# **Capstone Project Fish Species Analysis**

## **Introduction to Data Science**

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## **Library Calls**

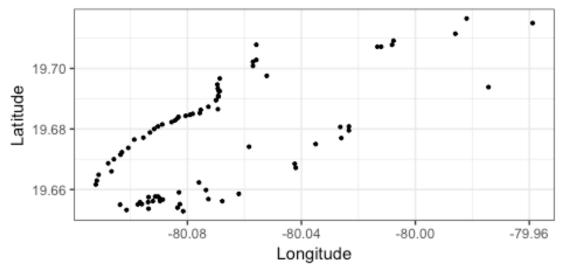
Load the necessary packages.

```
library(readr)
library(dplyr)
library(stringr)
library(ggplot2)
library(grid)
library(gridExtra)
```

## **Simple Visualization**

Use the Zone\_Codes file to generate a plot showing the latitude and longitude of all dive sites at Little Cayman.





### **Data Preparation**

Load the data into a data frame. Remove all non-fish species by Family\_Name. Non-fish species observed in the data set include sharks, rays, eels, turtles and a dolphin.

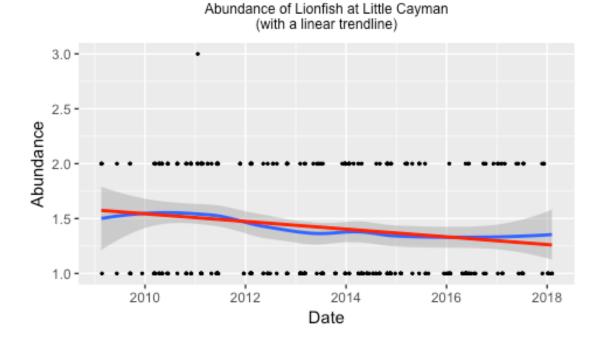
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Little_Cayman <- read_csv("Little_Cayman.csv")
non_fish_family <- c("Requiem Shark", "Conger", "Dolphin", "Stingray",
"Manta", "Moray", "Eagle Ray", "Snake Eel", "Carpet Shark", "Hammerhead
Shark", "Electric Ray", "Round Stingrays", "Sea Turtles", "#N/A")
LC <- Little_Cayman %>% filter(!(Family_Name %in% non_fish_family))
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## **Lionfish Exploration**

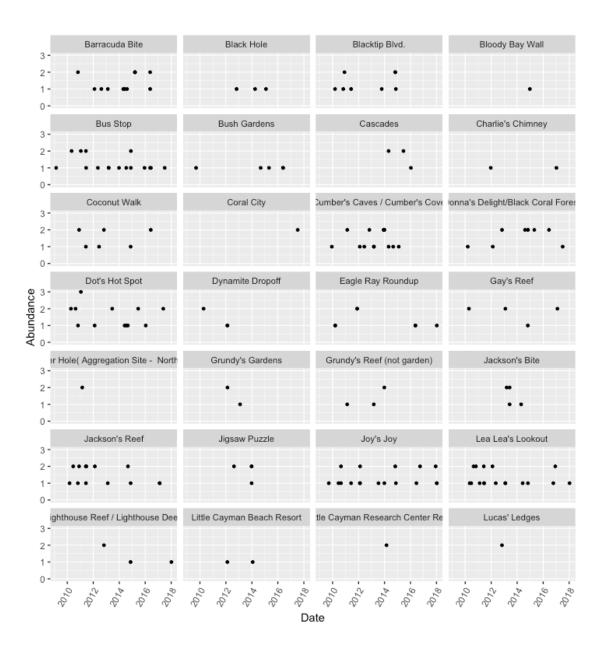
The red lionfish, otherwise known as the common lionfish, is species 683 and is a member of the scorpionfish family. Here is a list of the 5 species of scorpionfish observed at Little Cayman.

