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## **Foreword**

The Quebec Region Statistics and Licensing Division has put together “**Quebec Marine Fisheries: 2013-2014 Highlights**” to provide a general overview of all the Quebec fisheries. This supplement is not intended to replace our Annual Statistical Review, but to be consulted in conjunction with it. We feel that this supplement will provide clients with an easy-to-use, accessible source of information about the main points of interest concerning the industry. Being an overview, it contains only the essentials, and we encourage you to refer to the Annual Statistical Review for more detailed information.

This publication is divided into two parts. The first presents a statistical summary of the main indicators of the fishery workforce and resources. A series of tables shows the changes in catches of the four main species landed in Quebec between 2010 and 2014. To provide a broader picture of the fishing industry, we have incorporated information on all the Atlantic Provinces. The second section outlines the changes in average landings of the largest Quebec fleets for the years 2005 to 2014. Please see of the Annual Statistical Review for an explanation of the method used to define the composition of each fleet.

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**Please note that the graphics in pages 19 to 32 include all species catch by fishermen (quantity and value).  
For more detail look at the annual statistics review.**

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## **Statistical summary**

**Work force and resources distribution for the Quebec Region  
by geographical area in 2013**

<b>Sectors</b>	<b>Number of registered active licence holders (2)</b>	<b>Number of active licence holders in Quebec (2)</b>	<b>Number of registered vessels</b>	<b>Number of active vessels in Quebec (1)</b>	<b>Active quebecer vessels in Quebec</b>	<b>Number of commercial fishing licences</b>	<b>Number of buyers</b>	<b>Maximum number of employees in fishing plants</b>
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	-	-	20	6	5	-	4	135
<b>North Shore</b>	308	367	408	295	279	1 777	20	943
<b>Gaspé Peninsula</b>	398	437	432	434	396	1 842	56	2 920
<b>Magdalen Islands</b>	379	461	388	381	381	1 989	10	751
<b>Other</b>	-	-	13	-	-	-	9	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 085</b>	<b>1 265</b>	<b>1 261</b>	<b>1 094</b>	<b>1 039</b>	<b>5 608</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4 749</b>

(1) A vessel can be active in more than one maritime sector but it is entered only once within the total for Quebec.

The expression "active vessels" designates any vessel having made at least one landing in any particular area.

(2) Fishermen helpers are not entered anymore. In this table, the data related to the St. Lawrence are comprised with Gaspé and North Shore areas.

**Work force and resources distribution for the Quebec Region  
by geographical area in 2014**

Sectors	Number of registered active licence holders (2)	Number of active licence holders in Quebec (2)	Number of registered vessels	Number of active vessels in Quebec (1)	Active quebecer vessels in Quebec	Number of commercial fishing licences	Number of buyers	Maximum number of employees in fishing plants
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	-	-	18	4	3	-	5	38
<b>North Shore</b>	300	366	409	286	279	1 777	20	928
<b>Gaspé Peninsula</b>	393	432	425	420	384	1 835	52	2 234
<b>Magdalen Islands</b>	379	447	383	378	374	1 996	12	715
<b>Other</b>	-	-	13	-	-	-	13	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>1 245</b>	<b>1 248</b>	<b>1 065</b>	<b>1 018</b>	<b>5 608</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3 915</b>

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**Landing distribution in Quebec Region  
by geographical area in 2013**  
(Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
(Value in thousands of dollars)

<i>Main species landed</i>	Gaspé		North Shore		Magdalen		Quebec Total	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Cod</b>	191	350	234	231	4	9	429	591
<b>Redfish</b>	180	155	°	°	36	27	216	182
<b>Greenland Halibut</b>	1 555	4 763	389	1 205	1	1	1 945	5 970
<b>Herring</b>	4 544	2 092	3 838	824	45	11	8 427	2 927
<b>Scallop</b>	29	93	159	381	374	1 103	563	1 577
<b>Lobster</b>	1 418	13 757	80	621	2 789	24 928	4 287	39 306
<b>Shrimp</b>	20 531	30 825	130	528	-	-	20 661	31 353
<b>Snow Crab</b>	7 171	34 741	6 975	30 797	1 746	8 496	15 891	74 033
<b>All species total</b>	<b>38 849</b>	<b>85 667</b>	<b>14 772</b>	<b>38 455</b>	<b>6 945</b>	<b>37 762</b>	<b>60 765</b>	<b>168 535</b>

**Landing distribution in Quebec Region  
by geographical area in 2014**

(Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
(Value in thousands of dollars)

<i>Main species landed</i>	Gaspé		North Shore		Magdalen		Quebec Total	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Cod</b>	186	333	242	269	10	19	438	620
<b>Redfish</b>	15	10	1	°	33	39	49	49
<b>Greenland Halibut</b>	2 574	8 084	402	1 281	1	2	2 977	9 367
<b>Herring</b>	3 022	1 402	3 286	720	23	6	6 331	2 128
<b>Scallop</b>	12	38	69	181	443	1 447	524	1 666
<b>Lobster</b>	1 794	17 861	113	986	3 447	32 265	5 353	51 112
<b>Shrimp</b>	18 075	32 877	223	861	-	-	18 298	33 737
<b>Snow Crab</b>	5 989	36 637	8 277	44 433	1 689	10 797	15 956	91 868
<b>All species total</b>	<b>35 442</b>	<b>103 332</b>	<b>15 108</b>	<b>53 618</b>	<b>7 223</b>	<b>47 265</b>	<b>57 847</b>	<b>204 454</b>

**Crab landings by area in Quebec Region**  
**(Including supplementary purchase slips)**  
 (Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
 (Value in thousands of dollars)

