



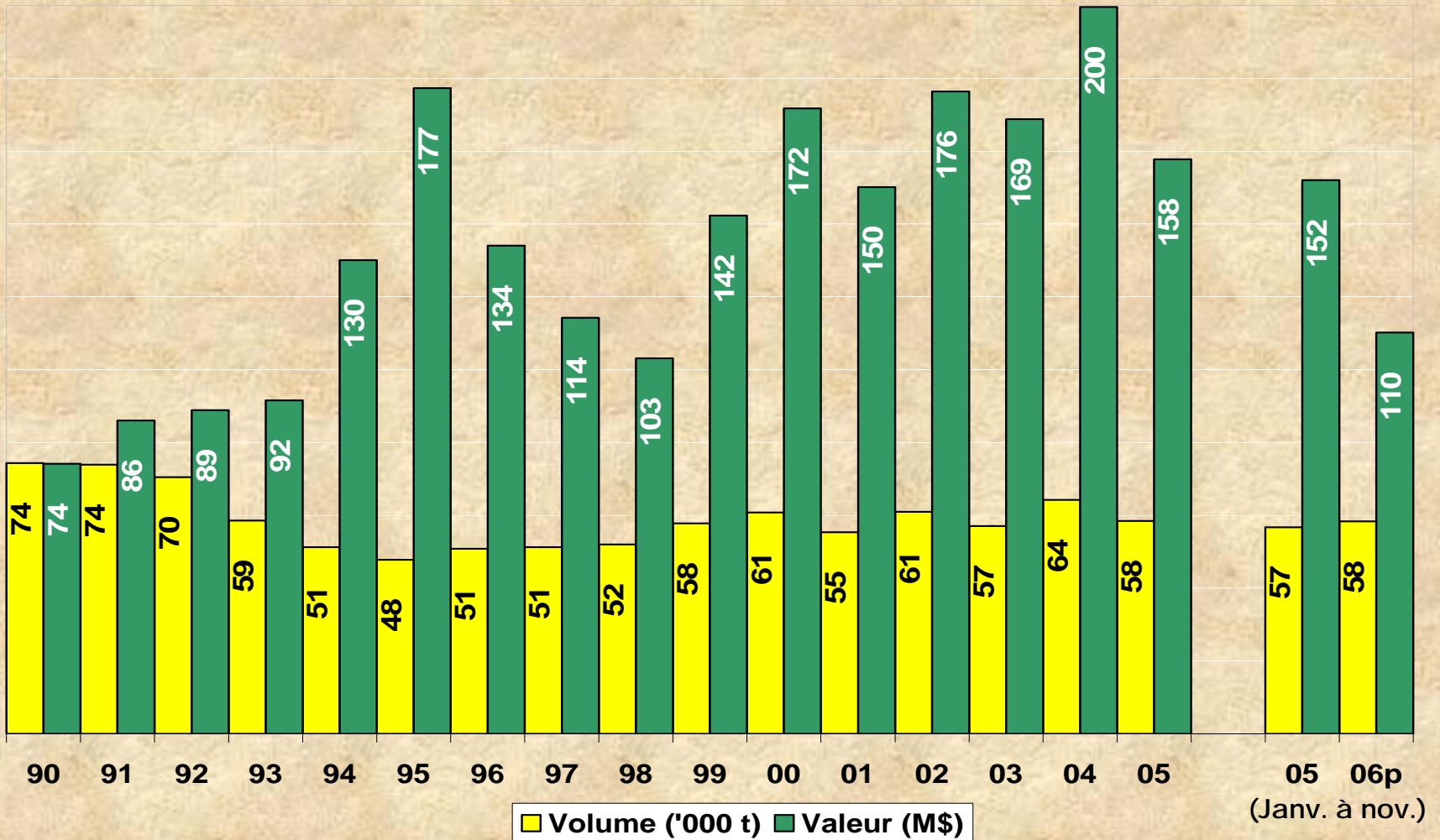
QUEBEC REGION COMMERCIAL FISHING RESULTS

2006 SEASON

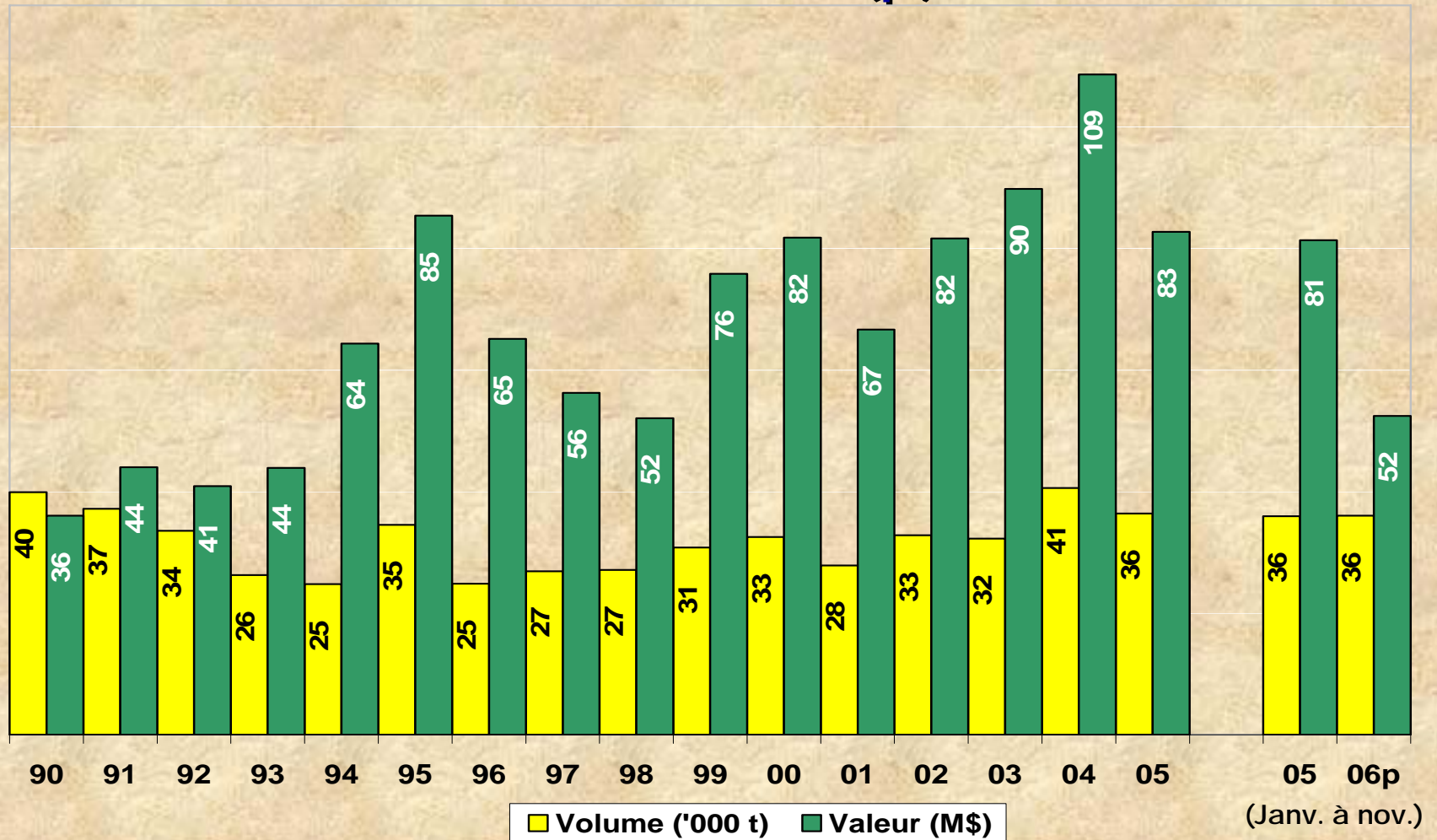
Summary

- ❖ Trends in Quebec landings – 1990 to 2006(p)
- ❖ Landed value and volume by sector – 1990 to 2006(p)
- ❖ Results for each of the following species:
 - Snow crab, lobster, Gulf shrimp
 - Scallops
 - Cod, turbot, Atlantic halibut, other flatfish
 - Herring, mackerel
- ❖ Volume, value and average landed price:
 - ❖ In this document, data for 2005 season are final.
 - ❖ Data for 2006 are preliminary and followed by the letter (p).

