

Small-scale fishing in the Faroe Islands

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Overview

1. Historical development

- Until 1975
- 1975 to ~1990
- The 1990'ies

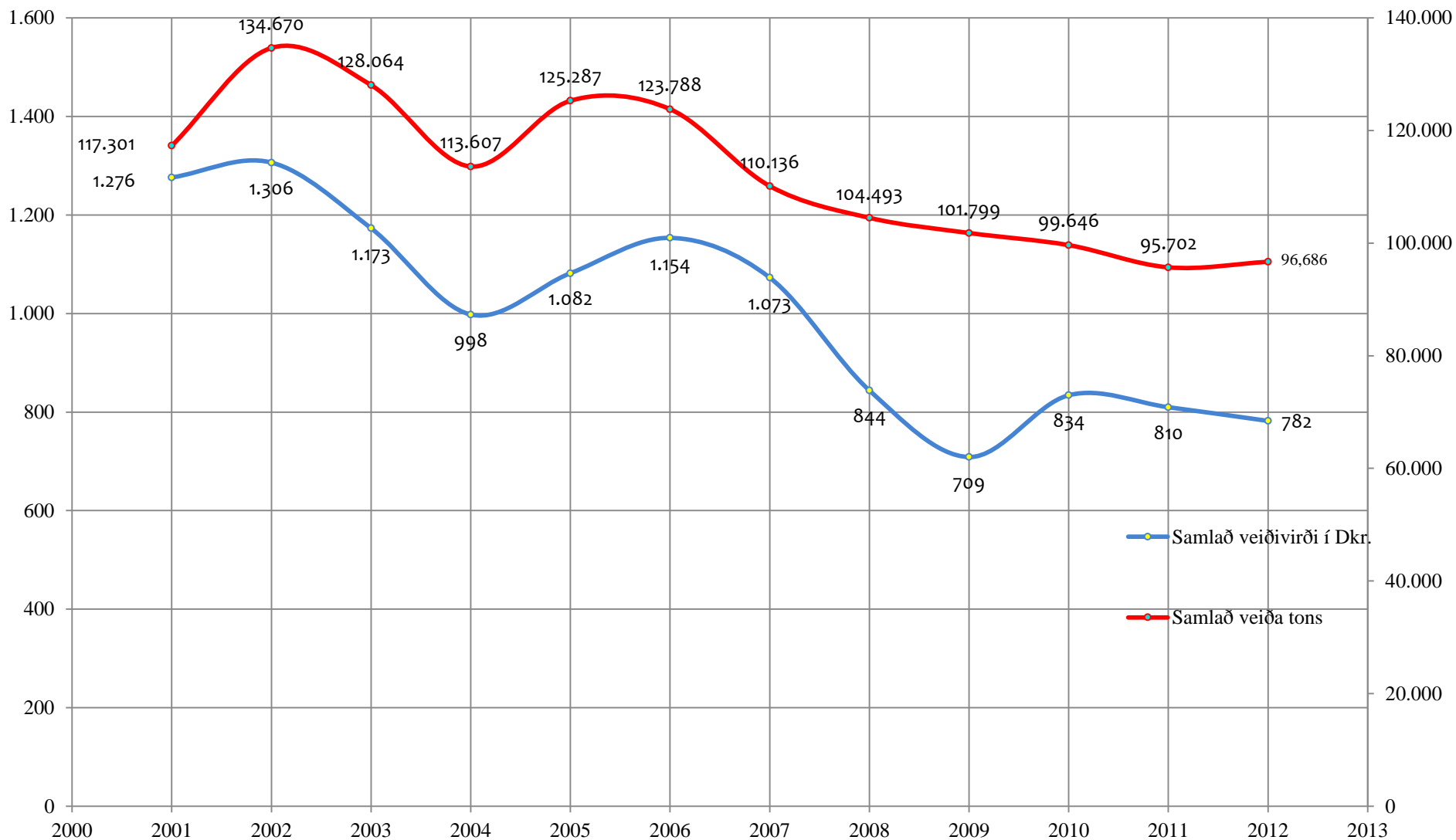
2. Recent development

- Catches and values
- The mackerel issue
- The legal framework (LVF)