FISHING AREAS	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Quantity	Value								
12	1 882	7 382	2 178	14 628	4 423	20 562	5 665	27 445	5 469	34 366
12A Gaspé North	97	263	117	659	162	800	174	945	178	1 038
12B (Aboriginal)	50	194	69	435	84	370	105	483	111	586
12B Anticosti South	197	631	203	1 182	241	1 062	285	1 279	348	1 912
12C Anticosti East	220	753	219	1 215	219	956	241	1 101	242	1 299
12E Laurentian Channel	2	8	19	124	17	81	25	115	47	299
F Cape Breton & Magdalen Islands	289	1 147	216	1 429	456	2 270	374	1 864	544	3 475
13	146	481	111	612	123	527	127	562	131	663
14	496	1 504	400	2 107	401	1 698	448	1 976	595	3 016
15	538	1 755	538	2 874	539	2 294	591	2 604	651	3 353
16	4 085	12 726	3 390	19 817	3 422	14 793	4 275	18 947	5 526	30 407
16A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	514	2 587
17	1 259	3 716	1 385	7 350	1 576	7 367	1 592	7 566	1 343	7 437
Area 23 Scotia Fundy	18	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area 2J	-	-	-	-	83	338	123	536	-	-
Temporary allocations	1 417	4 780	1 059	6 025	1 783	8 042	1 867	8 609	259	1 432
Supplementary purchase slips	247	809	232	1 352	222	1 050	185	833	136	727
<b>All Areas (1)</b>	<b>10 944</b>	<b>36 221</b>	<b>10 137</b>	<b>59 809</b>	<b>13 750</b>	<b>62 211</b>	<b>16 076</b>	<b>74 866</b>	<b>16 092</b>	<b>92 595</b>

Note: Crab landings originating from sentinel fishing activities are not included in this table.

(1) This total includes the supplementary purchase slips.

### Shrimp landings by shoal in Quebec Region

(Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
(Value in thousands of dollars)

SHAOLS	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Quantity	Value								
Sept-Iles	12 293	13 712	11 874	17 386	9 976	18 220	11 735	17 836	10 250	18 995
Sept-Iles Temporary allocations	1 532	1 690	1 465	2 160	1 350	2 392	1 398	2 146	1 353	2 456
Anticosti	5 717	6 134	5 051	7 300	4 701	8 402	4 127	6 203	4 610	8 292
Anticosti Temporary allocations	701	756	687	986	583	1 032	507	775	634	1 162
Esquiman Group B Qc including temporary allocations	208	187	-	-	-	-	311	430	-	-
Esquiman Group A Newfoundland	177	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Esquiman Group A North Shore	378	339	-	-	388	628	565	870	-	-
Esquiman Group A including temporary allocations	-	-	-	-	44	77	70	118	396	710
Estuary	796	1 205	774	1 348	869	1 696	987	1 561	873	1 650
Estuary Temporary allocations	110	120	106	167	86	154	130	200	110	205
Esquiman Gulf Region PEI / N.S.	-	-	74	112	200	347	214	307	-	-
Sept-Iles Gulf Region PEI / N.S.	184	203	174	265	296	535	346	511	-	-
Anticosti Gulf Region PEI / N.S.	94	104	114	174	190	335	181	263	-	-
Zone 6 3L Nfld	-	-	-	-	57	104	89	131	71	266
<b>All Shoals</b>	<b>22 191</b>	<b>24 608</b>	<b>20 318</b>	<b>29 899</b>	<b>18 741</b>	<b>33 923</b>	<b>20 661</b>	<b>31 353</b>	<b>18 298</b>	<b>33 737</b>

**Lobster landings by area in Quebec Region**  
 (Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
 (Value in thousands of dollars)

<i>FISHING AREAS</i>	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Quantity	Value								
15	23	224	15	145	28	261	25	203	30	258
16	6	63	6	57	9	86	9	69	13	114
17	205	1 856	174	1 788	244	2 545	306	2 705	452	4 228
18	2	19	2	22	4	41	5	38	8	76
19	25	236	28	284	30	318	41	403	73	738
20A	494	4 426	481	4 727	543	5 564	650	6 307	754	7 571
20B	339	3 059	328	3 258	386	3 961	431	4 232	558	5 640
21	30	290	39	404	73	762	110	1 078	150	1 464
22	3 033	25 804	2 648	27 260	2 669	28 066	2 709	24 267	3 313	31 018
All areas	4 156	35 977	3 721	37 947	3 987	41 602	4 287	39 306	5 353	51 112

**Scallop landings by area in Quebec Region**  
**(Including supplementary purchase slips)**  
 (Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
 (Value in thousands of dollars)

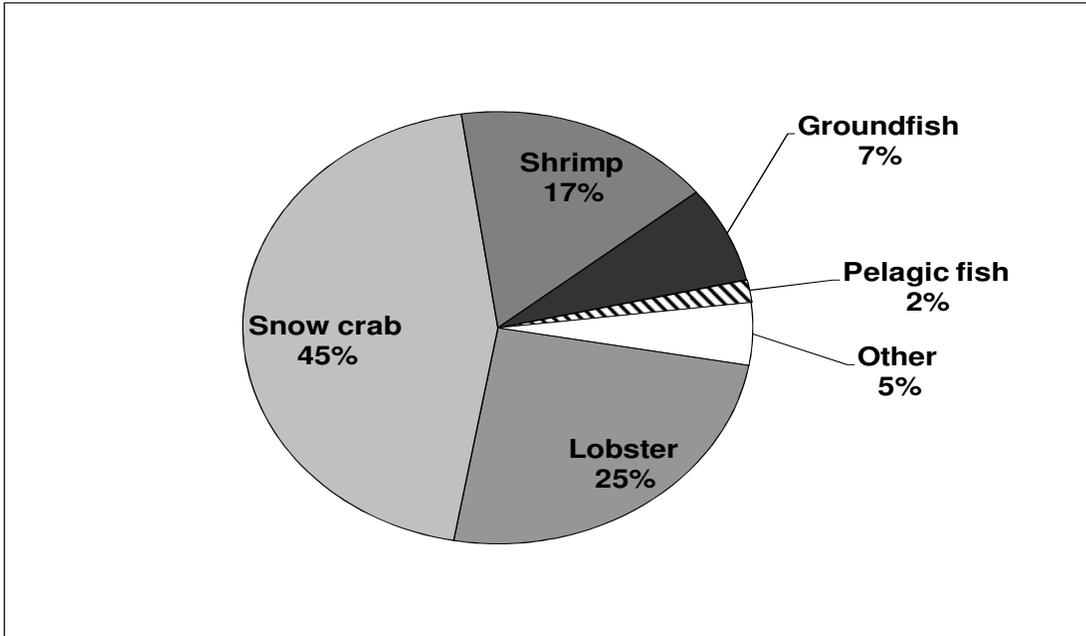
FISHING AREAS	2010		2011		2012		2013		2014	
	Quantity	Value								
15	<>	<>	<>	<>	<>	<>	-	-	-	-
16A (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16B (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16C (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16E	<>	<>	97	184	140	335	124	296	<>	<>
16F	-	-	<>	<>	<>	<>	33	79	<>	<>
18A	-	-	-	-	-	-	<>	<>	-	-
19	56	123	37	89	22	66	29	93	12	38
20	371	738	392	964	363	895	374	1 103	406	1 324
Supplementary purchase slips	80	142	34	68	25	60	9	26	8	24
All areas	603	1 171	579	1 347	577	1 423	572	1 604	531	1 690

Note: After a while, some fisheries areas can be added or modified, that appears in table as "N/A" (Not Applicable).