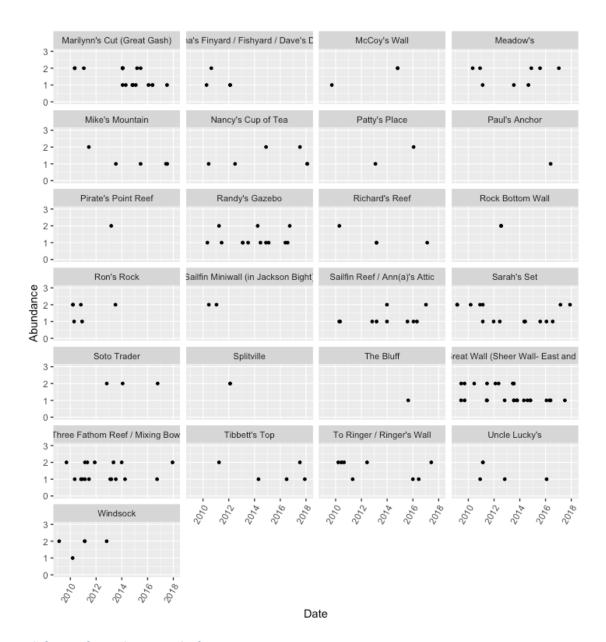
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## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
                            English_Name count
##
                                   <chr> <int>
## 1
                  Mushroom Scorpionfish
## 2
                     Plumed Scorpionfish
                                              2
## 3 Red Lionfish (aka Common Lionfish)
                                            347
## 4
                       Reef Scorpionfish
                                              1
## 5
                    Spotted Scorpionfish
                                            144
```

Generate plots showing lionfish abundance as a function of time. The following figure shows the lionfish presence at all dive sites at Little Cayman. A smooth curve with corresponding confidence interval and a trendline were added to the plot.



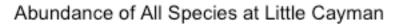
The following series of plots show the lionfish presence at numerous dive sites at Little Cayman.

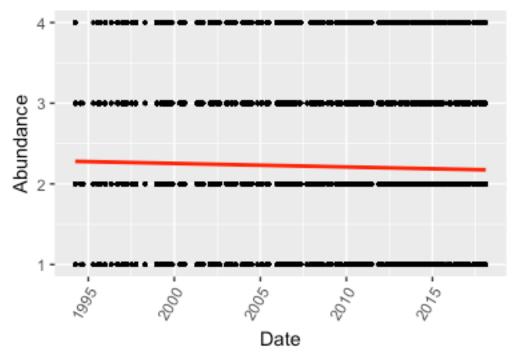




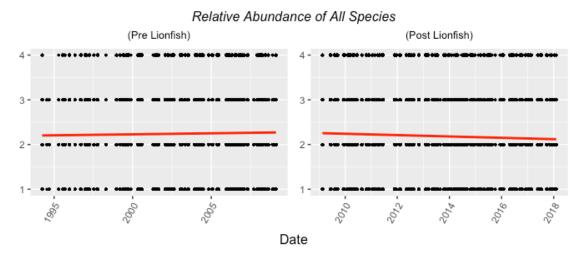
# **Fish Exploration at Little Cayman**

This plot shows the abundance of all species in all families for all survey data at Little Cayman.





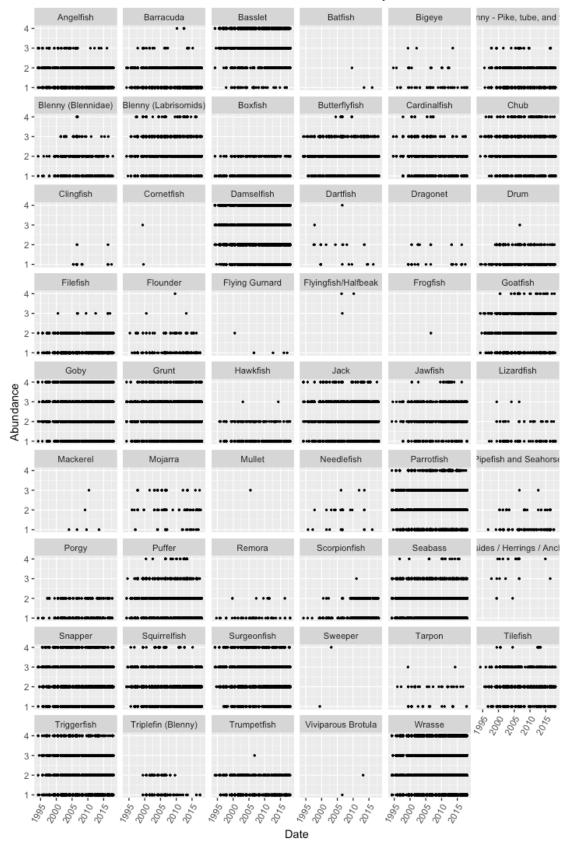
The next two plots show the species abundance for all species and corresponding trendlines separated into two groups: before the lionfish arrived and after.



