

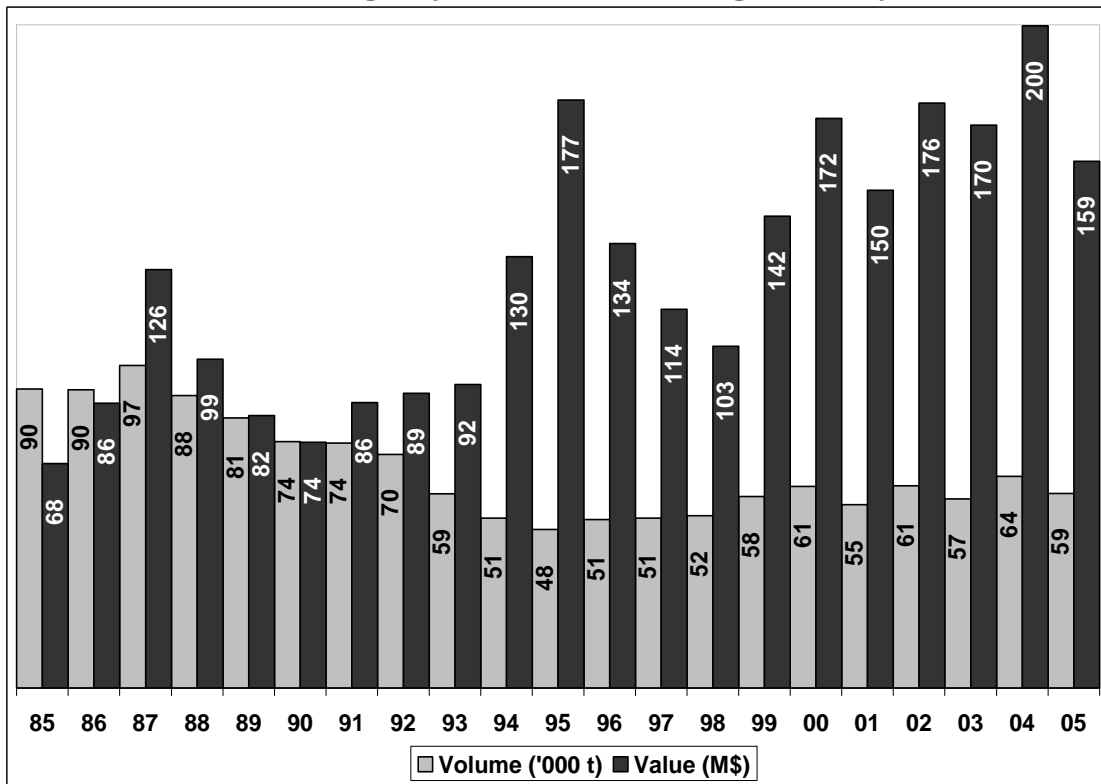
***CATCH PORTRAIT OF  
QUEBEC SECTOR***

## Portrait of the Quebec Capture Sector in 2005

Quebec landed a total of 58 700 t in 2005, valued at \$159 M, 9% less in terms of volume and 20% less in terms of value in relation to 2004. This decrease in landed value is mainly due to a significant drop in snow crab landed value, a species that makes up 40% of Quebec's total landings. In 2005, despite a 7% increase in snow crab catches, a \$35 M loss was recorded, the result of a nearly 40% drop in landed price.

The total landed value of certain other species also fell, namely shrimp (-18%) and lobster (-3%). The 6% increase in landed price for lobster did not make up for the 10% drop in catches.

### **Evolution of Landings by Quebec's Fishing Industry, 1985-2005**



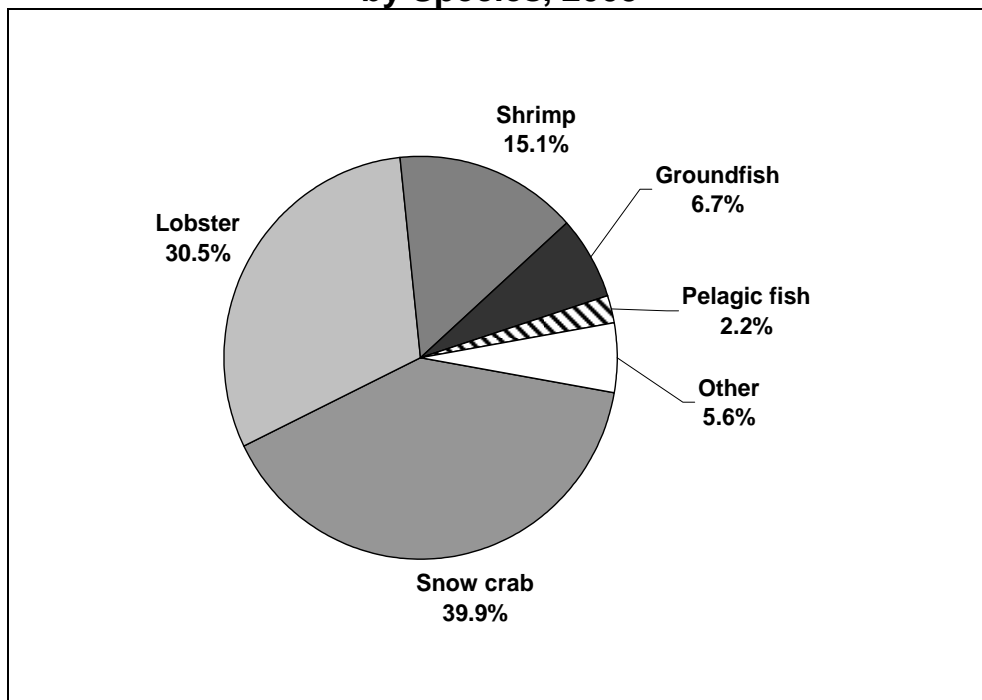
Source: DFO, Quebec Region

Note: Additional receipts are included in the landings.

