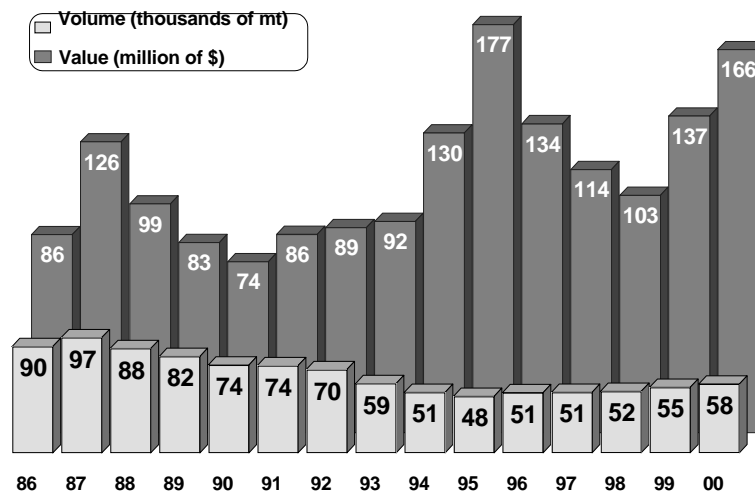


***CATCH PORTRAIT OF
QUEBEC SECTOR***

Portrait of Quebec sector catches for 2000

For a second consecutive year, the Quebec landings value has shown an increase, for a total of 166 million of dollars in 2000. Between 1999 and 2000, the total value of landings has registered an increase of 21 % due mainly to the increase of 45 % of the value of the snow crab catches between 1999 and 2000. The value of lobster and shrimp landings has increased of 13 % and 9 % respectively. On the other hand, the value of pelagic fish and groundfish has shown a reduction of 24 % and 19 % respectively, which influenced very lightly the value of these landings. As for the volume of landings, it did not cease increasing since 1997, passing from 51 to 58 metric tons in 2000, which represents an increase of 14 %. This increase is ascribable to an increase of 27 % of snow crab landings and of 15 % of shrimp landings.

Evolution of landings made by the Quebec fishing industry - 1986-2000

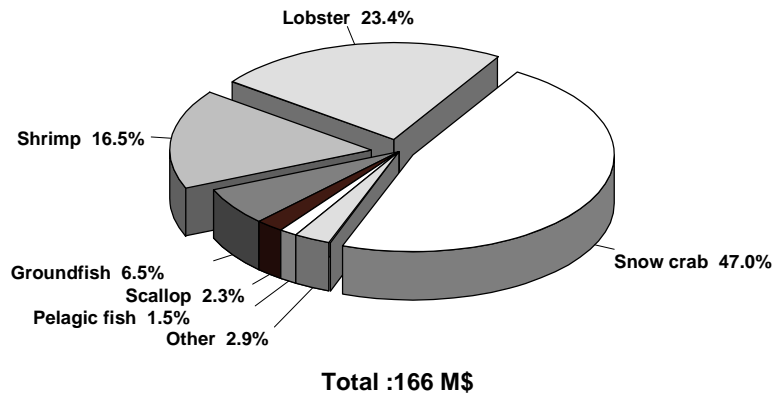


Source: Policy and Economics Branch, DFO Quebec Region

The breakdown of landings value by species show that snow crab fishery is keeping the first position with a value of 78 millions of dollars, representing 47 % of the total. Lobster is in second position with a value at landings of approximately 39 millions of dollars. In the third place, we have the shrimp with landings of the order of 27 millions of dollars. Together, these crustaceans represent close to 87 % of the value of landings for 2000. Far behind, the value of

landings for groundfish, scallop and pelagic fish is, for this same year, in the order of 11 metric tons, 4 metric tons and 2 million of dollars respectively.

Breakdown of landing value, according to species - 2000



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