Volume and value of Faroese catches in Faroese waters 2001-2012 (all species)

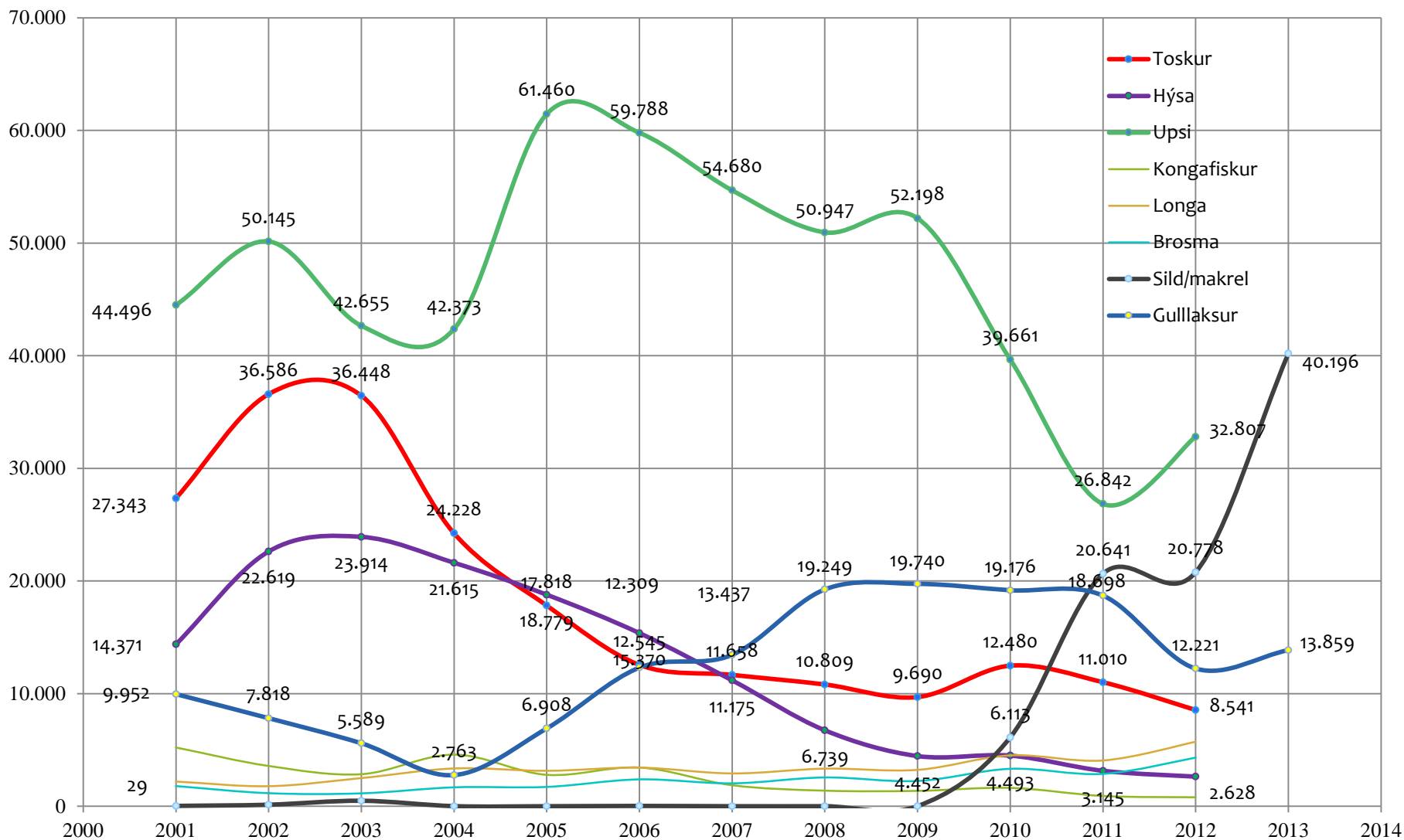
