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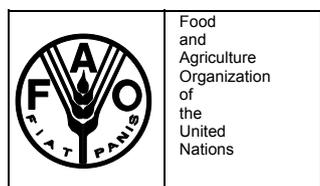
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The Workshops were held in Belize City, Belize, from 21 April to 2 May 1997 and in Mérida, Yucatán, México, from 1 to 12 June 1998. An administrative report of the first Workshop is available as Denmark Funds-in-Trust, FI:GCP/INT/575/DEN, Report on Activity No. 35, FAO, Rome.

Part I of this document includes a brief report on the two Workshops, reviews of lobster fisheries and biology and the results of assessments of lobster resources by countries and sub-regions, all prepared by various authors.

Part II contains edited and in most cases merged national reports presented at the two Workshops, as well as a rather complete list of important references, which have been checked for accuracy as far as access permitted.

Part III contains brief descriptions of stock assessment methods used during the Workshops and/or to be used during future Stock Assessment Workshops.

The editors have tried to present the results as comprehensive and clear as possible, knowing that this document would be used as a starting point for further regional activities. The delay in publishing it is much regretted.

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ABSTRACT

This document consists of three parts.

Part I contains the proceedings of the two workshops, including lists of participants and the results of stock assessments by country and/or sub-region made during the two workshops.

Part II contains a combination of edited national reports in the original language, as presented at the two workshops on the spiny lobster fisheries in the Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, the USA and Venezuela. It also contains a combined list of all references of Parts I and II.

Part III contains nine notes on stock assessment methods applicable to resources of spiny lobsters.

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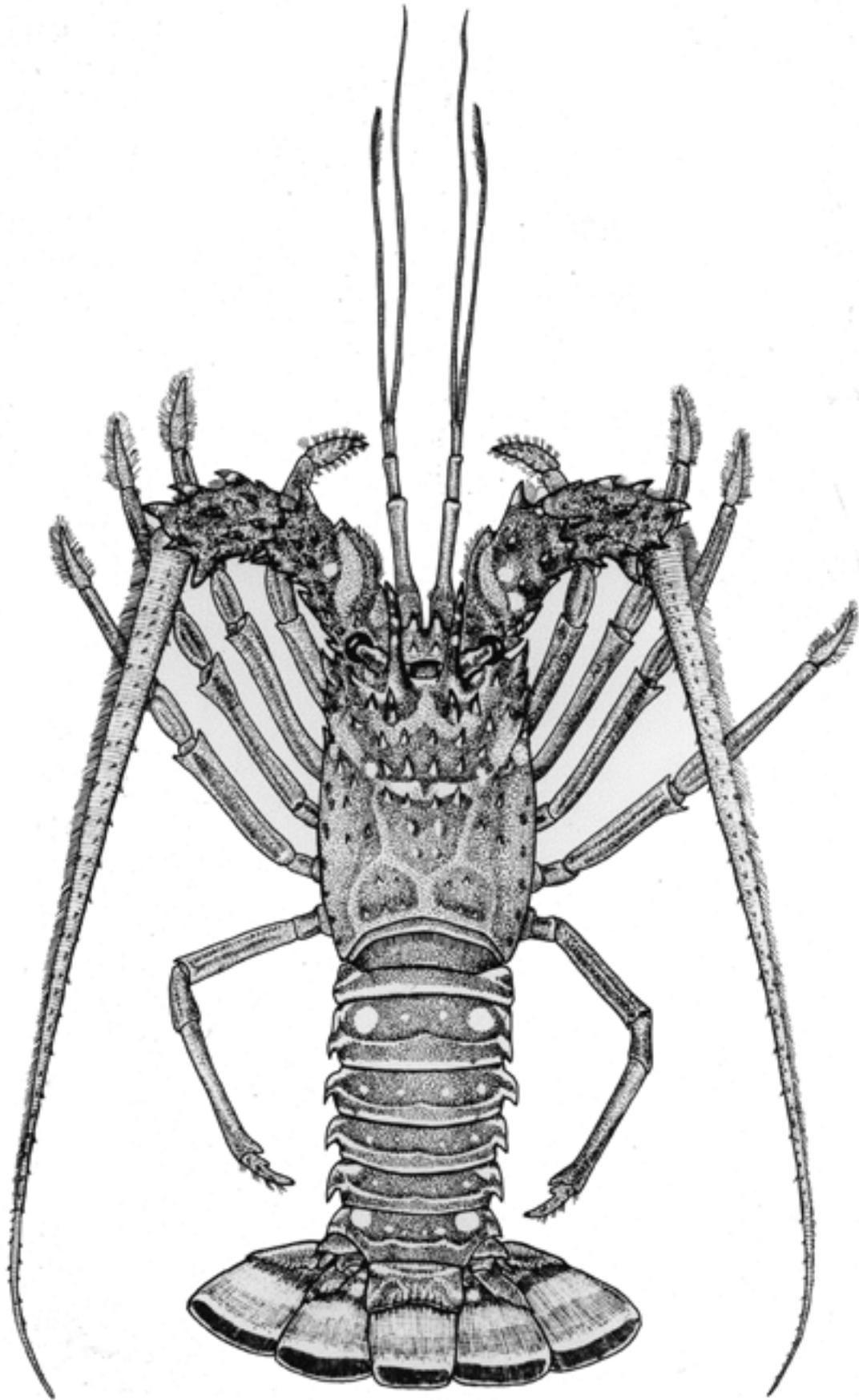
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