Queen Conch (Strombus gigas)

The population of this species is in decline, primarily due to poaching. Currently, only three fish production societies in The Banco Chinchorro biosphere reserve have permission to capture conch. Most of the catch is therefore not being taken in a sustainable

Caribbean spiny lobster (Panulirus

This species supports the most economically important fishery in Quintana Roo. It is capture in all natural protected areas in the region. However, it is a vulnerable species that will not support increased fishing. Minimum size: 135 mm tail length. Prohibited: from March 1 to June 30

Lionfish (Pterois sp.)

Lionfish is an invasive predator native to the Indopacific. It has quickly proliferated in the Caribbean, threatening local species by eating them voraciously. Lionfish taste delicious, so we recommend consuming it. You will be part of the solution by controling this invasive

Make the Difference

Fishery resources are highly dynamic and diverse. Through the years we have learned that they are not inexhaustible, and we have now adopted a vision of sustainable use. This new vision represents a challenge for research and administration. This Sustainable Consumption Guide arises from the need to provide consumers with adequate information to make responsible choices and thus mitigate impacts to our valuable fisheries resources.

















Cozumel



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Best Choices

Common name - Scientific name

Yellowtail snapper Ocyurus chrysurus Gray snapper Lutjanus griseus Mutton snapper Lutjanus analis Schoolmaster snapper Lutjanus apodus Cubera snapper Lutianus cyanopterus Tomtate grunt Haemulon aurolineatum French grunt Haemulon flavolineatum White grunt Haemulon plumieri Blue striped grunt Queen triggerfish Black margate Anisotremus surinamensis

Lachnolaimus maximus

Hogfish

Good Alternatives

Common name - Scientific name

Caribbean spiny lobster Panulirus argus Lionfish Nassau grouper Epinephelus striatus Abadejo Mycteroperca bonaci Wahoo Acanthocybium solandri

Avoid

Common name - Scientific name

Green sea turtle Chelonia mydas Loggerhead sea turtle Caretta caretta Hawksbill turtle Eretmochelys imbricata Southern stingray Dasyatis americana Spotted eagle ray Aetobatus narinari Queen conch Strombus gigas

Best Choices

Species that can be exploited in a sustainable manner, that does not affect their populations.

Good Alternatives

Species that most be caught with authorized fishing gear, in compliance with the applicable legislation, such as fishing bans and management programs.

Avoid

Species that are endangered and cannot be fished sustainably.