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ABSTRACT:

The crown of thorns (CoTS; *Acanthaster cf. solaris*) have not been reported as an actual threat to reefs in the Gulf of California; however, in the Espiritu Santo Archipelago National Park, we have evidenced massive predation over scleractinian corals. Its abundance is now over outbreaks threshold value and it is higher than historical records

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