

## Example HEAT Structure

**Hypothesis:** The primary impact the invasive python has to the south Florida environment is the threat it poses to threatened and endangered species in the region.

**Evidence:** The current range of the python includes at least 10 protected species at risk as prey.

**Analysis:** Because the python is larger than the native indigo snake, it can outcompete the native for food and threaten the species' survival further (Reed 2005).

**Thesis:** Trapping and removing the python will lessen the impact to the indigo snake and aid in that species' survival.