## **Fish Family Exploration for all Sites**

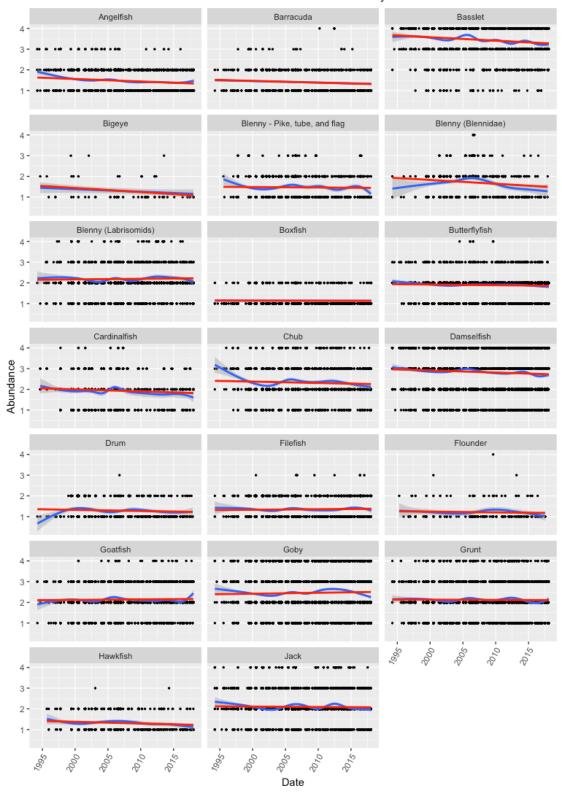
Generate plots of all fish families at all dive sites at Little Cayman using the Family\_Name.

#### Abundance of Fish Families at Little Cayman

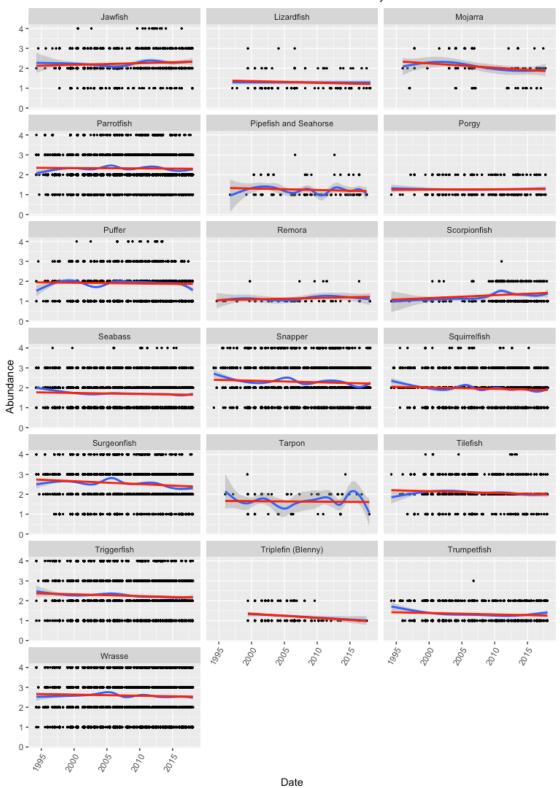


Fish families with less than thirty surveys for all species in the family are identified and removed from the data set. The abundance vs. time of numerous families is then plotted side-by-side with a smooth curve (including confidence interval) added to each family plot.

#### Abundance of Fish Families at Little Cayman



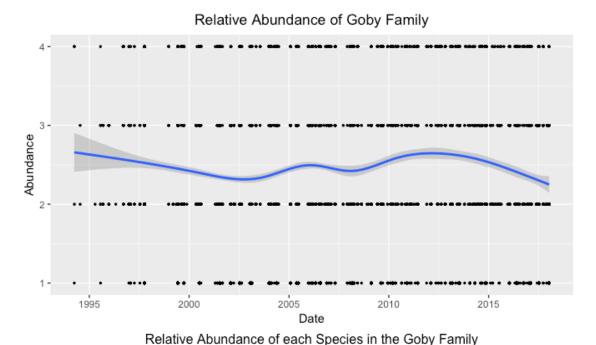
#### Abundance of Fish Families at Little Cayman



## **Fish Species Exploration for Specific Families**

The following pairs of plots show the abundance vs. time for specific fish families. The first plot shows the entire family at all sites at Little Cayman. A smooth curve and confidence interval are added to this plot. The second plot shows all of the species within each family.