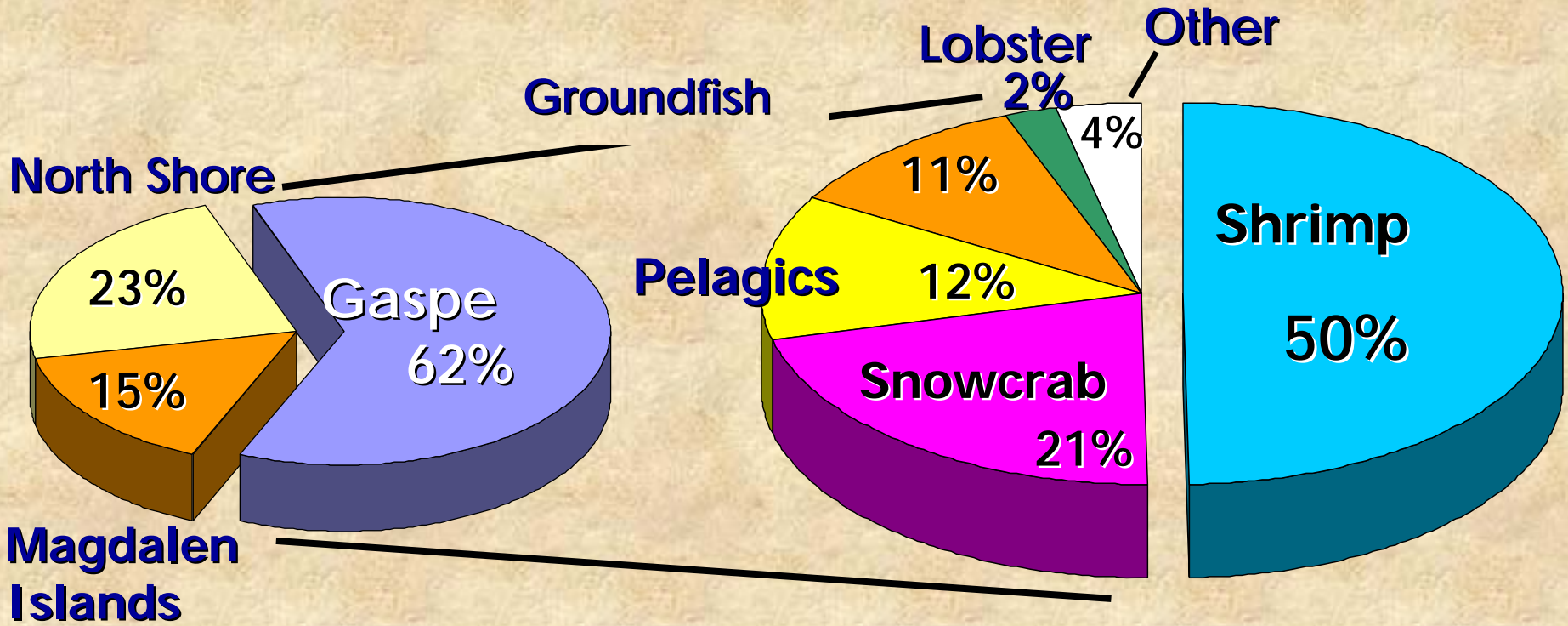
Trends in Quebec Landings 1990 - 2006(p)



Trends in Gaspe Landings 1990 - 2006(p)



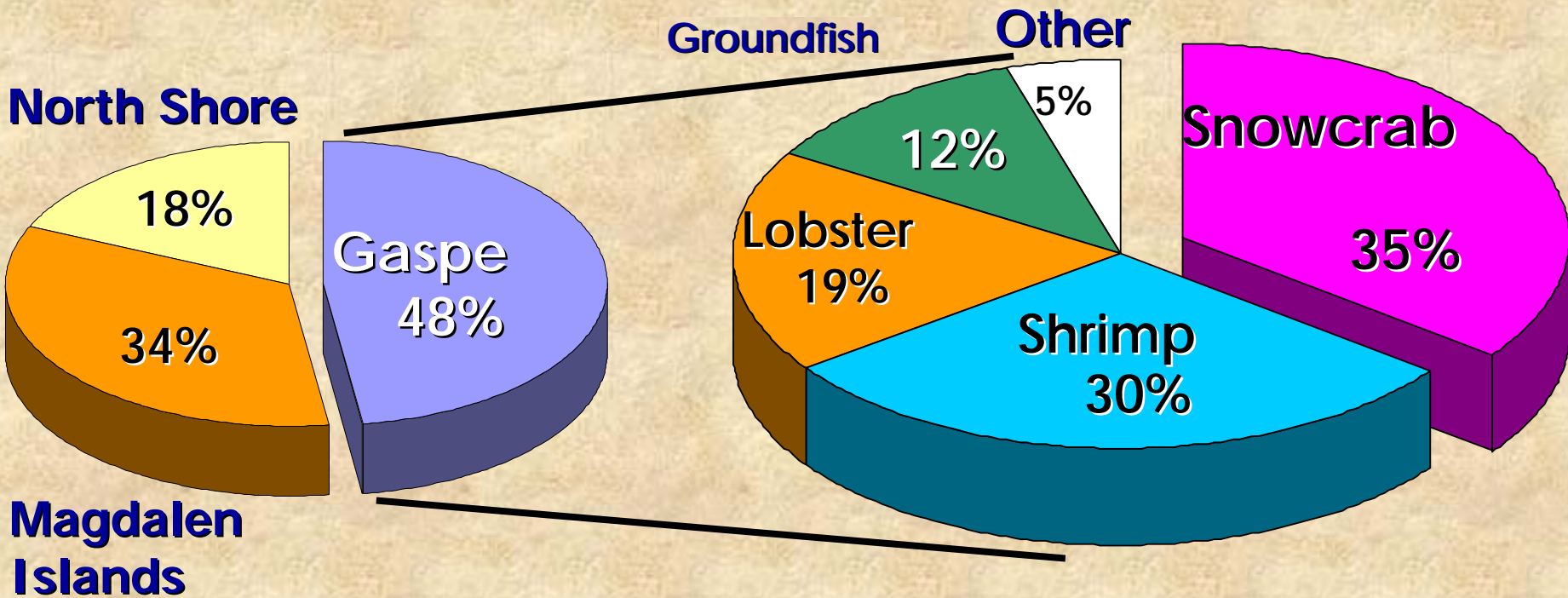
Breakdown of Landed Volume Gaspé - 2006(p)