(1) Concerning scallop landings by fishing area, the areas 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18B and 18C cannot be published because of confidentiality rules.

<> Not publishable, because there were fewer than three buyers or fewer than three fishermen for this fishery ( protected information).

**Value of landings breakdown  
according to species, 2014**



**Atlantic Provinces landings in 2013**  
**(Including supplementary purchase slips)**  
 (Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
 (Value in thousands of dollars)

<i>Main species landed</i>	NEW BRUNSWICK		NOVA SCOTIA		NEWFOUNDLAND		PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Cod</b>	7	15	1 846	3 154	8 225	8 215	10	22
<b>Redfish</b>	11	5	6 189	4 912	2 993	5 907	-	-
<b>Greenland Halibut</b>	1	2	40	65	10 777	50 257	-	-
<b>Herring</b>	33 908	14 211	46 296	17 240	29 569	8 149	7 902	3 639
<b>Scallop</b>	3 014	7 607	59 176	157 547	1 474	3 281	424	1 008
<b>Lobster</b>	15 521	123 673	39 721	414 184	2 200	17 526	12 957	85 787
<b>Shrimp</b>	5 676	7 205	24 745	66 441	97 201	237 263	1 960	9 743
<b>Snow Crab</b>	11 113	55 228	18 467	75 707	50 634	219 458	-	-
<b>All species total</b>	<b>88 365</b>	<b>227 102</b>	<b>234 477</b>	<b>844 677</b>	<b>282 857</b>	<b>639 868</b>	<b>31 525</b>	<b>115 021</b>

Note: Landings quantities and values for Atlantic Provinces are preliminaries.

**Atlantic Provinces landings in 2014**  
**(Including supplementary purchase slips)**  
 (Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
 (Value in thousands of dollars)

<i>Main species landed</i>	NEW BRUNSWICK		NOVA SCOTIA		NEWFOUNDLAND		PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Cod</b>	4	11	2 371	4 409	10 180	12 423	7	14
<b>Redfish</b>	8	4	6 805	5 580	2 086	3 235	-	-
<b>Greenland Halibut</b>	1	1	44	64	11 290	54 811	-	-
<b>Herring</b>	31 532	13 210	44 891	16 098	25 731	5 673	6 127	2 246
<b>Scallop</b>	3 557	9 207	63 772	162 413	1 492	3 530	365	960
<b>Lobster</b>	20 236	189 714	51 534	569 782	2 138	18 464	13 518	113 286
<b>Shrimp</b>	5 635	9 924	24 872	72 828	80 853	252 637	-	-
<b>Snow Crab</b>	9 655	63 455	19 187	111 798	49 761	256 710	1 544	9 880
<b>All species total</b>	87 970	298 298	256 542	1 046 705	255 960	700 804	28 310	137 226

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**Landings by administrative region in 2013**  
**(Including supplementary purchase slips)**  
 (Quantity in rounded metric tons, live weight)  
 (Value in thousands of dollars)

<i>Main species landed</i>	NEWFOUNDLAND		SCOTIA FUNDY		GULF		QUEBEC		ATLANTIC COAST TOTAL (Quebec included)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Cod</b>	8 225	8 215	1 827	3 130	36	62	469	657	10 557	12 063
<b>Redfish</b>	2 993	5 907	6 189	4 912	11	5	232	189	9 424	11 012
<b>Greenland Halibut</b>	10 777	50 257	39	63	3	4	1 958	6 011	12 777	56 334
<b>Herring</b>	29 569	8 149	59 540	22 666	28 566	12 424	8 505	2 956	126 180	46 195
<b>Scallop</b>	1 474	3 281	61 600	163 744	1 013	2 418	572	1 604	64 660	171 047
<b>Lobster</b>	2 200	17 526	41 523	443 076	26 676	180 568	4 521	41 387	74 920	682 557
<b>Shrimp</b>	97 201	237 263	24 745	66 441	5 676	7 205	20 670	31 376	148 292	342 285
<b>Snow Crab</b>	50 634	219 458	12 240	44 175	19 300	96 504	16 076	74 866	98 250	435 003
<b>All Species</b>	282 857	639 868	259 436	863 505	94 931	323 295	62 107	173 244	699 331	1 999 912

Note: Landings quantities and values for administrative regions are preliminaries.

