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IDU-Read the information and answer the questions that follow.

The Nassau Grouper is one of the largest fish on the **coral reef**. It has (5) five dark brown bars on the body and, a dark band running from the snout, through the eye to the forehead side of the dorsal fin and a dark spot on the base of the tail fin.

It changes colour depending on the environment it is in. This helps to hide it so it can ambush fish to eat. **Humans** are the **predators** that have the biggest impact on the grouper populations.

Direct **threats** to grouper include **uncontrolled fishing** on spawning aggregations, **spear fishing** and the **capture of juveniles in mesh traps**, so because of this the Nassau Grouper is **endangered**.

To protect the Nassau Grouper a **closed season** from **December to February** was established. This protects the grouper when they gather in spawning groups and are most vulnerable.

1. Where in the sea would most grouper fish be found?

2. The Nassau Grouper is considered to be _____ because of its vulnerable to over-exploitation.

3. Name TWO direct threats to the grouper.

4. What has the Government put in place to protect the Nassau Grouper?

5. Write the beginning and ending dates when the grouper cannot be caught.

Beginning: _____

Ending: _____