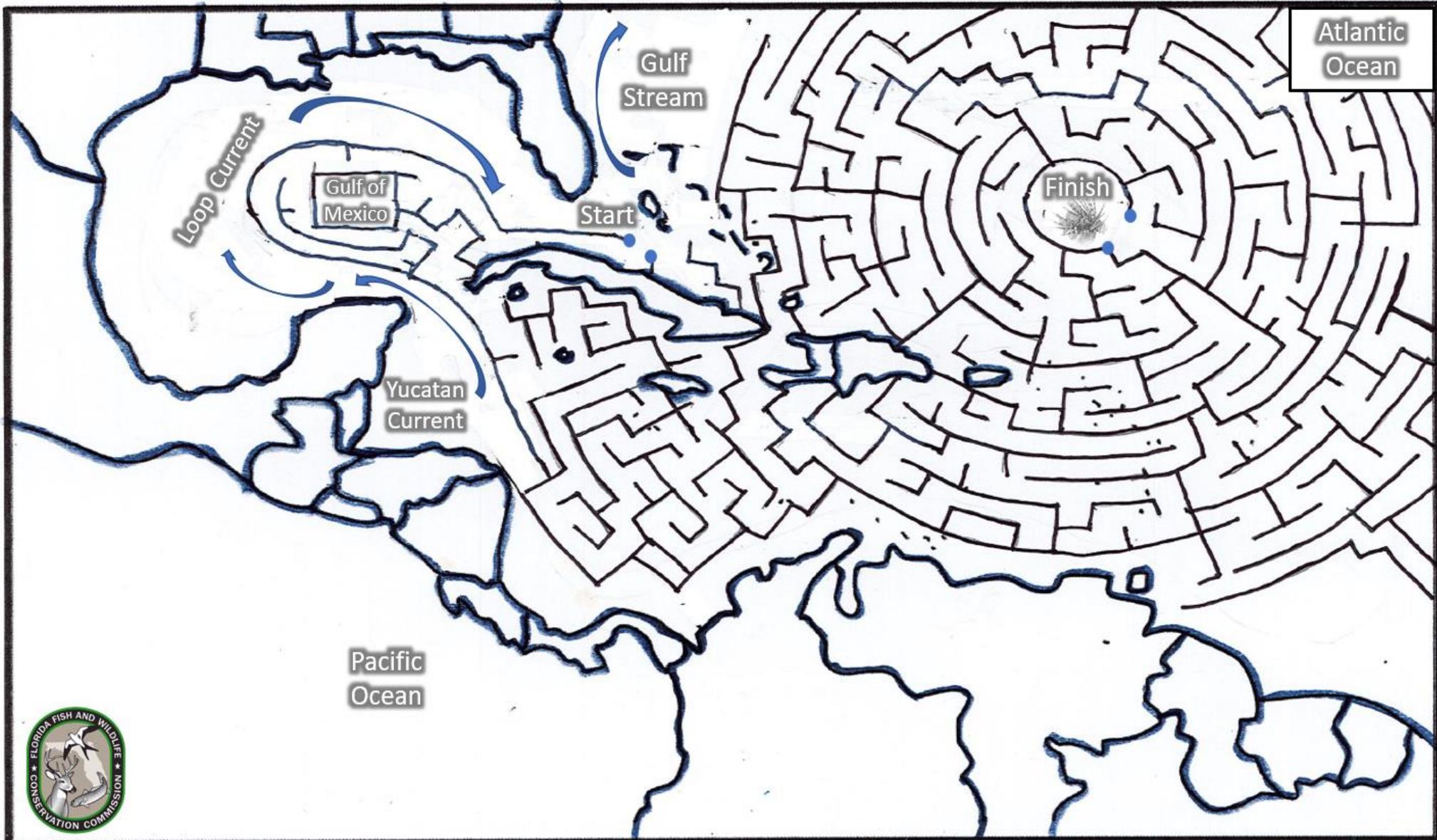


Lionfish Invasion

During the warm months, lionfish can release 2 egg sacs every 4 days. Each egg sac contains up to 15,000 eggs! Egg sacs float and can ride the ocean currents for up to 30 days before hatching. Find your way through the maze to see how lionfish used ocean currents to spread throughout the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, and Atlantic Ocean.



Ocean Gyres

Ocean currents helped spread lionfish throughout the invaded range. Large quantities of the world's ocean water moves through circular patterns called gyres. Gyres rotate clockwise north of the Equator and counterclockwise south of the Equator. Water warms up as it moves near the equator and cools down as it moves towards the poles. Look how this makes the water temperature near Florida similar to the lionfish's native home!

