

# 2013 Commercial Fisheries Sector Review

The commercial fisheries sector is a vital component of the social and economic fabric of the province, particularly in many rural coastal communities. In 2013, the fishing fleet of around 2,500 vessels harvested 88,365 tonnes of fish and seafood for a value of \$227 million. In terms of fish and seafood species, lobster and snow crab account for close to 80% of the value of commercial landings in New Brunswick. Virtually all landings, with the exception of live lobster, oysters and sea urchins, undergo some processing in the province. New Brunswick is the second largest exporter of fish and seafood products in the country estimated at more than \$1 billion in 2013. The main export destination is the United States with about 84% of the export value. In terms of employment, the fisheries sector generated about 2,400 and 4,400 full time equivalent jobs in harvesting and processing, respectively.

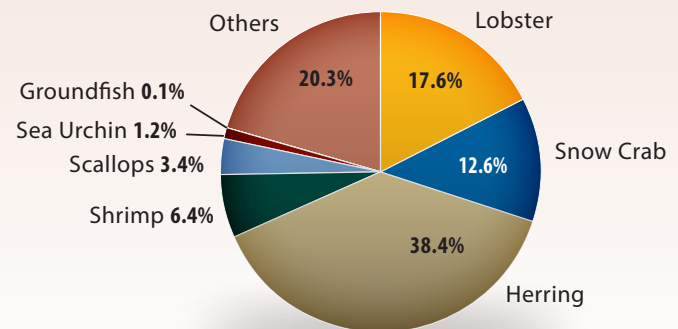
## Industry at a Glance

Number of fishing vessels*	2,531
Number of active processing plants	112
Value of commercial landings	\$227 million
Value of exports	\$1012.3 million
Employment-Primary (FTEs)	2,400
Employment-Processing (FTEs)	4,400
*2012 value	

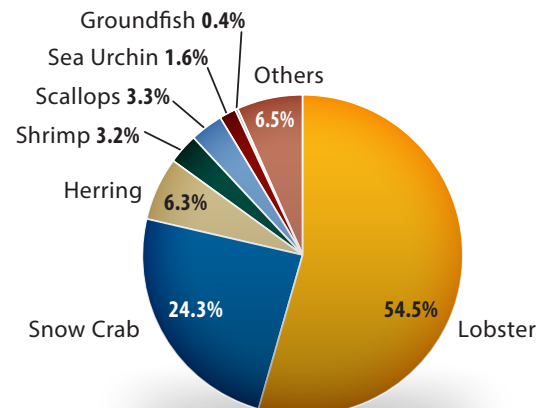
## Exports by Country (\$ millions)

Country	2012	2013
United States	774.5	852.8
Japan	80.6	58.2
Dominican Republic	18.9	15.9
Hong Kong	28.4	15.7
Haiti	7.4	12.1
China	8.7	11.3
Denmark	7.3	7.2
United Kingdom	3.7	6.6
France	7.7	6.4
Sweden	2.6	4.6
Korea, South	4.4	4.5
Netherlands	2.1	3.5
Germany	2.0	2.4
Italy	2.4	2.0
Other	17.5	9.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>968.0</b>	<b>1,012.3</b>

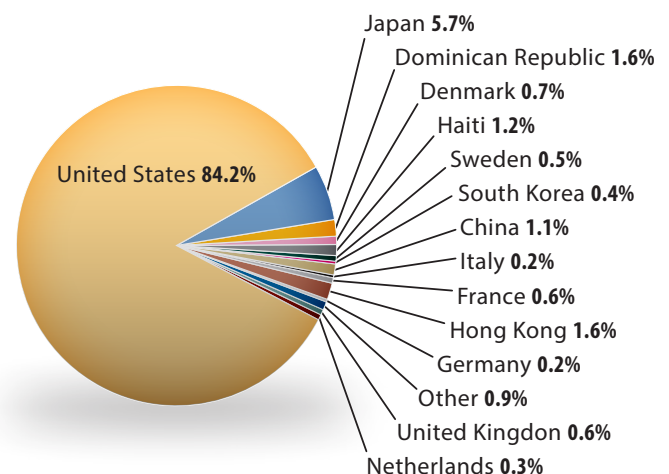
## Landings Total Volume (88,365 Tonnes)