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Gaspé Total : 36,052 t

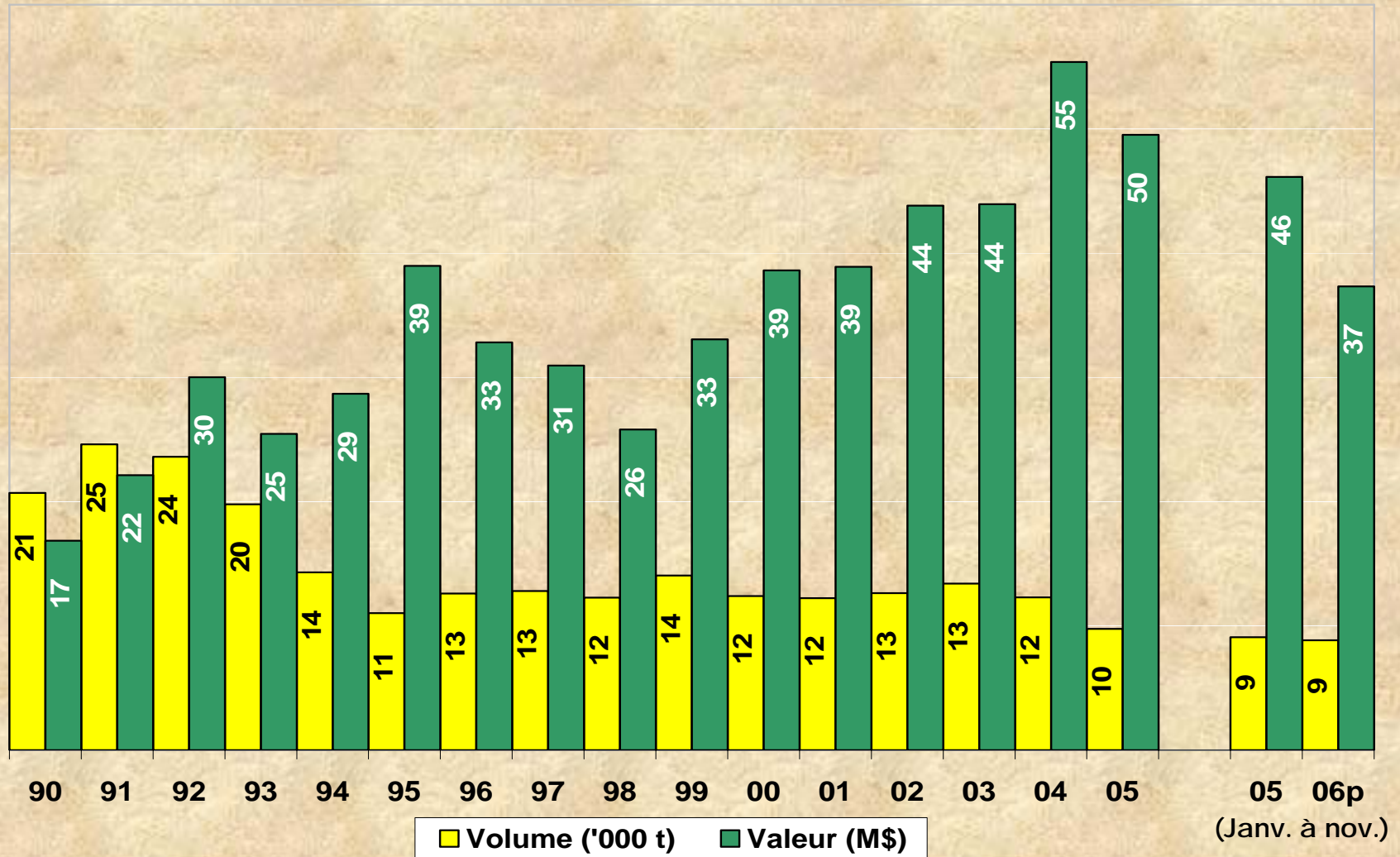
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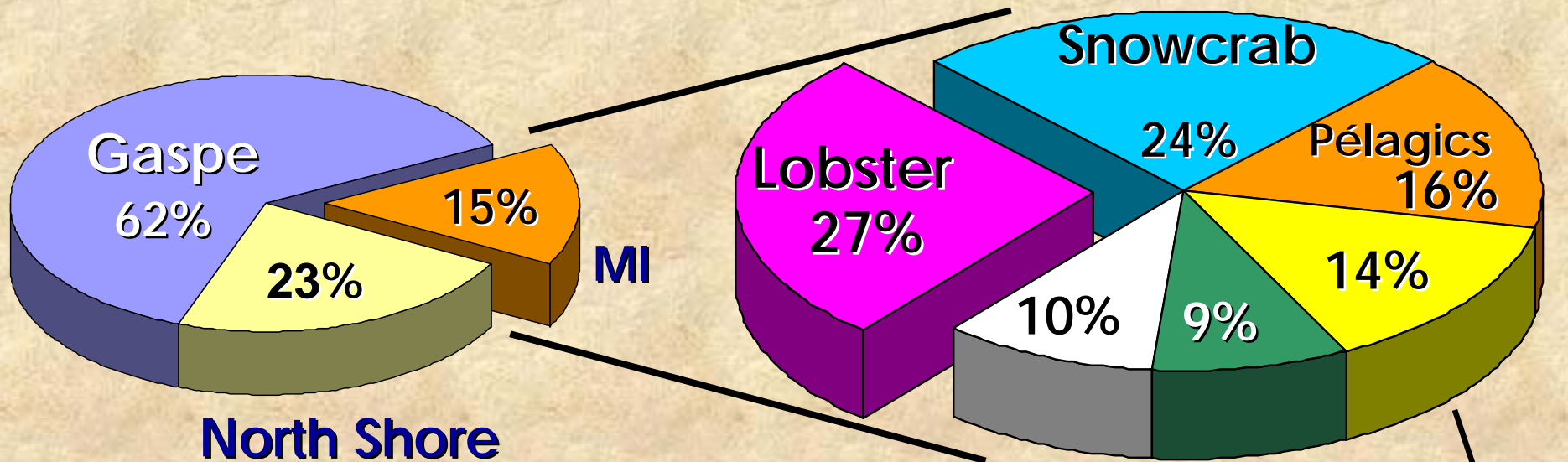
Quebec Total : \$110.2M

Gaspé Total : \$52.4M

Trends in Magdalen Islands 1990 - 2006(p)