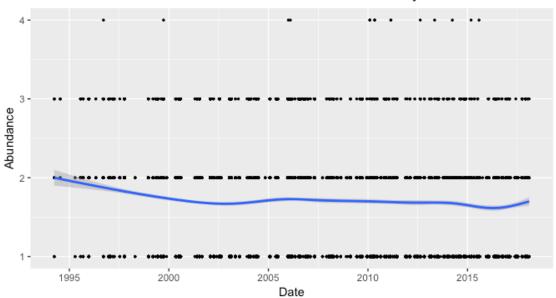
Grouper and snapper are prime predators in the Caribbean waters. Grouper are part of the seabass family. The juveniles of these species, the fish in the goby family and the fish in the wrasse family have small, cigar-shaped bodies, ideal prey for the lionfish.



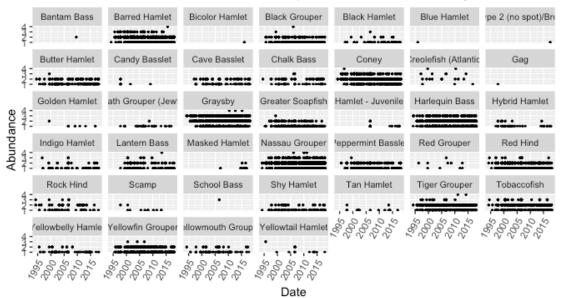
mplex (Bridled/Sand-Can Broadstripe Goby Cayman Cleaning Goby Cayman Sponge Goby Colon Goby Dash Goby Frillfin Goby Goldspot Goby Greenbanded Goby Island Goby Abundance Leopard Goby Masked Goby/Glass Goby Orangespotted Goby Orangesided Goby Pallid Goby Rusty Goby Pygmy Goby Goby (part of Bridled Go Peppermint Goby Seminole Goby Spotlight Goby Tiger Goby

