

## Fisheries for shellfish in Newfoundland

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In Newfoundland, fisheries for invertebrates are directed primarily at shrimp, crab, lobster, scallops and clams. The relative contribution of shellfish, both in terms of nominal catch and landed value, compared to fin fish has been increasing steadily over the last decade. In 1992, for example, over half the landed value of fish products in Newfoundland came from invertebrates. In part, this is due to dra-

matic declines in the abundance of fin fish, especially cod. Equally important is the relatively high unit value of invertebrates compared to most fin fish species.

This contribution summarizes the fishery in Newfoundland based on invertebrates. Mass harvesting techniques are discussed in the context of concerns for environment perturbation and habitat modification.