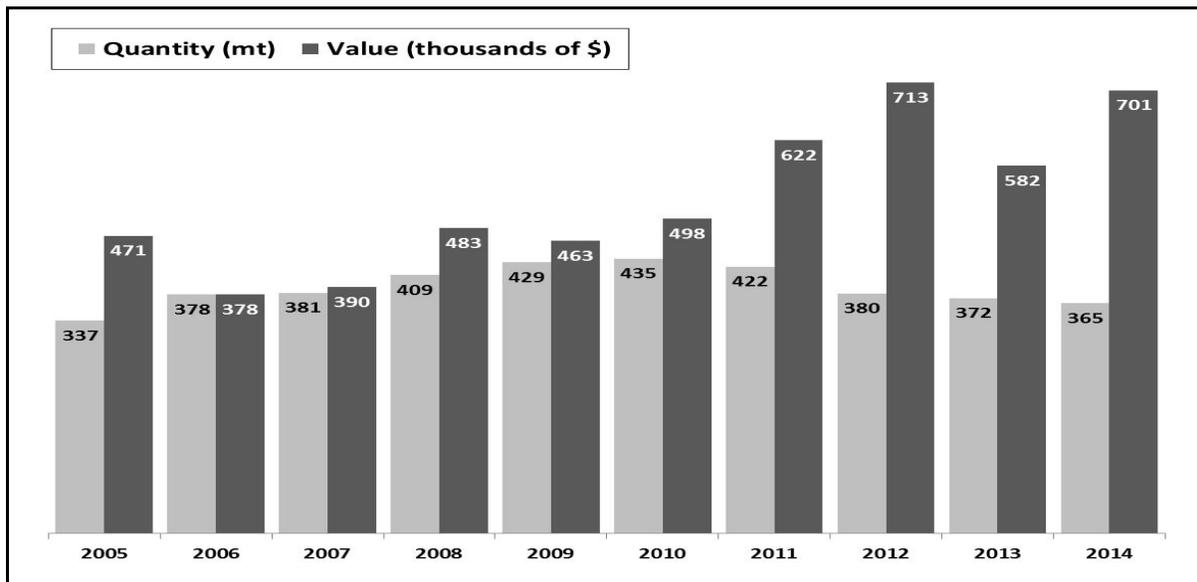
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<i>Main species landed</i>	NEWFOUNDLAND		SCOTIA FUNDY		GULF		QUEBEC		ATLANTIC COAST TOTAL (Quebec included)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>Cod</b>	10 180	12 423	2 348	4 280	34	154	489	700	13 052	17 557
<b>Redfish</b>	2 086	3 235	6 805	5 580	8	4	2 998	9 432	8 963	8 875
<b>Greenland Halibut</b>	11 290	54 811	44	64	1	1	2 998	9 432	14 333	64 309
<b>Herring</b>	25 731	5 673	57 050	21 756	25 500	9 798	6 392	2 150	114 673	39 377
<b>Scallop</b>	1 492	3 530	66 910	170 581	784	1 999	531	1 690	69 717	177 799
<b>Lobster</b>	2 138	18 464	56 920	635 581	28 367	237 201	5 465	52 151	92 891	943 397
<b>Shrimp</b>	80 853	252 637	24 748	72 550	5 759	10 202	18 305	33 751	129 664	369 140
<b>Snow Crab</b>	49 761	256 710	12 142	68 259	18 244	116 875	16 092	92 595	96 240	534 439
<b>All Species</b>	255 960	700 804	283 341	1 086 989	89 482	395 240	59 029	208 422	687 812	2 391 455

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**Portrait of Quebec  
fishing fleets**

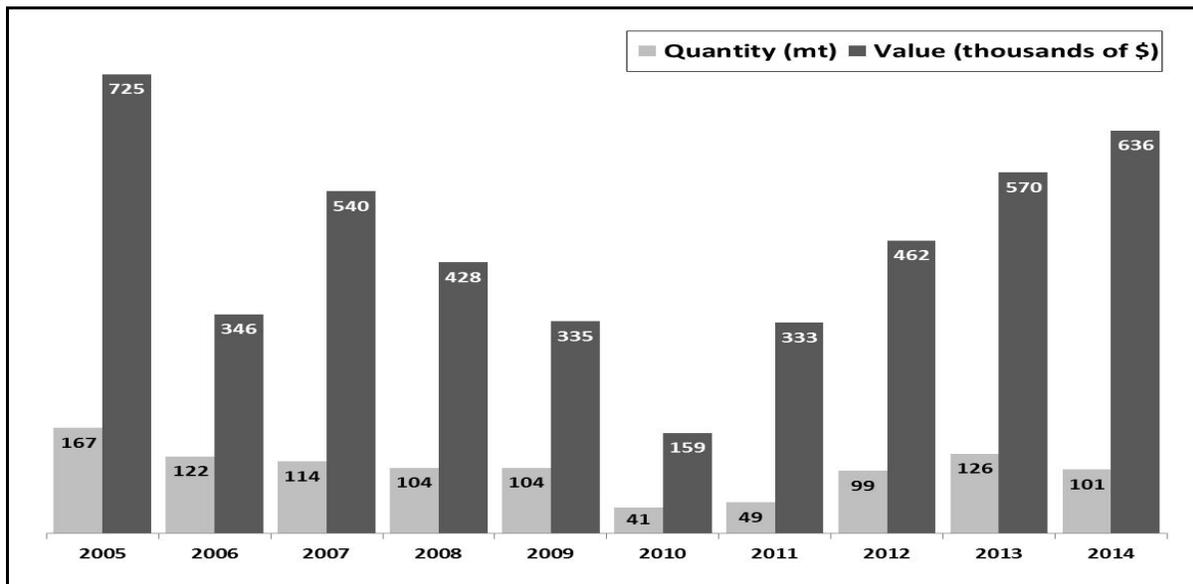
## SHRIMPERS, GROUP B Evolution of average landings, 2005 to 2014