Of the groundfish, cod landings increased a significant 40%. Given that the price (gutted, not beheaded) dropped over 20%, the total value of landings rose by a mere \$140,000. Catches of Greenland halibut dropped 3% while the price (bled, partially gutted) rose slightly, by 4%. The scallop industry had good news, with the landed price (meat) jumping 17% and landings rising 10%.

The breakdown of landed value by species shows that snow crab remained in first place, worth \$63 M and making up 40% of the total landings. Lobster was in second place with a landed value of \$48 M. Shrimp followed in third place with landings worth \$24 M. Together, these three crustaceans represented a little over 85% of the total landed value in 2005. Lagging far behind, groundfish and pelagic fish fetched a respective \$11 M and \$3 M in 2005.

### Breakdown of the Value of Quebec Landings by Species, 2005



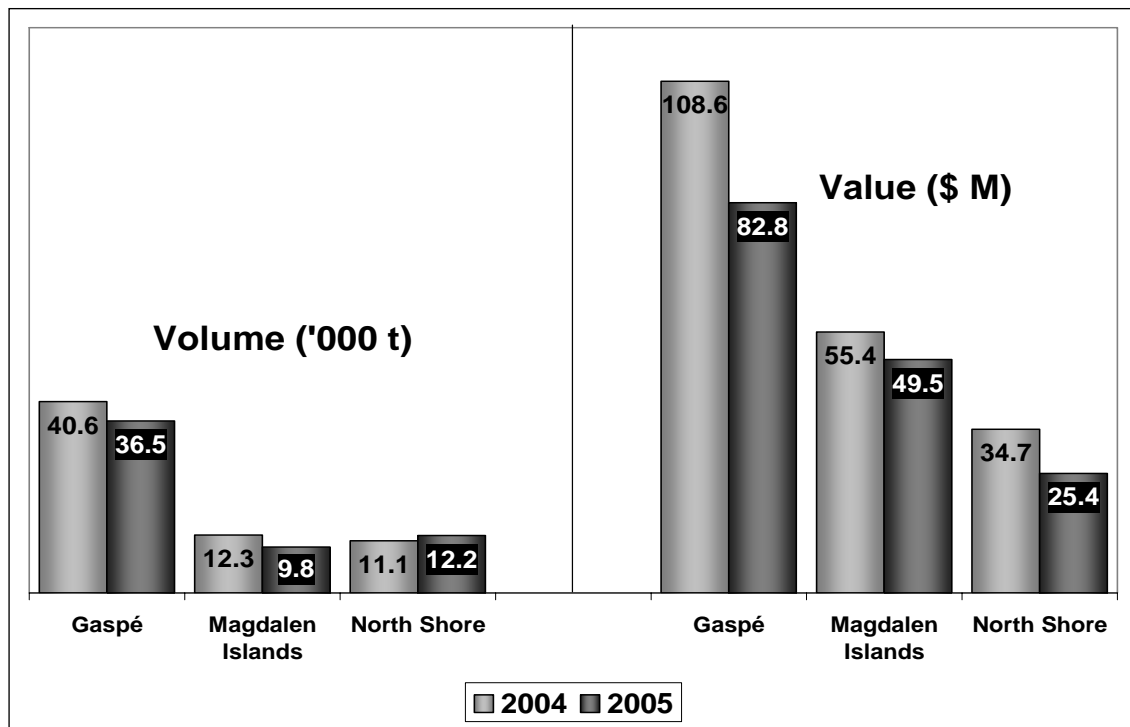
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Regionally, Gaspé suffered the largest drop in landed value, due to the significant role snow crab plays among all of the landed species. The drop in snow crab prices therefore had a considerable impact on this region. Moreover, the substantial decrease in shrimp catches (-24%) in 2005 also forced Gaspé's total landed value to fall. The fact that certain businesses stopped processing and fishing shrimp at the end of the season was the reason behind this drop in landings.

The Magdalen Islands saw a \$6 M drop in landings, caused mainly by a decrease in snow crab catches and price as well as, on a lesser scale, a considerable drop in herring and mackerel catches.

Despite being the only region that experienced an increase in landings, the North Shore's landed value nevertheless fell by a little over \$9 M in 2005. Once again, the significant decrease in the landed price of snow crab is the main cause, notwithstanding an increase in catches of this species (+12%).

### Evolution of Landings by Region, 2004 and 2005



Source: DFO, Quebec Region