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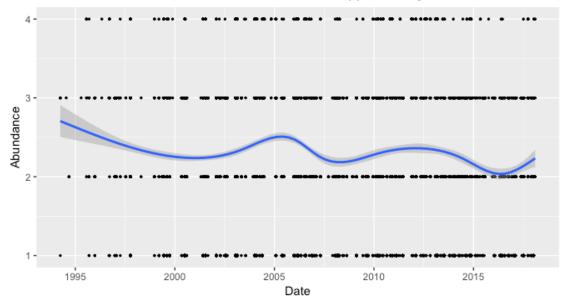
#### Relative Abundance of Seabass Family



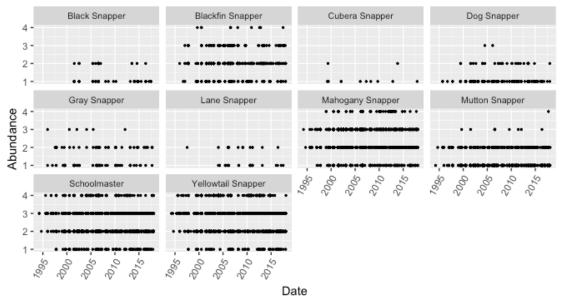
#### Relative Abundance of each Species in the Seabass Family



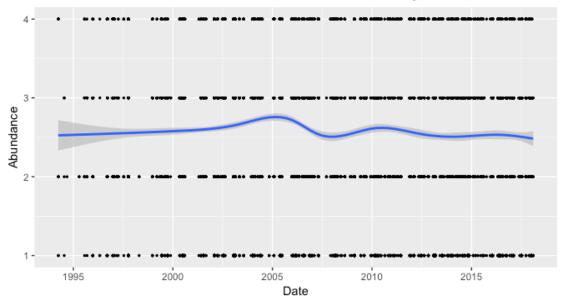
## Relative Abundance of Snapper Family



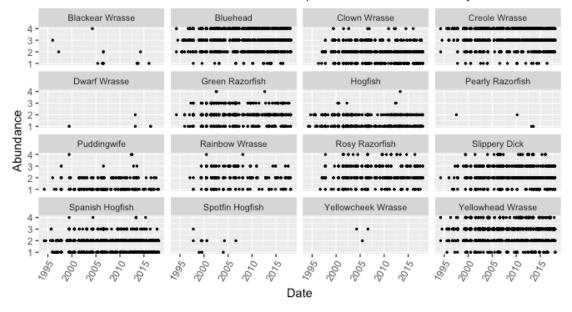
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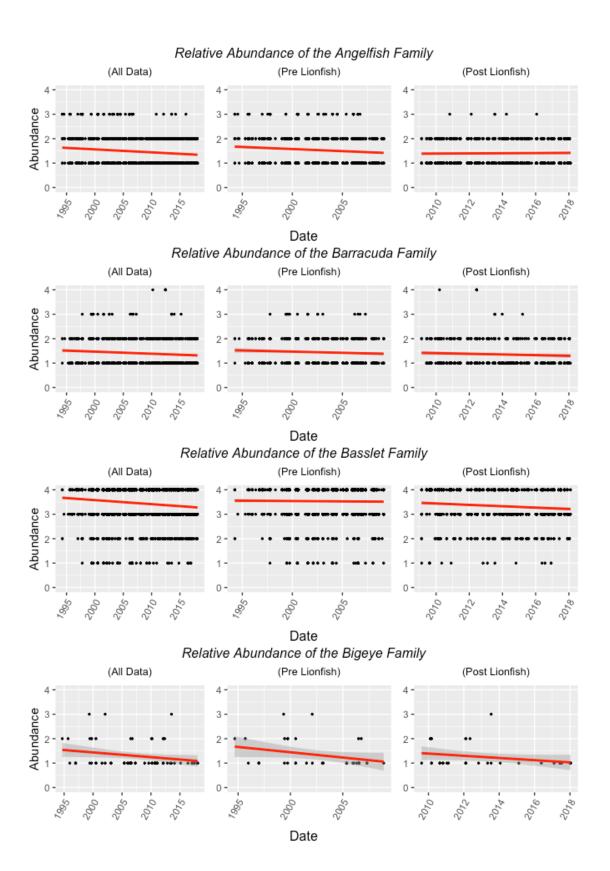


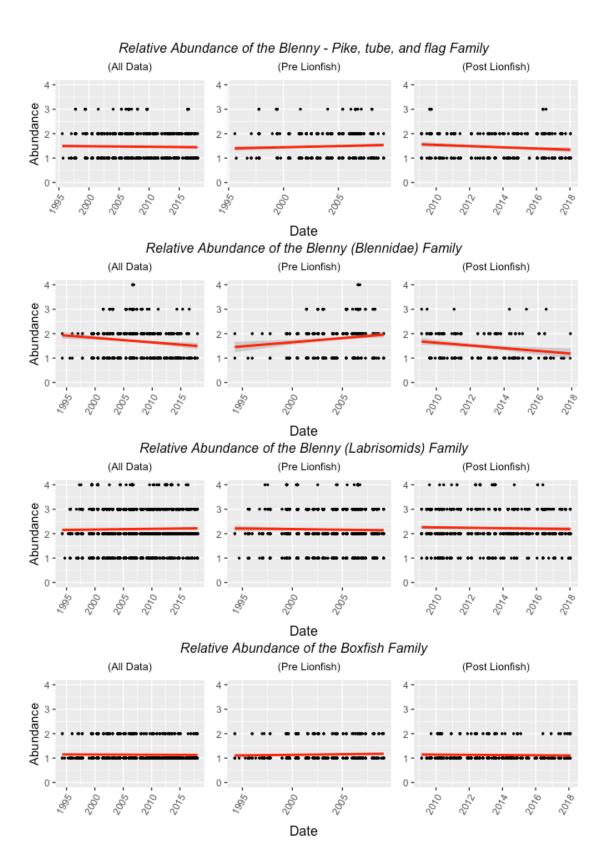