Source: Policy and Economics Branch, DFO, Quebec Region

## CRABBERS, AREA 12

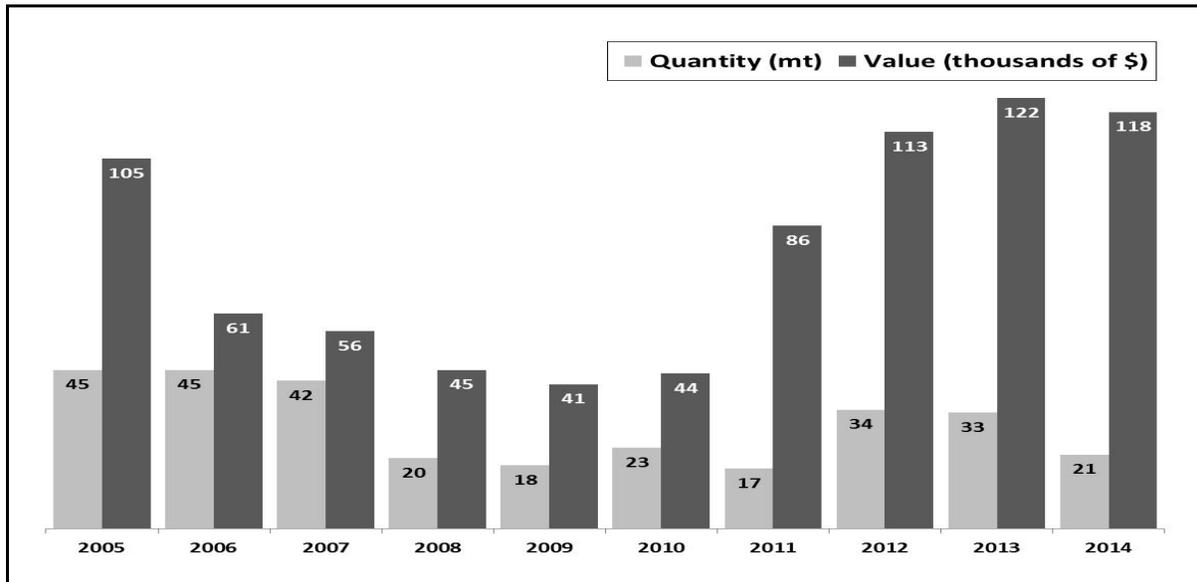
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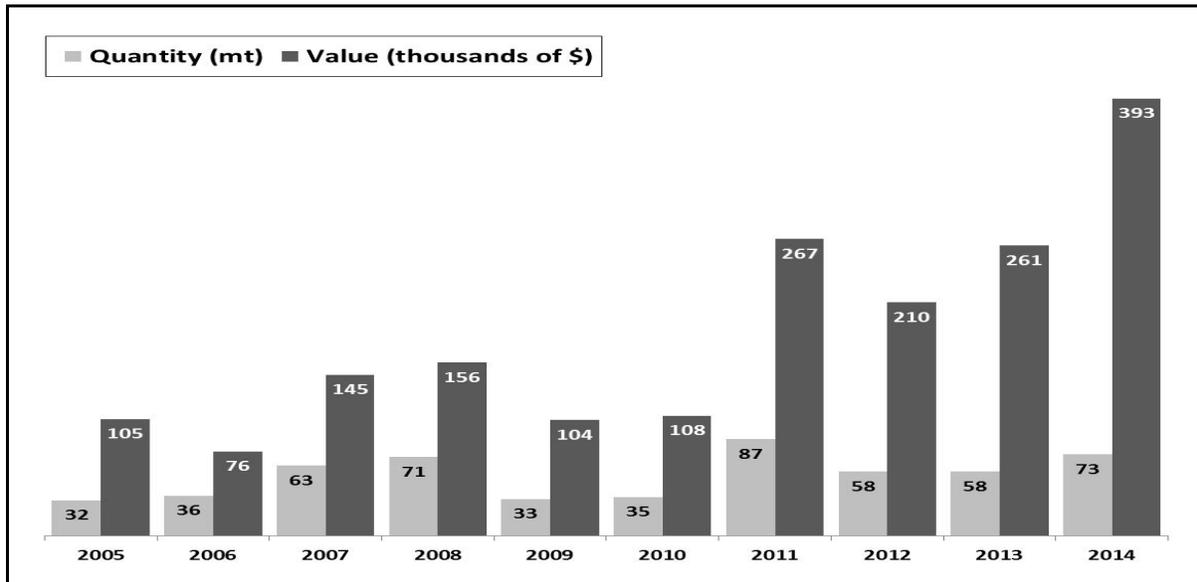
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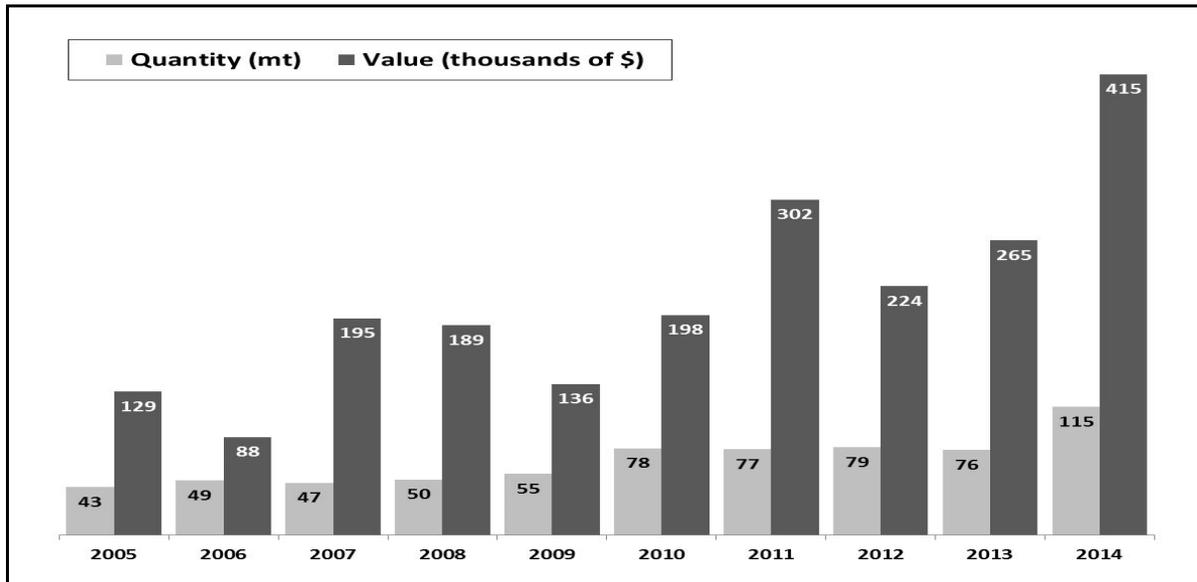