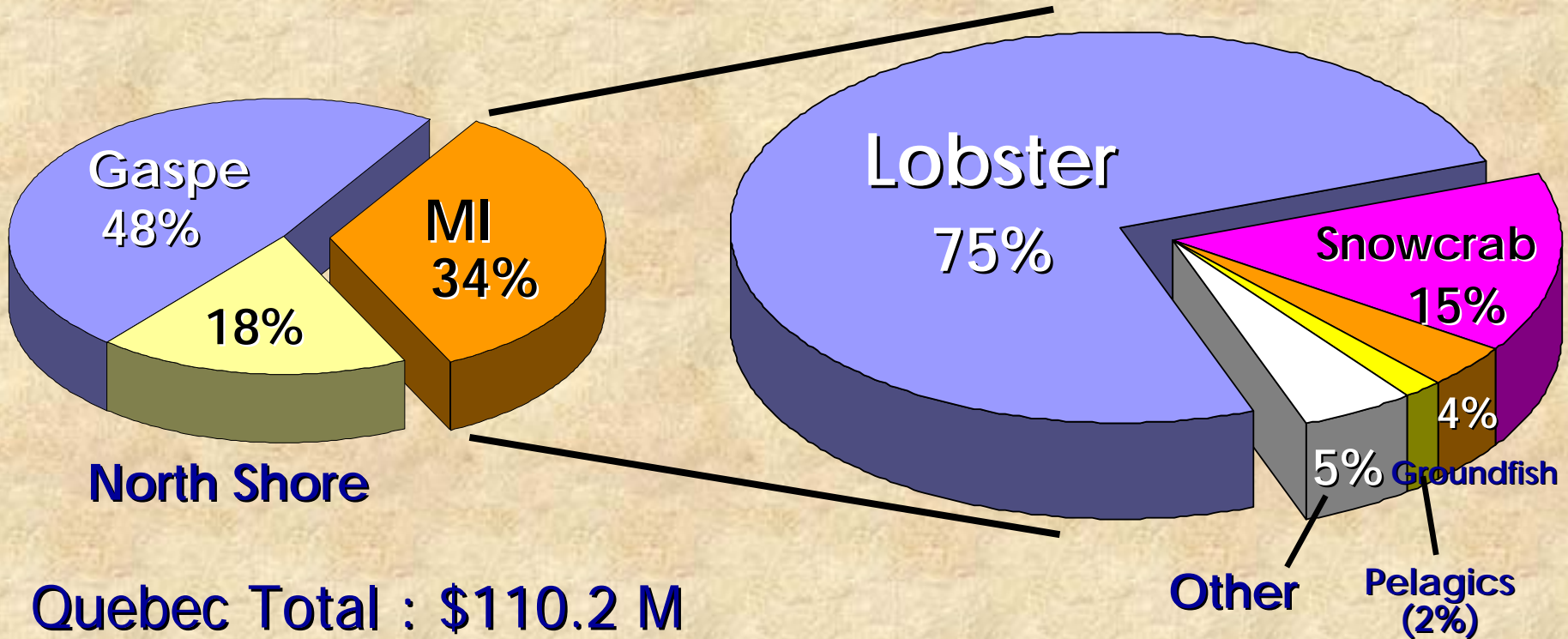
Breakdown of Landed Volume Magdalen Islands - 2006(p)



Quebec Total : 58,300 t

Magdalen Islands Total : 8,843 t

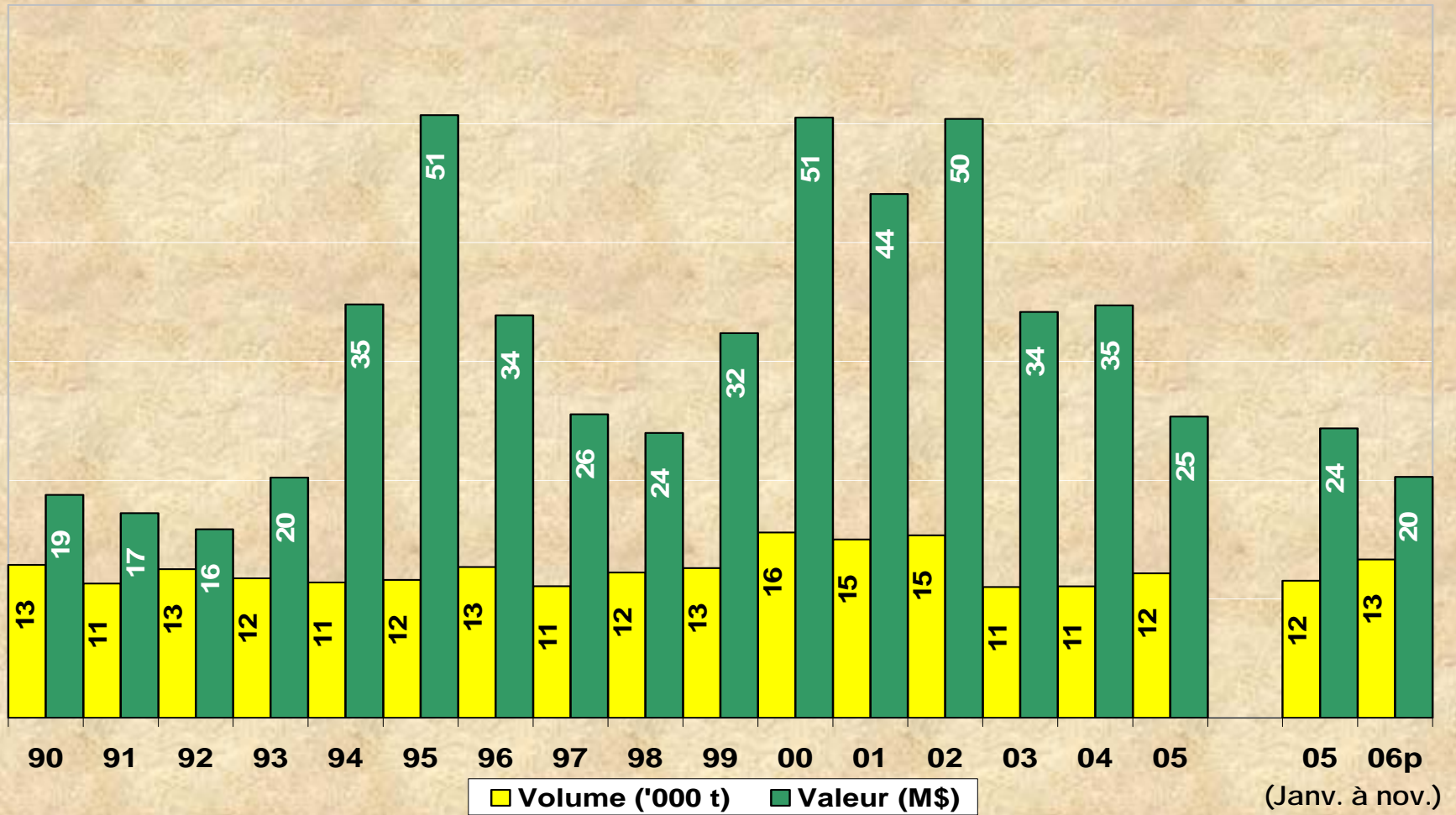
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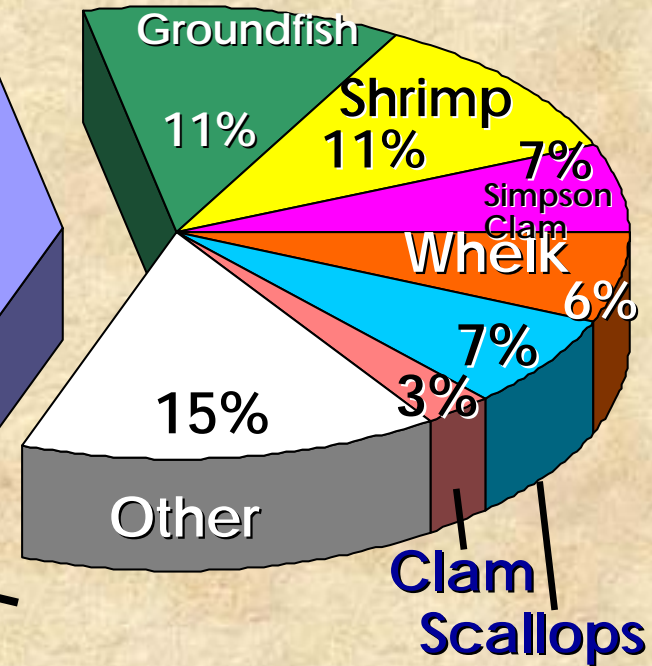
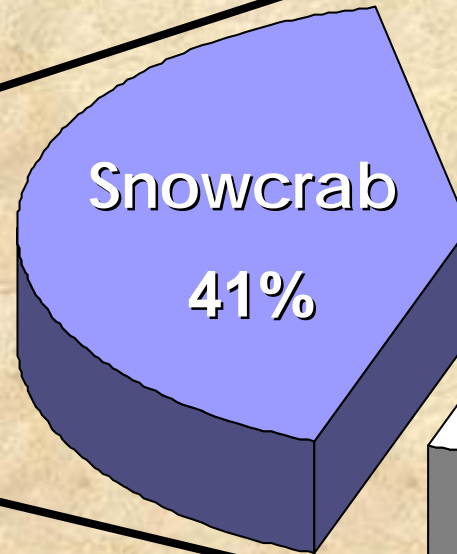
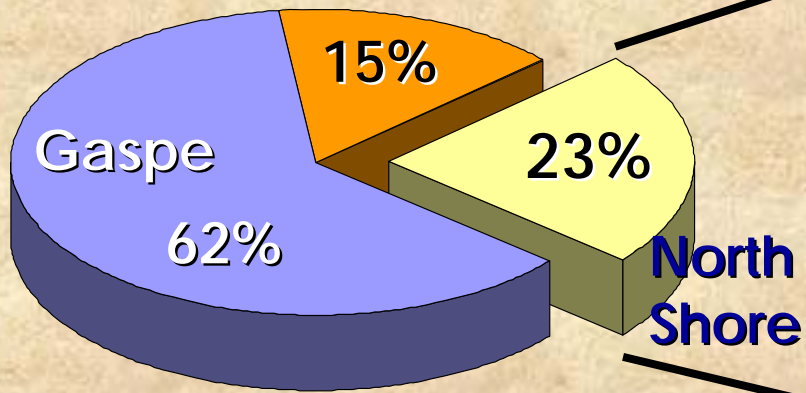
Magdalen Islands Total : \$37.3M

