

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

**ST. CROIX LIONFISH DERBY**  
**MAY 10-12. 2024**  
**ST. THOMAS LIONFISH DERBY**  
**AUGUST 16-18, 2024**

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ST. CROIX LIONFISH DERBY

- NOVEMBER 17, 2014
- 615 LIONFISH REMOVED

# 2024 STX LIONFISH DERBY HIGHLIGHTS

- Fish Removed: 515
- The largest lionfish was a 40.2cm (15.82in), caught by the Blackbottom Legends Team
- The smallest lionfish was 8cm (3.14in), caught by the Salty Locs Team.
- The most lionfish caught by one team was 150 by Team Sanchez
- This was over double last year's numbers with a similar number of lionfish hunters
- Prevented ~514 million lionfish eggs from being released in the next calendar year
- Lionfish hunters were allowed to keep their catch if they wanted.
- Commercial fisherman participation increased.
- Commercial fisherman removed 249 of those 515 lionfish.
- A total of 118 diver hours

# 2024 CORE ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN LIONFISH DERBY

222 LIONFISH REMOVED - 134 POUNDS

- MOST LIONFISH
- 1ST PLACE: LION TAMERS (118)
- 2ND PLACE: RED HOOK LION KILLAS (55)
- 3RD PLACE: SALTY LOCS AND THE MISFITS (34)
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- LARGEST LIONFISH
- 1ST PLACE: LION TAMERS (40.0CM)
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- SMALLEST LIONFISH
- 1ST PLACE: LION TAMERS (11.1CM)

# 2024 STX LIONFISH DERBY HIGHLIGHTS

- We put nearly \$8000 into the pockets of our fishing community this year, and with last year's derby, CORE has put a total of just shy of \$16,000 into the fishing community.
- This money was raised from 100% local St. Croix businesses. No grants, no outside investors, just the communities of St. Croix taking care of each other and supporting our own.
- Supported our local tank fillers, dive shops, printing/tshirt shops and fishing supplies stores in the lead up to the derby.
- 129lb 14oz of lionfish removed.
- Year to date, CORE has tracked and confirmed the removal of 2523 lionfish from VI waters. This wouldn't be possible without the support of a dedicated recreational dive community that like to have fun, hunt and eat some lionfish.





# **CORE FOUNDATION, INC.** **LIONFISH DERBY GOAL**

- CORE FOUNDATION, INC. WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF AND INVOLVEMENT IN LIONFISH POPULATION CONTROL BY EDUCATING THE COMMUNITIES ON THE THREAT TO LOCAL FISH POPULATIONS, THE THREAT TO OUR WORLD FAMOUS REEFS, INCREASE THE DEMAND FOR LIONFISH AS A CONSUMABLE AND ENCOURAGE THE COMMERCIAL FISHING COMMUNITY TO START HARVESTING LIONFISH