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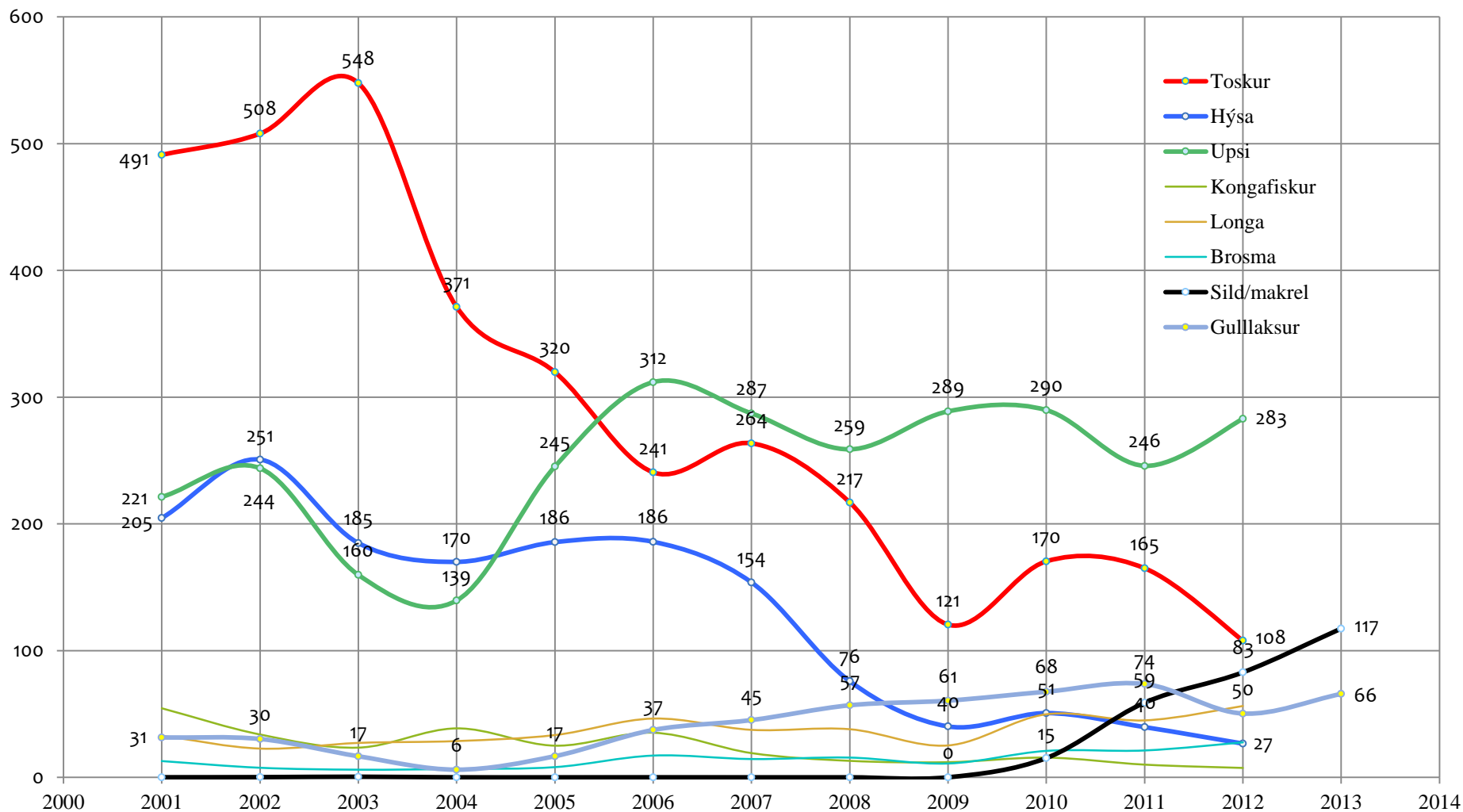