Trends in North Shore Landings 1990 - 2006(p)



Breakdown of Landed Volume North Shore - 2006(p)

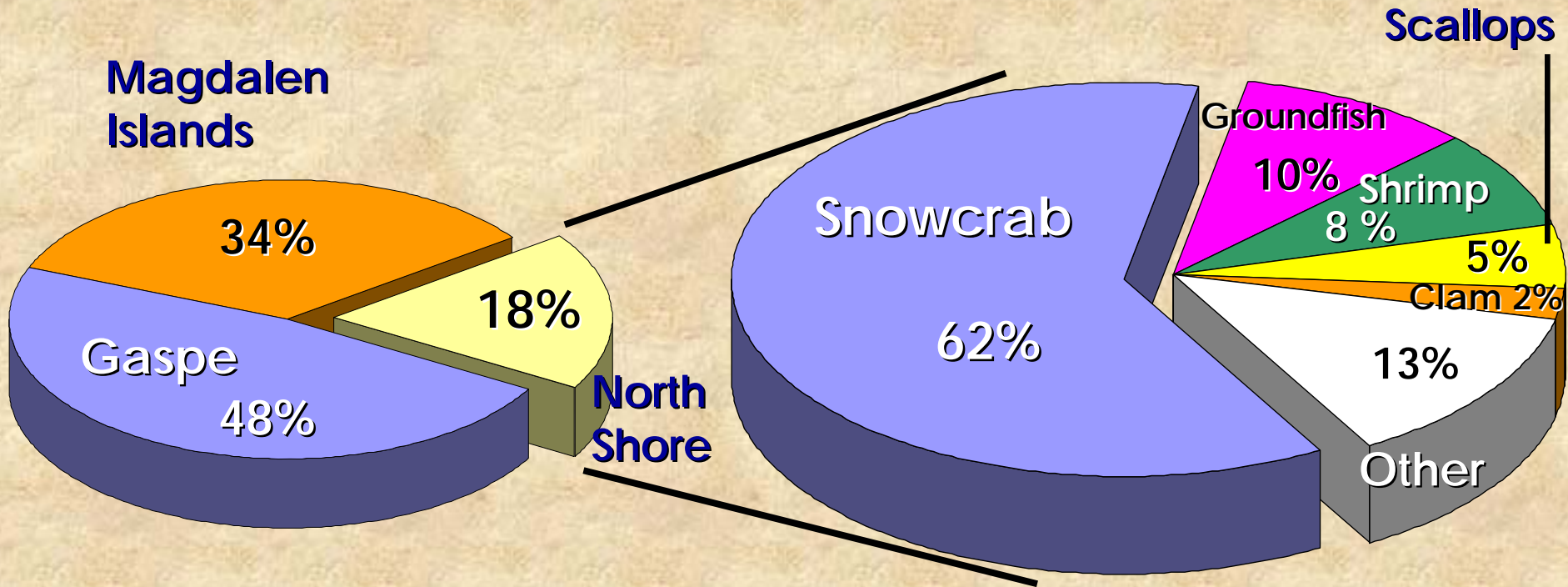
Magdalen Islands



Quebec Total : 58,300 t

North Shore Total : 13,336 t

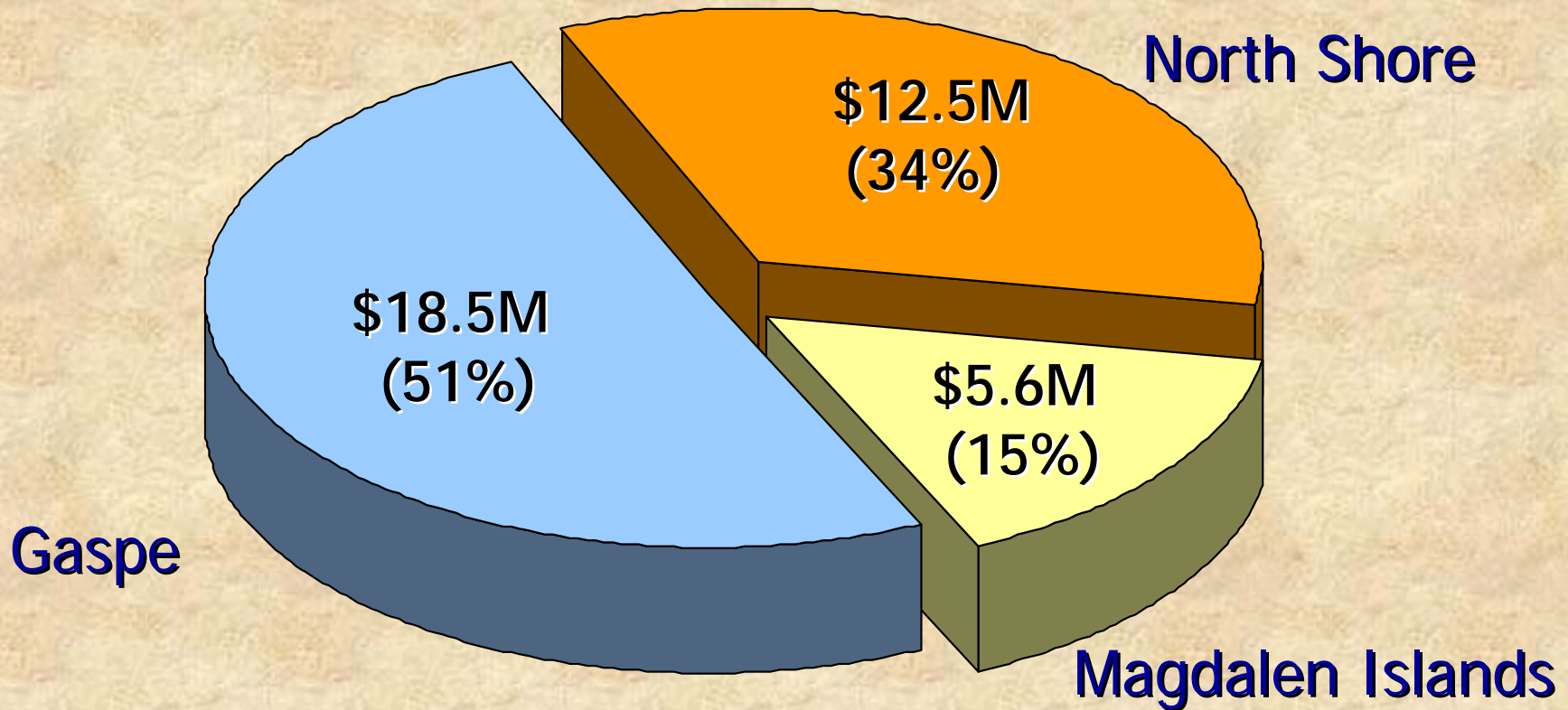
Breakdown of Landed Value North Shore - 2006(p)



