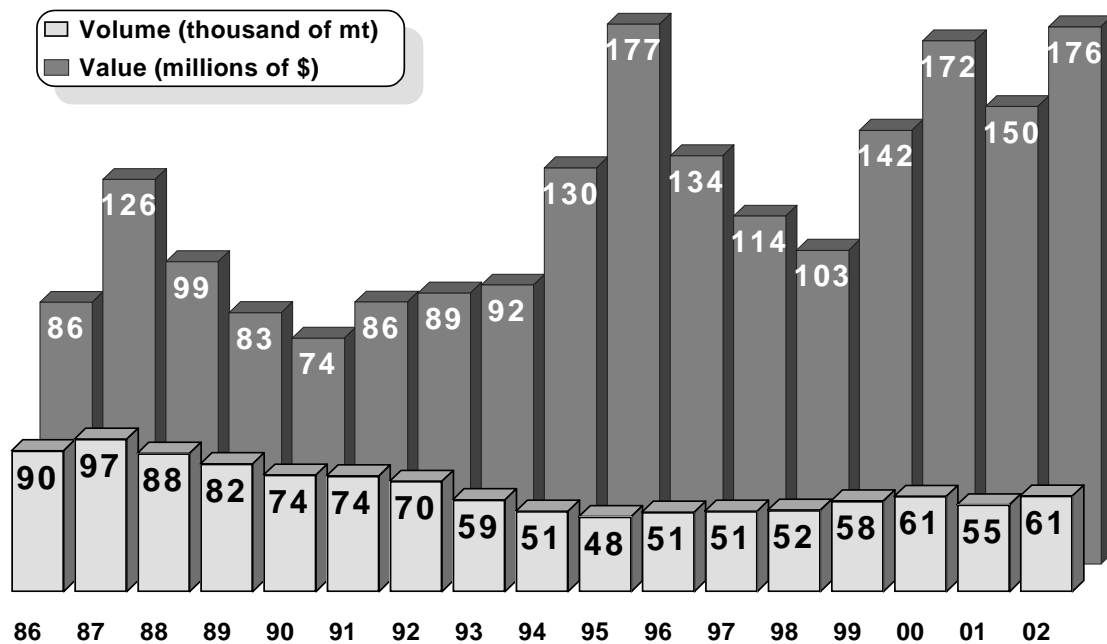


***CATCH PORTRAIT OF
QUEBEC SECTOR***

Portrait of Quebec Sector catches for 2002

The value of Quebec landings was totalling 176 M\$ in 2002, which is a second record year. In comparison with 2001, the total value of landings has demonstrated an increase of 17 %, attributable in a large part to the increase of value for snow crab and shrimp in 2002. In this way, the value of snow crab landings has increased of 41 % and the value of shrimp landings has increased of 31 %. In the opposite way, the value of scallop landings has dropped of 40 %. A reduction of landings in the order of 19 % and 6 % is also observed for the groundfish and lobster, while pelagic fish has faced a drop of 2 %. Concerning the volume of landings, it went from 55 000 to 61 000 metric tons in 2002, representing an increase of 10 %. This increase is attributable to the increase of 30 % for the shrimp and 26 % in the case of snow crab.

Evolution of Quebec Fishing Industry landings 1986-2002

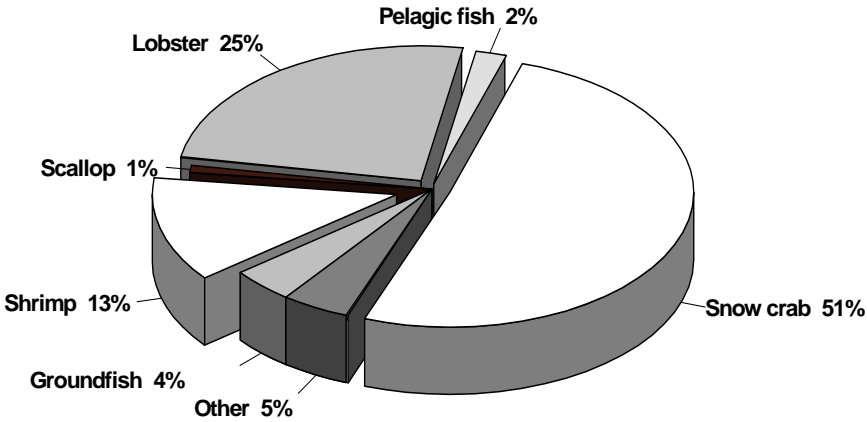


Source: Policy and Economics Branch, DFO – Quebec Region

Note : The supplementary purchase slips are included in the landings.

The breakdown of the value of landings, according to the species, shows that snow crab stays on top with a value of 90 M\$, being 51 % of the total. The lobster is the second species in importance with a value of approximately 44 M\$. In the third place, we have shrimp landings with a value of the order of 22 M\$. Together, these three crustaceans were representing 88 % of the value of landings in 2002. Far behind, the value for groundfish landings, pelagic fish and scallop in 2002 were of 8 M\$, 4 M\$ and of 1 M\$ respectively.

Value of landings breakdown according to species, 2002



Total : 176 M\$

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