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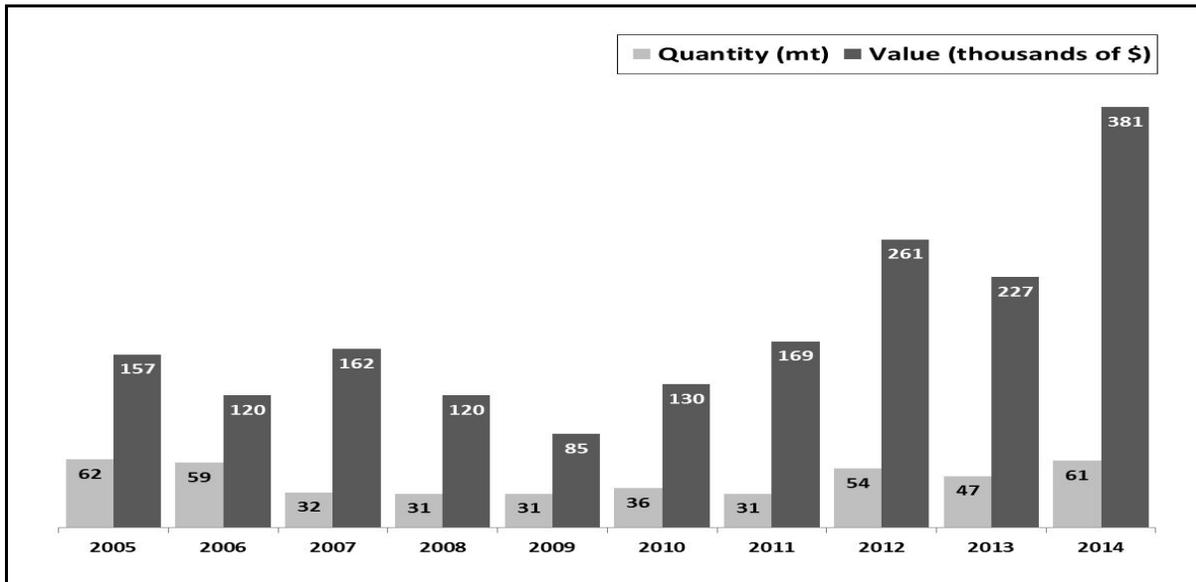
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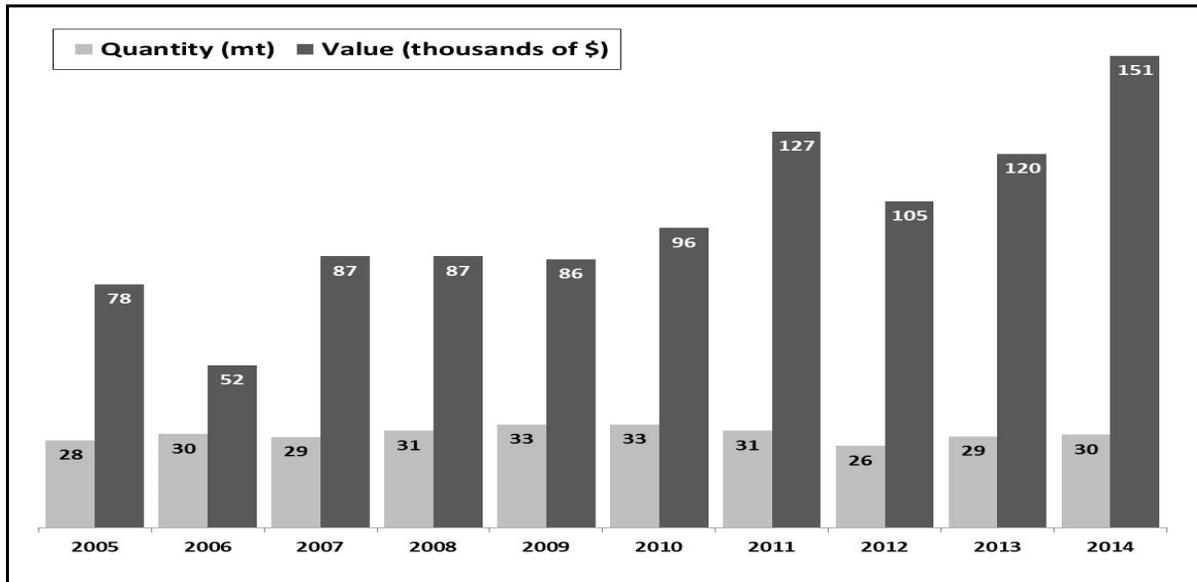
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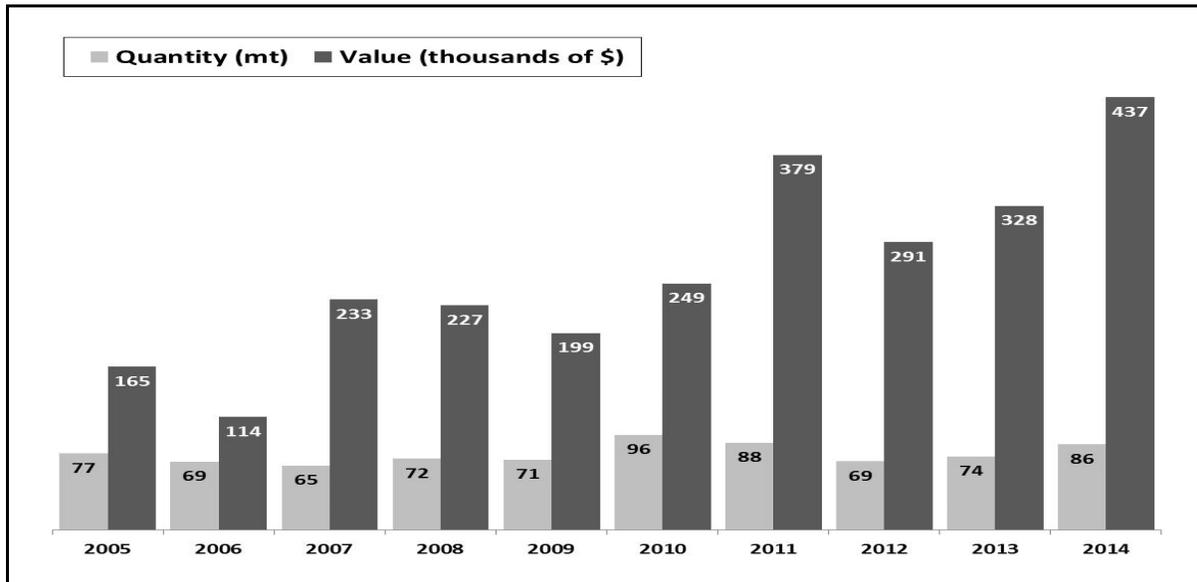
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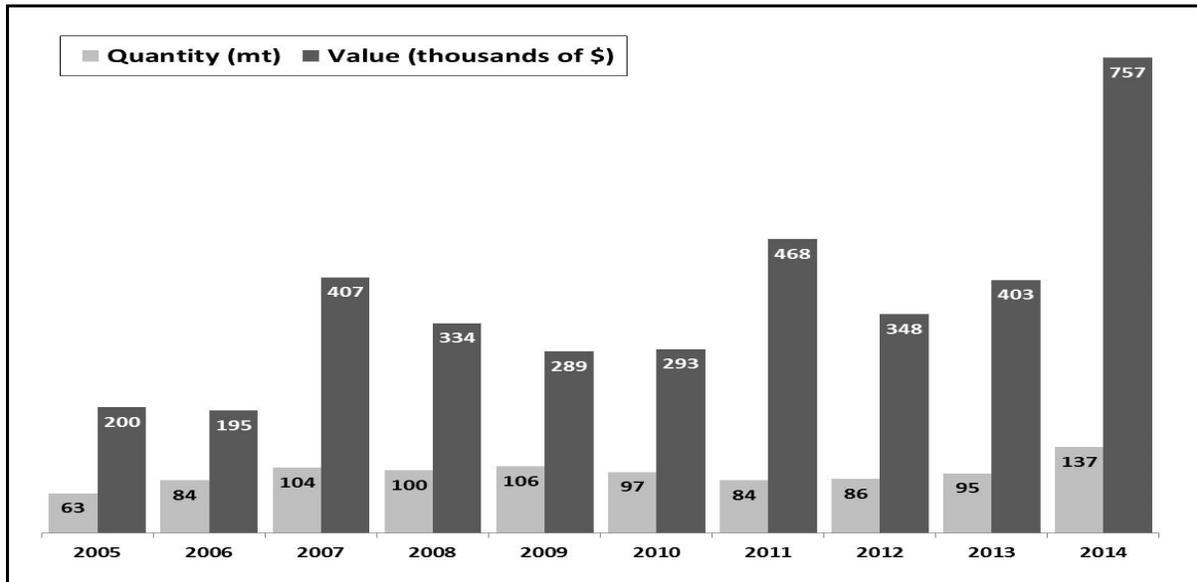