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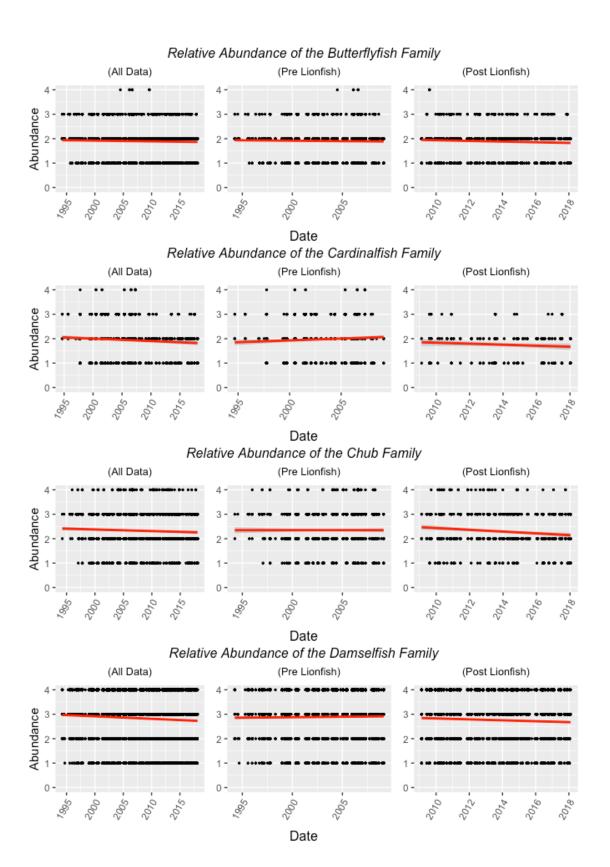


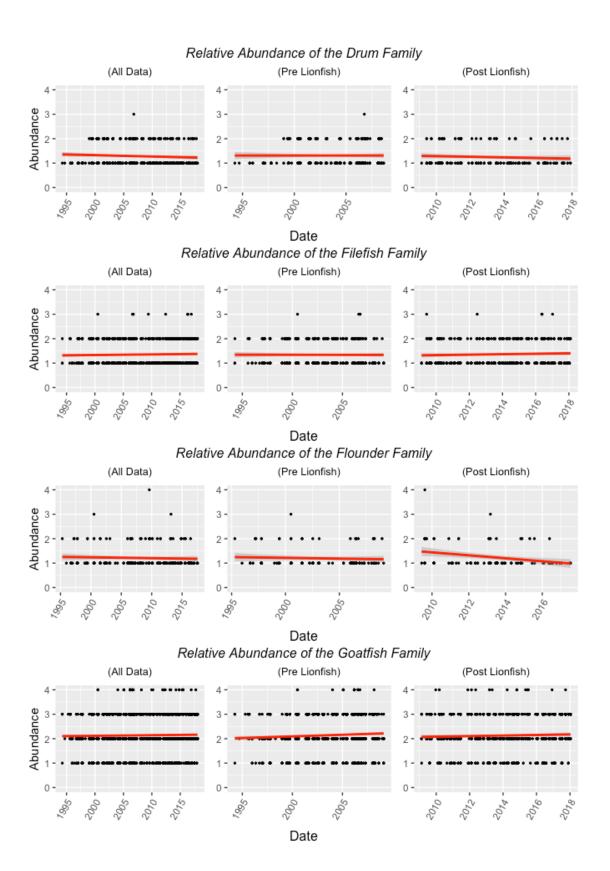
## **Exploration of All Families Before and After Lionfish Invasion**

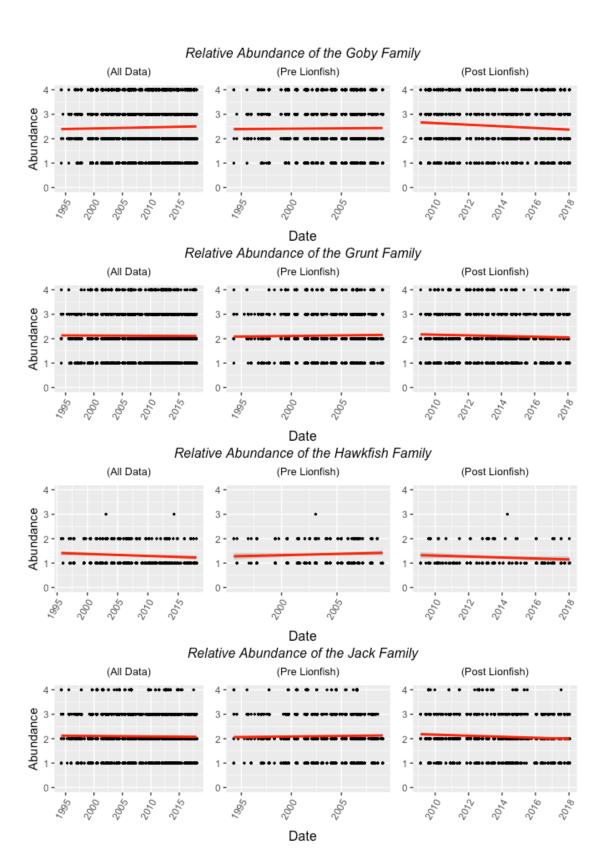
The following plots show the survey data for each fish family. The plot on the left shows all the data for the named family, the center plot shows the data from when the surveys began to when the first lionfish sighting occurred (2009-02-17) and the plot on the right shows the data from the first lionfish sighting to when the data was obtained. Each sub plot has a corresponding trendline added.