Quebec Total : \$110.2M

North Shore Total : \$20.3M

Value of Snowcrab Landings by Sectors 2006(p)



Quebec Total : \$36.6M

Snowcrab

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 et 2006(p)
Volume	16,210 t	15,309 t	- 5.6%
Value	\$63M	\$36.6M	- 41.9%
Average Landed price	\$3.89/kg	\$2.39/kg	- 38.5%

•At the beginning of 2006, snow crab prices reflected the downtrend that began in 2004 following a substantial contraction of U.S. demand. The lower prices have nevertheless had a buoying effect on demand. Prices for Canadian snow crab sections on the U.S. market have increased by 44% since last May (in CAN\$) and stocks have reached a very low level.

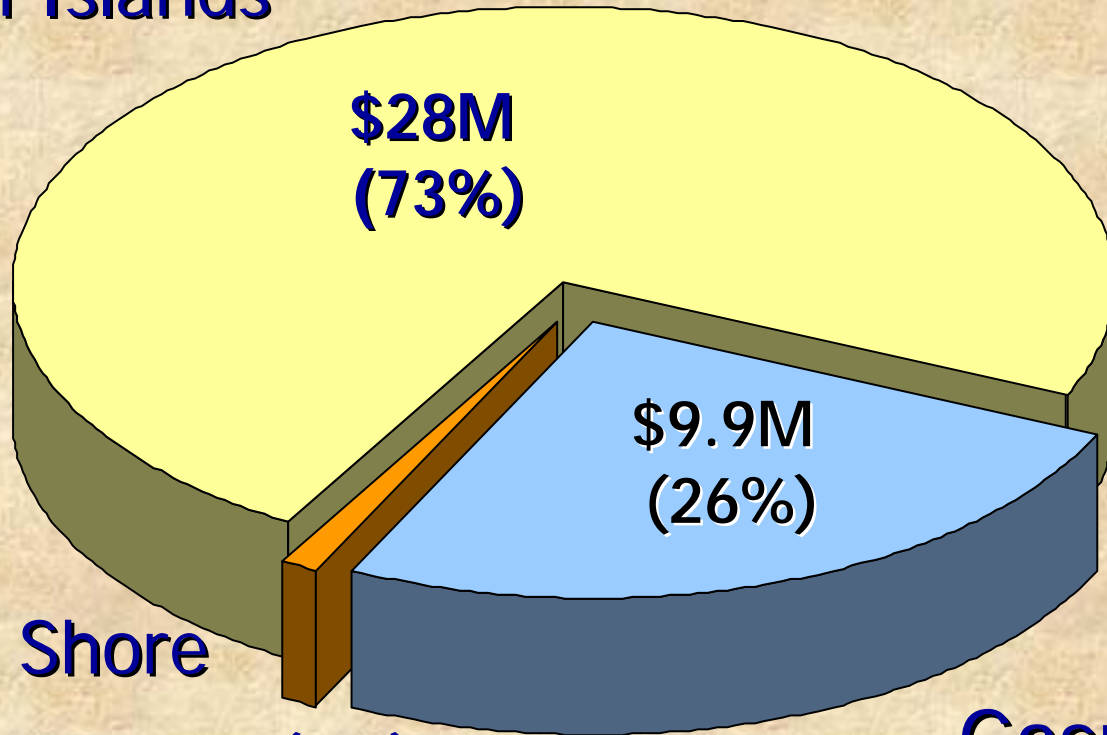
•Nevertheless, the price of Canadian sections (in CAN\$) for the period April to August was 14% lower in 2006 than a year earlier.

Snowcrab

- **The United States is the main export market for Canadian snow crab. More than 85% of Canada's snow crab exports went to the United States in 2005. In 2006, the United States is expected to maintain its position as the leading importer, followed by Japan.**
- **Canada remains the world's largest supplier of snow crab, with landings of 88,600 tonnes in 2006. The snow crab quota for 2007 in our region will be 16,500 tonnes, which represents a stable volume compared with a year earlier.**
- **In Japan, the average price for snow crab imports from Canada fell by 25% (in CAN\$).**

Value of Lobster Landings By Sector 2006(p)

Magdalen Islands



North Shore

\$385,636 (1%)