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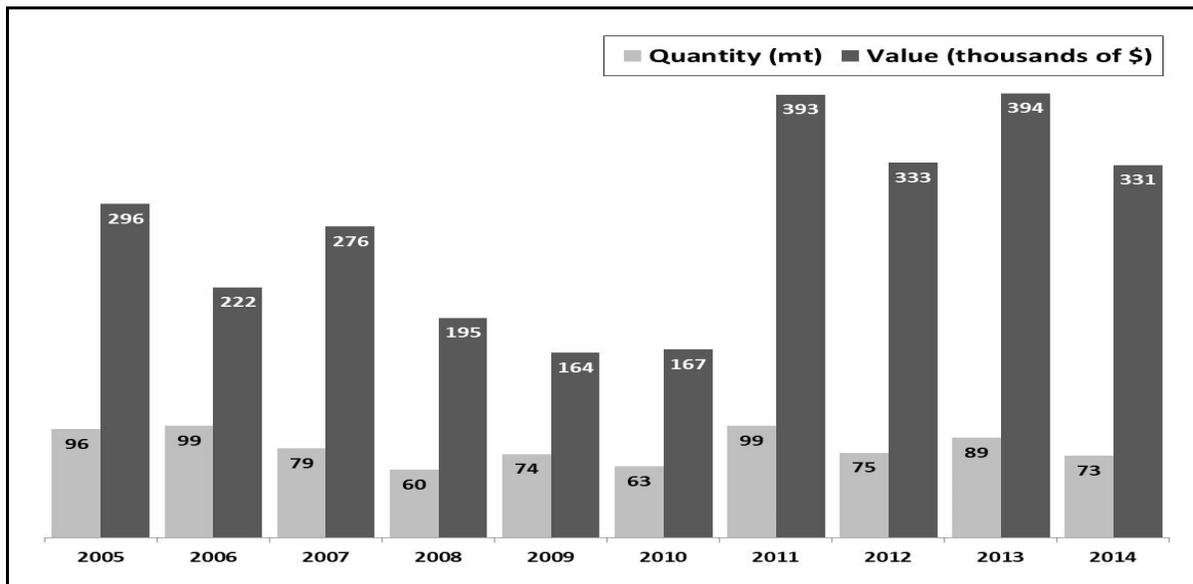
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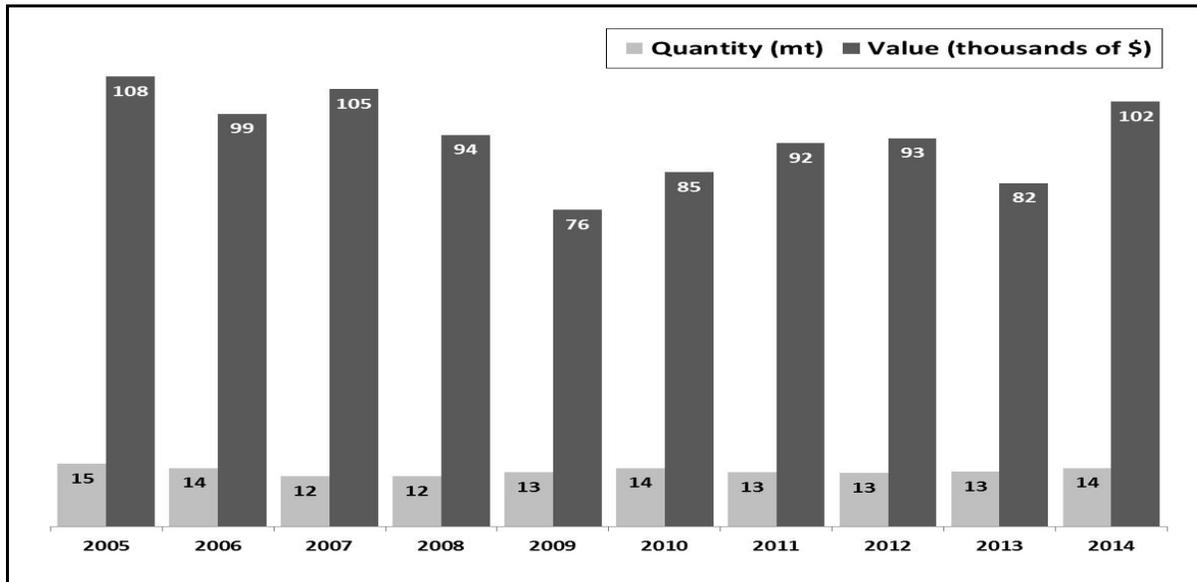
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## CRABBERS, AREA 17 Evolution of average landings, 2005 to 2014