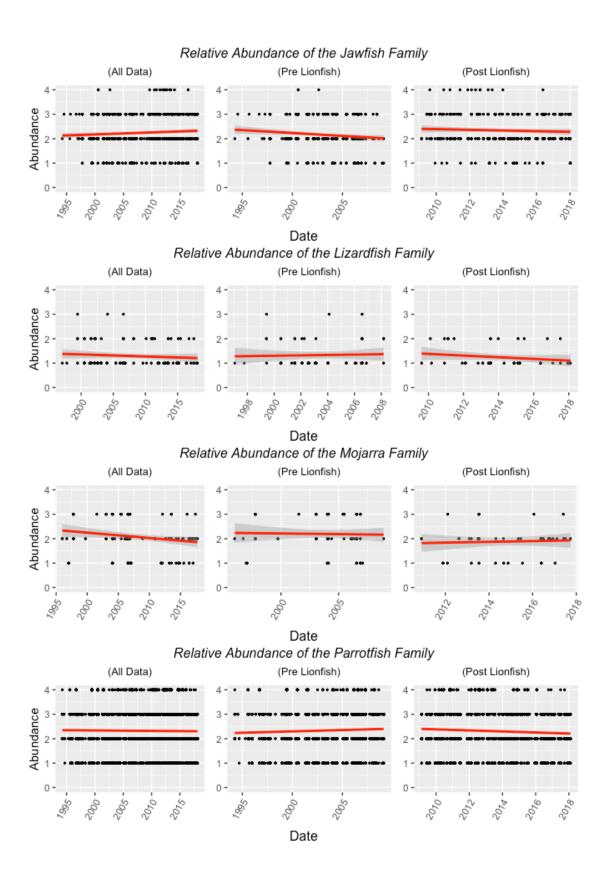


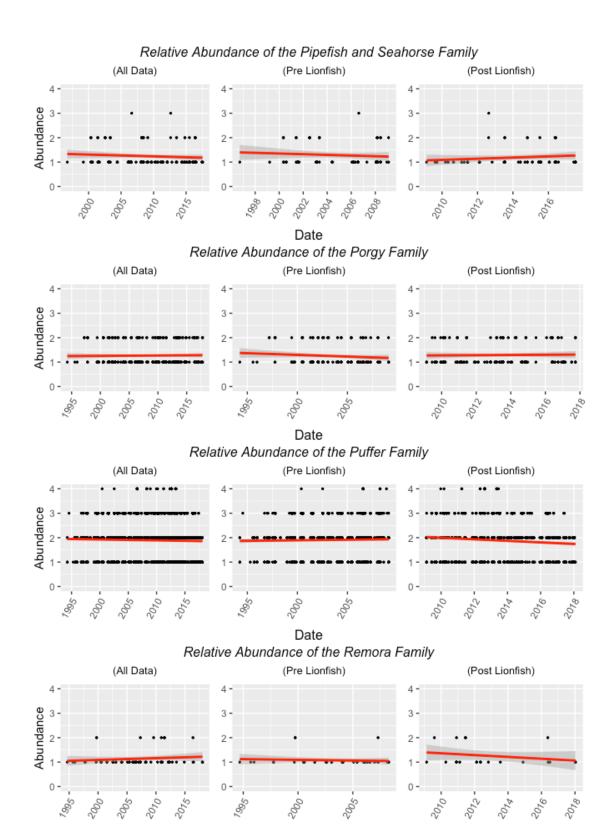




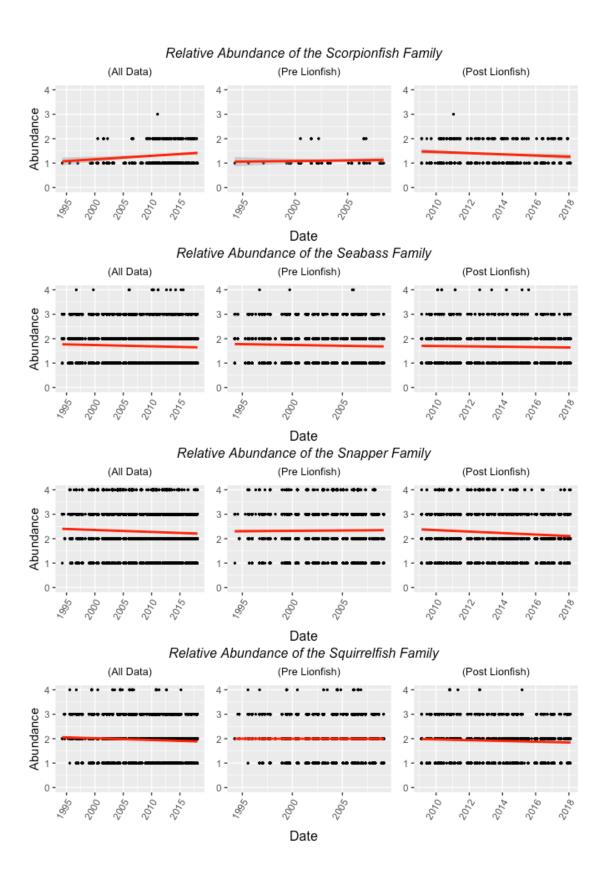


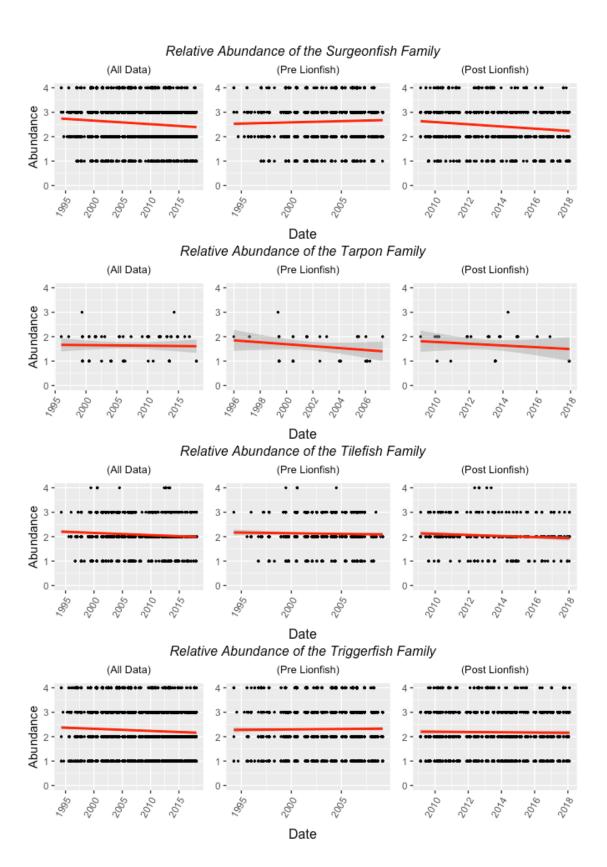


