidence that researchers, fishermen, and managers can develop a sound management strategy to effectively control lionfish populations?	Yes; No; I do not know enough to say
Do you think lionfish can be managed at a local (such as Galveston County) or regional scale (such as the entire Gulf of Mexico Coast)?	Local scale; Regional scale; I do not know enough to say.
Do you think establishing a lionfish fishery would be good for the economy and the environment?	It would be good for the economy and the environment; It would ONLY be good for the economy; It would ONLY be good for the environment; It would NOT be good for the economy or the environment; I do not know enough to say
Have you ever eaten lionfish?	Yes; No
How willing would you be to order lionfish at a restaurant or purchase fillets in a seafood market?	Not willing; Somewhat willing; Very willing; Undecided
Do you think that banning the importation of lionfish from the Indo-Pacific could help with control efforts in the Gulf of Mexico?	Yes banning lionfish will be very helpful; Yes banning lionfish will be somewhat helpful; No banning lionfish will not be helpful; I do not know enough to say
What would be your preferred method to receive information about lionfish in the Gulf of Mexico?	Television program; Radio broadcast; Newspaper article; Scientific article; Text message; Email; In-person presentation
Would you be willing to attend an educational program, activity, or presentation to learn more about lionfish?	Yes; No
Have you ever attended an educational program, activity, or presentation to learn more about lionfish?	Yes; No
Thinking about that educational activity you attended to learn more about lionfish, how would you rate the information presented?	The information was helpful and easy to understand; The information was helpful but was too difficult to understand; The information I received was not helpful
Did the presenter discuss the need to control the lionfish invasion?	Yes; No; I do not remember
Did the presenter recommend eating lionfish as a means of controlling the invasion?	Yes; No; I do not remember
Finally, please indicate how willing you would be to contribute to the following lionfish control efforts. Donate money to organizations that are working to control lionfish; Donate money to organizations that are working to educate the public about lionfish; Donate money to organizations that are working to research	Not willing; Somewhat willing; Neutral; Willing; Very willing

lionfish; Participate in diving excursions to remove lionfish; Purchase lionfish merchandise to profit businesses or individuals (e.g. jewelry, shirts); Encourage friends and family to learn about lionfish; Eat lionfish if prepared in a restaurant or sold in a seafood market; Volunteer to participate in scientific research efforts	
Have you ever voluntarily collected scientific data without monetary compensation (e.g., a citizen science project, using iNaturalist or field work)?	Yes; No
Have you ever worked in an official capacity (e.g. intern, lab assistant) with scientists doing research (data collecting)?	Yes; No
Have you ever used publicly available data - such as Census Bureau statistics - for your own work?	Yes; No
Do you consider yourself a scientist (currently or retired)?	Yes; No
Do you belong to any environmental or conservation groups?	Yes; No
Do you or a family member work for an environmental company or conservation organization (e.g. Texas Parks and Wildlife, other environmental non-profit)?	Yes; No
In which of the following fields is (or was if you are retired) your primary occupation?	Management, professional, and related; Service; Sales and office; Farming, forestry; Fishing; Construction, extraction, maintenance; Production, transportation, and material moving; Government; Homemaker; Oil and gas; Leisure, tourism and recreation; Restaurant; Research, science; Other
Do you believe an environmental or conservation organization has the responsibility to act in the best interest of...	The environment; The public; Both, but more so the environment; Both, but more so the public; Both equally
From the list below, please indicate your level of participation in the following marine-based recreational activities. Fishing; Scuba diving; Boating; Beach combing; Snorkeling; Canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding; Swimming; Visit parks, sanctuaries	Always; Sometimes; Never
Please answer the following questions in terms of *the way you generally feel*. There are no right or wrong answers. Using the scale provided, simply select as honestly and candidly as you can what you are generally experiencing. The problems of the environment are not as bad as most people think; I think of the natural world as a community to which I belong; People worry too much about	Strongly disagree; Somewhat disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Somewhat agree; Strongly agree

human progress harming the environment; I feel a sense of oneness with nature; When I think of my life, I imagine myself to be a part of a larger cyclical process of living; I often feel a kinship with plants and animals; I feel as though I belong to the Earth as equally as it belongs to me; I have a deep understanding of how my actions affect the natural world; We are spending too little money on improving and protecting the environment; I never feel a personal bond with things in my natural surroundings, like the plants and animals; My personal welfare is independent of the welfare of the natural world	
How much of the time do you think you can trust the government, in general, to do what is right?	Just about always; Most of the time; Only some of the time
How much confidence (or trust) do you have in scientists to act in the best interest of the public?	A great deal; A fair amount; Not too much; No confidence (or trust)
How much confidence (or trust) do you have in environmental managers to act in the best interest of the public?	A great deal; A fair amount; Not too much; No confidence (or trust)
How much confidence (or trust) do you have in environmental managers to act in the best interest of the environment?	A great deal; A fair amount; Not too much; No confidence (or trust)
Here is a 7-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale?	Extremely liberal; Liberal; Slightly liberal; Moderate, middle of the road; Slightly conservative; Conservative; Extremely conservative
Please enter the zip code of your current residence	