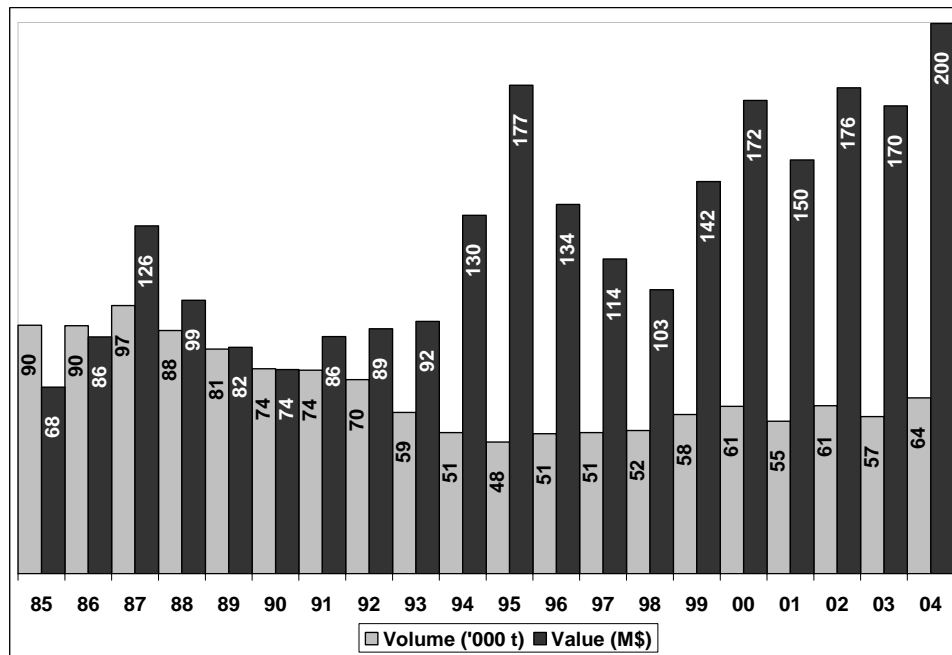


***CATCH PORTRAIT OF  
QUEBEC SECTOR***

## Portrait of Quebec Sector catches for 2004

The value of Quebec landings was totalling 200 M\$ in 2004, which constitutes an historical record year. In comparison with 2003, the total value of landings has recorded an increase of 18 %, attributable in a large part to an increase of the value of the snow crab catches in 2004. Thus, the value of snow crab landings has increased of 19 M\$ representing 24 % more than the previous year. As for the value of lobster landings, it has increased of 3 M\$, representing an increase of 6 %. An increase of 6 M\$ for the value of shrimp is also noted as well as an increase of 4 M\$ for groundfish. Concerning the landings, they passed from 57 000 to 64 000 tons in 2004, representing an increase of 12 %. This rise is attributable to the increase of 53 % of groundfish landings (mainly cod), of 29 % of shrimp, 21 % of snow crab and 6 % of lobster.

### Evolution of Quebec Fishing Industry landings 1985-2004

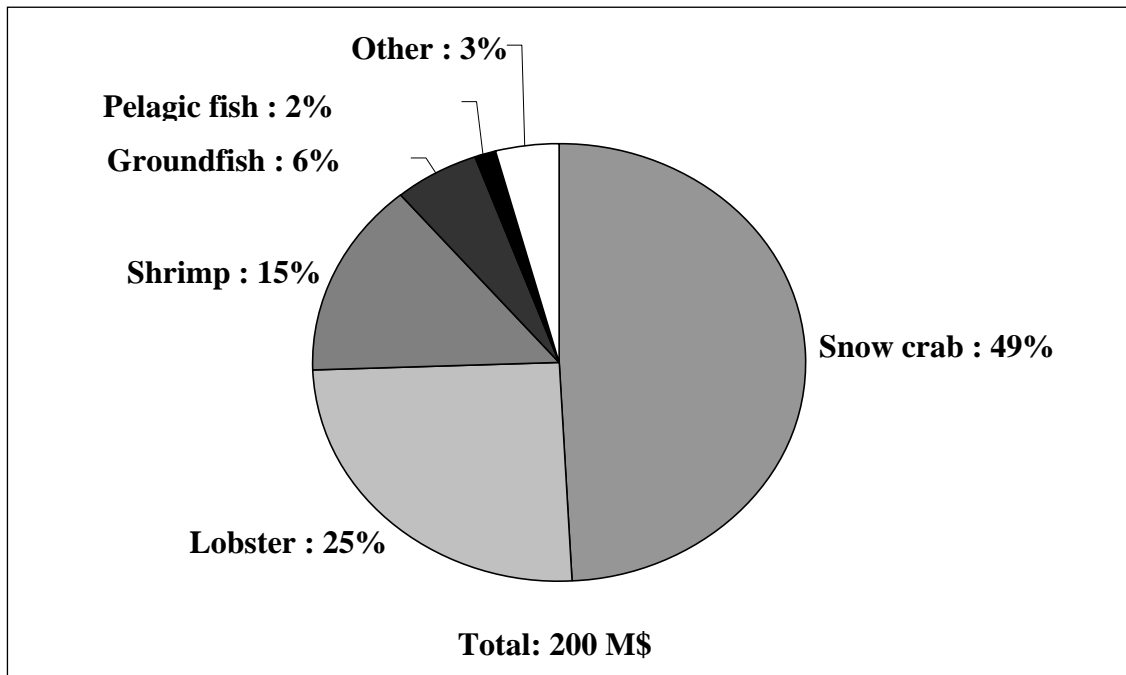


Source : DFO, Quebec Region

*Note : Supplementary 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 98 M\$, representing 49 % of the total. The lobster is the second species in importance with a value at landings of approximately 50 M\$. In the third place, we have shrimp landings with a value of the order of 29 M\$. Together, these three crustaceans were representing 89 % of the value of landings in 2004. Far behind, the value of landings for groundfish and pelagic fish were respectively of 11 M\$ and 3.5 M\$ in 2004.

### **Breakdown of the value of landings according to species, 2004**



Source: DFO, Quebec Region.