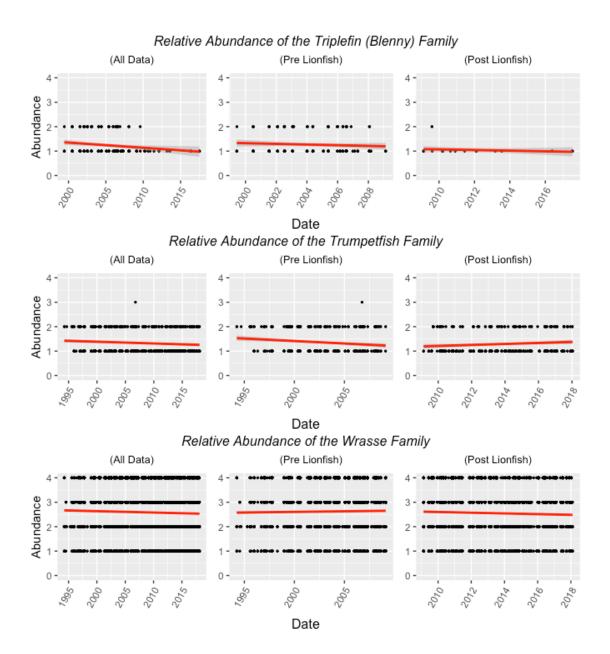




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# **Summary of Initial Findings**