## Landings Total Receipts (\$227.1 Million)



## Exports by Country (\$ 833.5 Million)

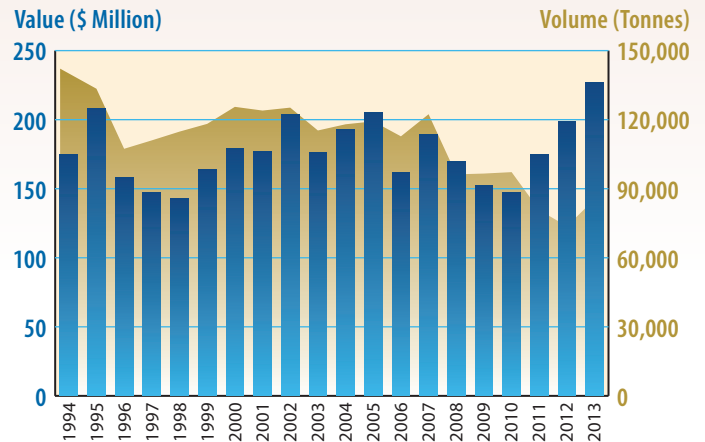


# Highlights 2013

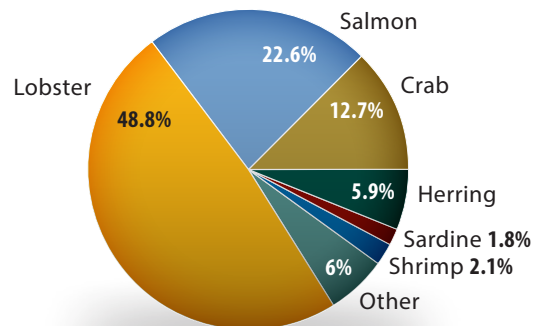
- The value of fish and seafood landings increased by about \$28.1 million (14.1%) to reach about \$227 million in 2013. Similarly, total landings increased by 14,677 tonnes (19.9%) to 88,365 tonnes in 2013.
- The value of lobster landings increased by \$17.9 million (16.9%) in 2013 for a total of \$123.7 million. This is due to an increase in landings by 2,766 tonnes (21.7%) to 15,521 tonnes in 2013.
- The value of snow crab increased by close to \$4.4 million (8.7%) to \$55.2 million in 2013. This is due to an increase in snow crab landings, which jumped by 1,895 tonnes (20.6%) to 11,113 tonnes in 2013.
- Total value of herring rose by \$2.4 million (20.3%) in 2013 to \$14.2 million. This is due to an increase in herring landings by 8,441 tonnes (33.1%).
- Value of scallops almost doubled from \$4.2 million in 2012 to \$7.6 million in 2013. This is mainly as a result of an increase in landings by 1,164 tonnes (62.9%) to 3,014 tonnes in 2013.
- The most significant drop in value came from shrimp from \$10.6 million to \$7.2 million (a decrease of \$3.4 million or 3.4%). This was mainly because of a decrease in landing price by 27%.
- New Brunswick fish and seafood export sales rose by about \$44.3 million (4.6%) to reach \$1.01 billion in 2013. This is the first time export sales have crossed the \$1 billion mark and the fifth straight year of export increases for the sector.

- The US continues to be the most important export market (84.2% of exports) with \$852.8 million in sales in 2013, up 10.1%. Japan remains the second most important destination (5.7% of exports) at \$58.2 million, down 27.8%.

## Total Commercial Landings: 1993–2012



## Exports by Species (\$ 833.5 Million)



## Landings

Species	Volume Tonnes		Value (\$ Million)	
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Lobster	12,755	15,521	105.8	123.7
Snow Crab	9,218	11,113	50.8	55.2
Herring	25,467	33,908	11.8	14.2
Shrimp	6,087	5,676	10.6	7.2
Scallops	1,850	3,014	4.2	7.6
Sea Urchin	990	1,041	2.6	3.6
Groundfish	93	116	0.8	0.8
Others	17,229	17,976	12.5	14.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,688</b>	<b>88,365</b>	<b>199.0</b>	<b>227.1</b>

## Exports by Species (\$ millions)

Species	2012	2013
Lobster	476.5	493.8
Salmon	213.7	229.0
Crab	119.0	129.0
Herring	61.2	60.0
Shrimp	14.7	21.6
Sardine	16.4	18.1
Other	66.6	60.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>968.0</b>	<b>1,012.3</b>