Gaspe

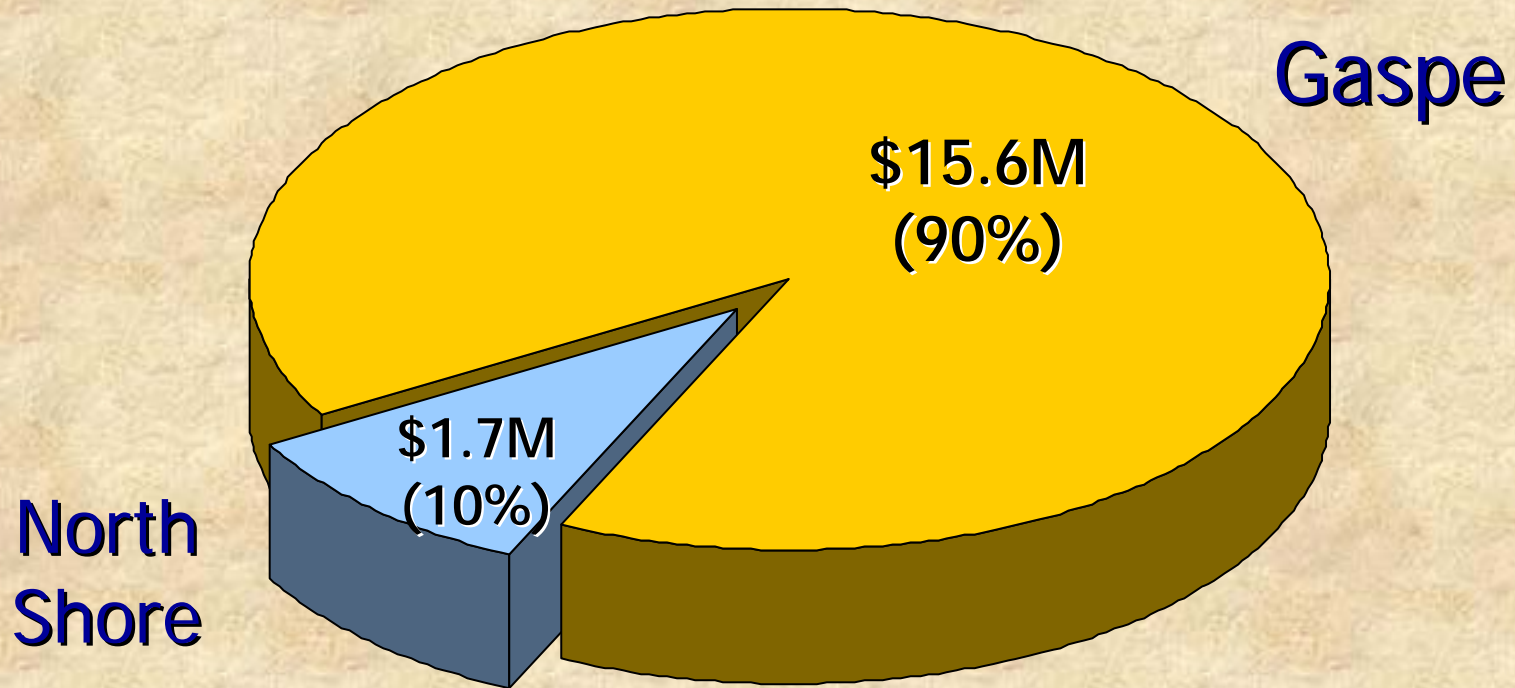
Québec Total : \$38.2M

Lobster

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	3,180 t	3,235 t	+ 1.7%
Value	\$44.7M	\$38.2M	- 14.5%
Average landed price	\$14.1/kg	\$11.8/kg	- 16%

- The value of lobster landings stood at \$38.2M in 2006, which represents a sharp drop from the 2005 level and the lowest landed value posted since 1999.***
- Although landed volume held steady in the Magdalen Islands and increased by 9% in the Gaspé, landed prices showed an average decline of 16%.***
- Since landed prices in Quebec are strongly influenced by U.S. market prices, the depreciation of the U.S. dollar in 2006 had a major impact on landed prices in Quebec.***

Value of Gulf Shrimp landings by Sector - 2006(p)



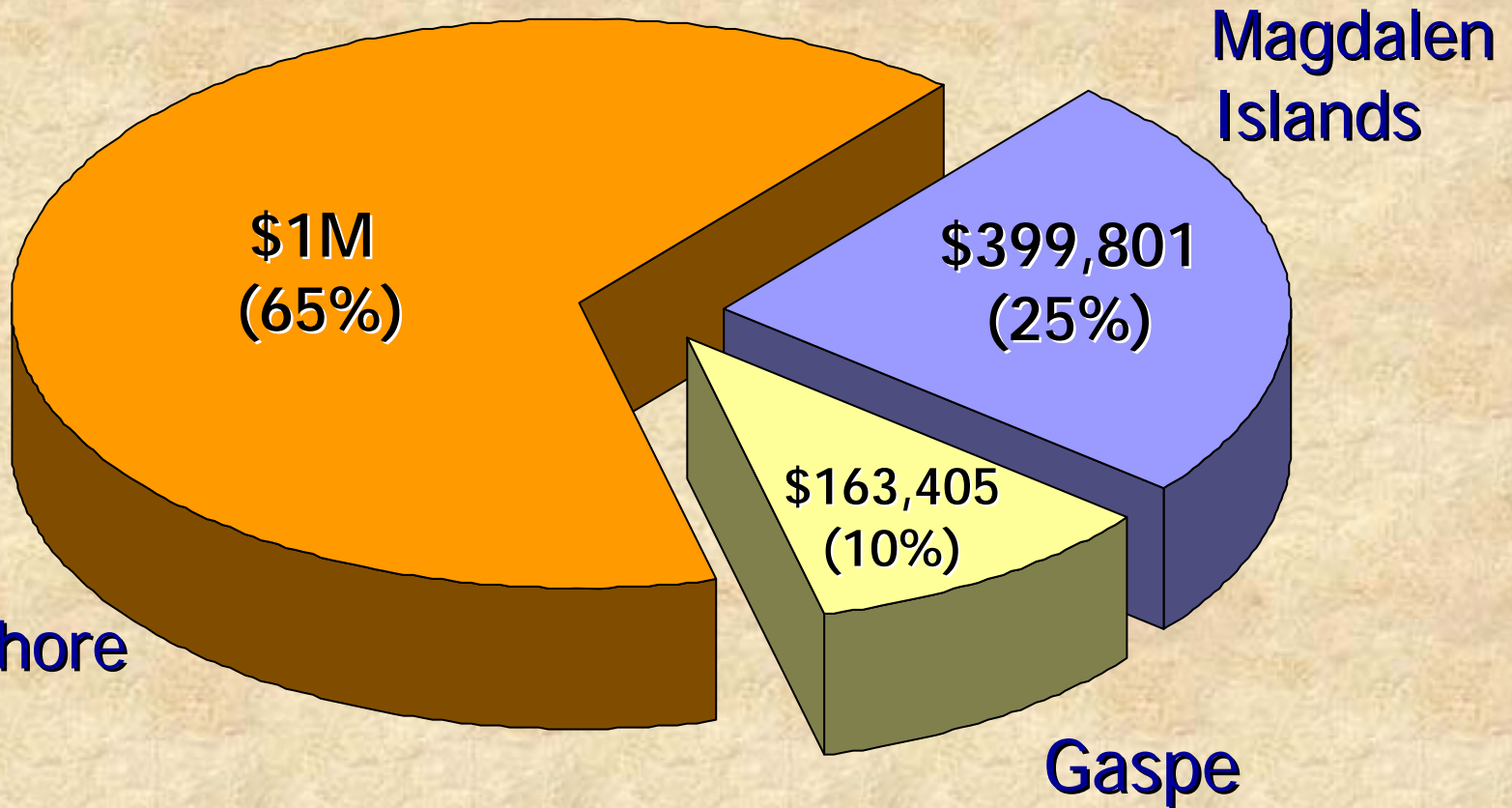
Québec Total : \$17.3M

Gulf Shrimp

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	17,422 t	19,384 t	+ 11.3%
Value	\$23.9M	\$17.3M	- 27.6%
Average landed price	\$1.36/kg	\$0.87/kg	- 36%

- **Landed value decreased by \$6.6M because of a 30% decline in the average price paid for shrimp.**
- **Landed volumes rose by nearly 2,000 t in 2006 because a larger proportion of the quota was caught.**
- **Northern shrimp prices remained at record low levels on world markets.**

Value of Scallops Landings by Sector 2006(p)



Quebec Total : \$1.6M

Scallops

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	144 t	131 t	- 9%
Value	\$1.8M	\$1.6M	- 11.4%
Average landed price	\$14.94/kg (Meat Weight)	\$15.75/kg (Meat Weight)	+ 5.4%

- **Scallop prices fell in North America in 2006 in response to a substantial increase in U.S. scallop landings.**
- **Quebec scallop landings declined by 9% in 2006 from the previous year. Landings decreased by 39% in the Magdalen Islands, 2% in the Gaspé and 1% on the North Shore**

Cod

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	2,155 t	2,581 t	+ 19.8%
Value	2.2 M \$	\$2.7M	+ 26.5%
Average landed price	\$1.21/kg	\$1.28/kg	+ 6.5%

- **Value of landings in the Gaspé = \$1.6M**
- **(Nearly 58% of the total landed value for Quebec)**
- **Value of landings on the North Shore = \$836,500**
- **(Nearly 31% of the total landed value for Quebec)**
- **Value of landings in the Magdalen Islands = \$324,600**
- **(Nearly 12% of the total landed value for Quebec)**

Turbot (Greenland halibut)

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	3,069 t	2,903 t	- 5.4%
Value	\$6.6M	\$5M	- 24.9%
Average landed price	\$2.27/kg	1,80 \$/kg	- 20,8 %

Landed value stood at \$3.9M in the Gaspé, representing nearly 80% of the total for Quebec.