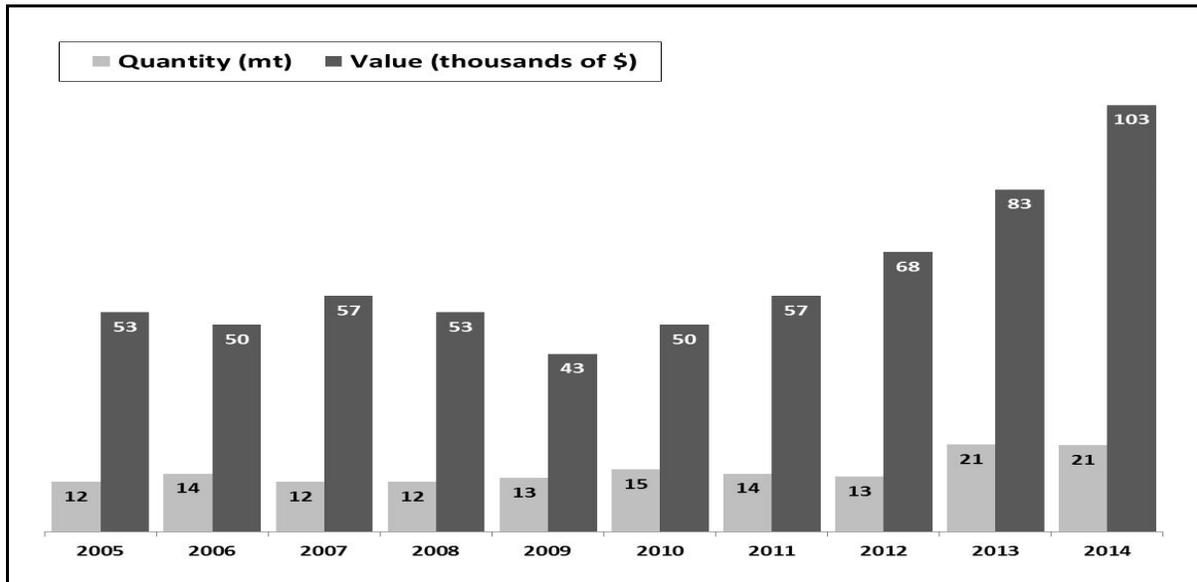
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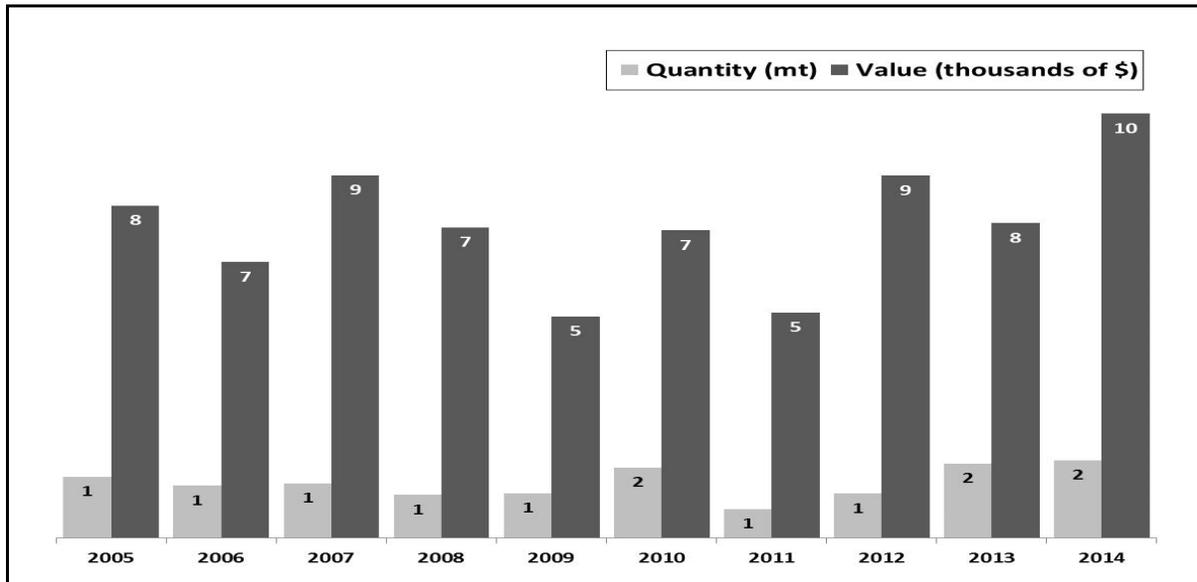
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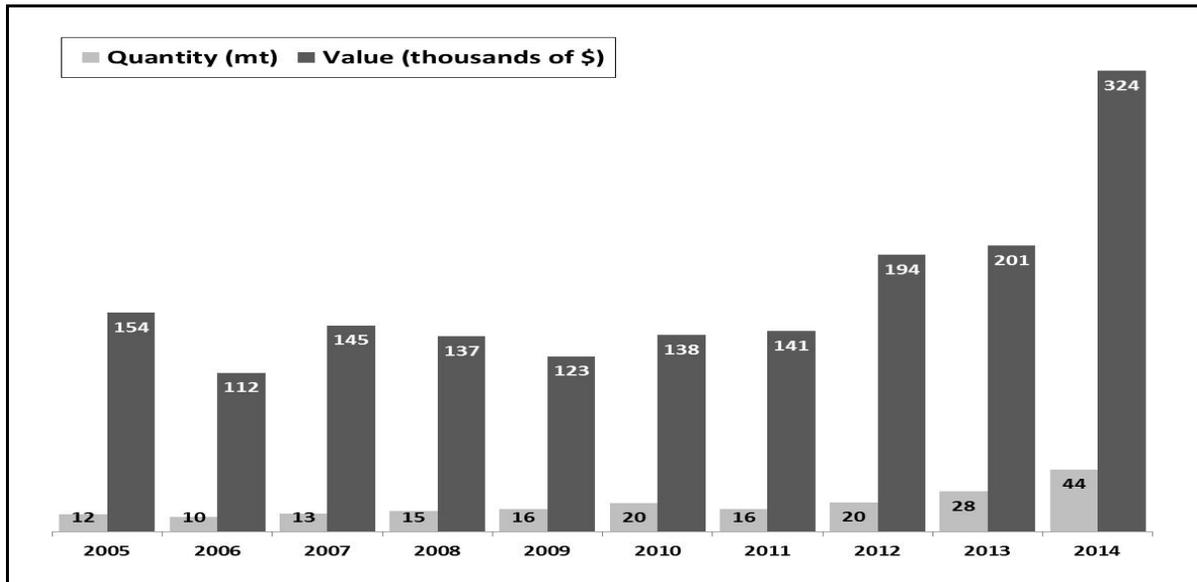
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## NORTH SHORE LOBSTER FLEET Evolution of average landings, 2005 to 2014



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## ANTICOSTI ISLAND LOBSTER FLEET Evolution of average landings, 2005 to 2014



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