Atlantic halibut

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	152 t	124 t	- 18.4%
Value	\$885,131	\$756,302	- 14.6%
Average landed price	\$6.72/kg	\$6.97/kg	+ 3.8%

Landed value stood at \$485,000 in the Gaspé, representing nearly 64% of the total for Quebec.

Other flatfish

- **American plaice**
- **Winter flounder**
- **Witch flounder**
- **Yellowtail flounder**

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	677 t	657 t	- 3%
Value	\$598,826	\$629,852	+ 5.2%

Herring

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	5,233 t	4,191 t	- 19.9%
Value	\$1.5M	\$1.1M	- 28.2%
Average landed price	\$0.28/kg	\$0.25/kg	- 10.7%

- **Magdalen Islands and North Shore: landings declined substantially.**
- **Gaspe: landings were up slightly.**
- **Landed value stood at \$933,500 in the Gaspe, representing nearly 89% of the total for Quebec.**

Mackerel

	2005	2006(p)	Change 2005 - 2006(p)
Volume	1,035 t	1,816 t	+ 75.5%
Value	\$564,042	\$870,405	+ 54.3%
Average landed price	\$0.55/kg	\$0.48/kg	- 12.3%

- Landings increased in all sectors.
- Landed value stood at \$577,800 in the Magdalen Islands, representing nearly 66% of the total for Quebec

Results of 2006 season - Quebec

Species	Volume (t)	Value (M\$)	Difference (Jan.-Nov.) (2006-2005)		Average landed price	
			Tonnes	Value	\$/kg	Var. 06/05
Snowcrab	15,309	36.6	- 5.6%	- 41.9%	2.39	- 38.5%
Lobster	3,235	38.2	+ 1.7%	- 14.5%	11.82	- 16%
Gulf Shrimp	19,384	17.3	+ 11.3%	- 27.6%	0.87	- 36%
Scallops	131 (Meat Weight)	1.6	- 9%	- 11,4%	15.75 (Meat Weight)	+ 5.4%
Cod	2,581	2,.	+ 19.8%	+ 26.5%	1.28	+ 6.5%
Turbot	2,903	5	- 5.4%	- 24.9%	1.80	- 20.8%
Atlantic halibut	124	0.8	-18.4%	-14.6%	6.97	+ 3.8%
Flatfish	657	0.6	- 3%	+ 5,2%	-----	-----
Herring	4,191	1.1	- 19.9%	- 28.2%	0.25	- 10.7%
Mackerel	1,816	0.9	+ 75.5%	+ 54.3%	0.48	- 12.3%

Media Advisory

Commercial Fishing **RESULTS FOR THE QUEBEC REGION 2006 SEASON**

The results issued in this document are preliminary. The period covered is January to November 2006.

Quebec City, February 8, 2007 – Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Quebec Region, has released commercial fisheries results for the 2006 season. By the end of November 2006, the volume of landings of all species in Quebec totalled 58,300 tonnes, a three per cent increase compared to the 2005 season. The landings were worth \$110.2 million, a 28 per cent decrease compared to last year.

The volume increase in 2006 was the result of higher landings of gulf shrimp, lobster, cod and mackerel. The lower value was caused by the large drop in snow crab, lobster and gulf shrimp prices.

2006 fishing season: A few highlights

- Landings in the 2006 season were up in both volume and value for cod and mackerel. Landings of gulf shrimp and lobster have also increased, despite a drop of prices.
- In the Gaspé, lobster landings have been increasing. Turbot landings were worth \$3.9 million. Snow crab represents 51% of the landings value.
- On the North Shore, it is worth noting the rise of capelin landings, which confirms the interest in this species. Snow crab represents 62% of landings value.
- In the Magdalen Islands, lobster represents 73% of the landing values. The landings remain at an historical high level due to conservation measures adopted over the past years.
- For 2006, the decrease of the landings value is a result of the drop of snow crab, lobster and gulf shrimp prices.

More details can be found at this Web site: <http://www.qc.dfo-mpo.gc.ca>

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Backgrounder

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OVERVIEW OF THE 2006 SEASON:

- **Quebec Region (all sectors):**
 - Volume: 58,300 tonnes (all species)
 - Value: \$110.2 million
- **Gaspe:**
 - Volume: 36,052 tonnes (all species)
 - Value: \$52.4 million
- **Magdalen Islands:**
 - Volume: 8,843 tonnes (all species)
 - Value: \$37.3 million
- **North Shore:**
 - Volume: 13,336 tonnes (all species)
 - Value: \$20.3 million

REGIONAL PICTURE:

Gaspe:

- Landings in the Gaspe between January and November 2006 for all species were 36,052 tonnes, worth \$52.4 million.
- The volume landed exceeds the Gaspe average for the past 15 years, whereas the value falls short of the average.
- In terms of volume, for 2006, 62% of all Quebec marine resources harvested were landed at Gaspe ports. Of this, Gulf shrimp accounts for 50% and snow crab 21%.
- For 2006, the value of Gaspe landings represents 48% of total Quebec landings by value. Of this, 35% is for snow crab and 30% Gulf shrimp.
- In terms of value, roughly 51% of all snow crab and 90% of all Gulf shrimp catches were landed at Gaspe ports.

Magdalen Islands:

- Between January and November 2006, landings for all species in the Magdalen Islands were 8,843 tonnes, worth over \$37.3 million.
- The volume of landings is below the average for the past 15 years. The value of landings is, however, slightly over the average for the past 15 years.
- In terms of volume, for 2006, 15% of all Quebec marine resource catches were landed at Magdalen Islands ports. Of this, lobster accounts for 27% and snow crab 24%.



- For 2006, Magdalen Islands landings represented 34% of total Quebec landings by value. Of this, 75% is for lobster and 15% snow crab.
- In terms of value, 73% of all Quebec lobster catches were landed at Magdalen Islands ports.

North Shore:

- Between January and November, aggregate landings for all species on the North Shore were 13,336 tonnes, worth \$20.3 million.
- Landed volume slightly exceeds the average for the past 15 years, but the value of landings is below the average.
- For 2006, 23% of all Quebec marine resource catches were landed at North Shore ports. Of this, snow crab accounts for 41%, gulf shrimp 11% and groundfish 11%.
- For 2006, North Shore landings represent 18% of total Quebec landings. Of this, 62% is snow crab.
- In terms of value, nearly 65% of all Quebec scallop catches were landed at North Shore ports.

2006 SEASON RESULTS:

Volumes and Values of the Main Species caught in Quebec in 2006		
Species	Volume	Value
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Flatfish (plaice, flounder)	657 tonnes	\$600,000
Herring	4,191 tonnes	\$1.1M
Mackerel	1,816 tonnes	\$900,000

A presentation on the 2006 fishing season can be viewed at this Web site:
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