Tons

Volume of catches of selected species (Faroeese waters) 2001-2012

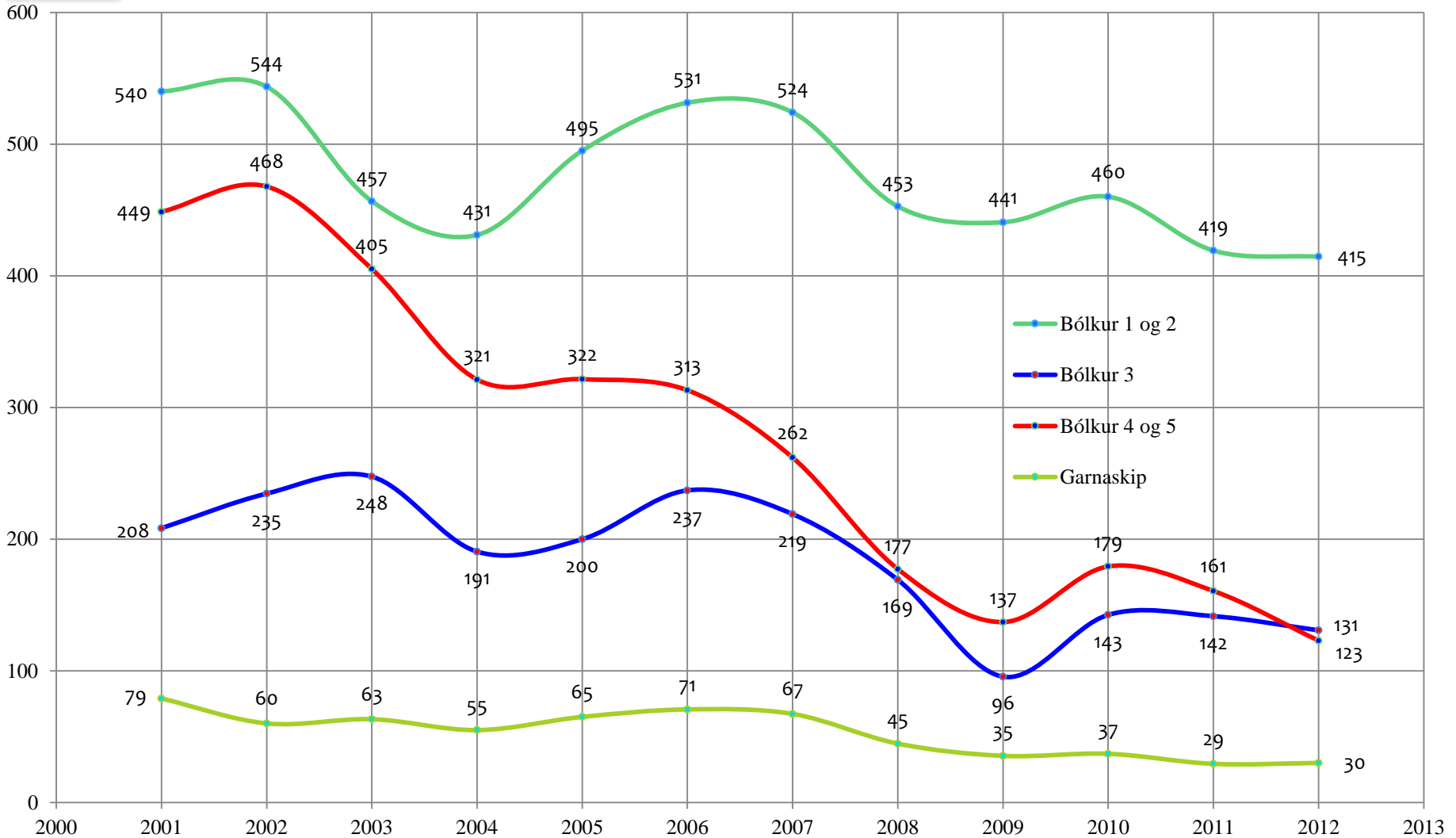


Value of catches of selected species (Faroese waters) 2001-2012



Value of catches specified for vessel categories (Farøese waters) 2001-2012

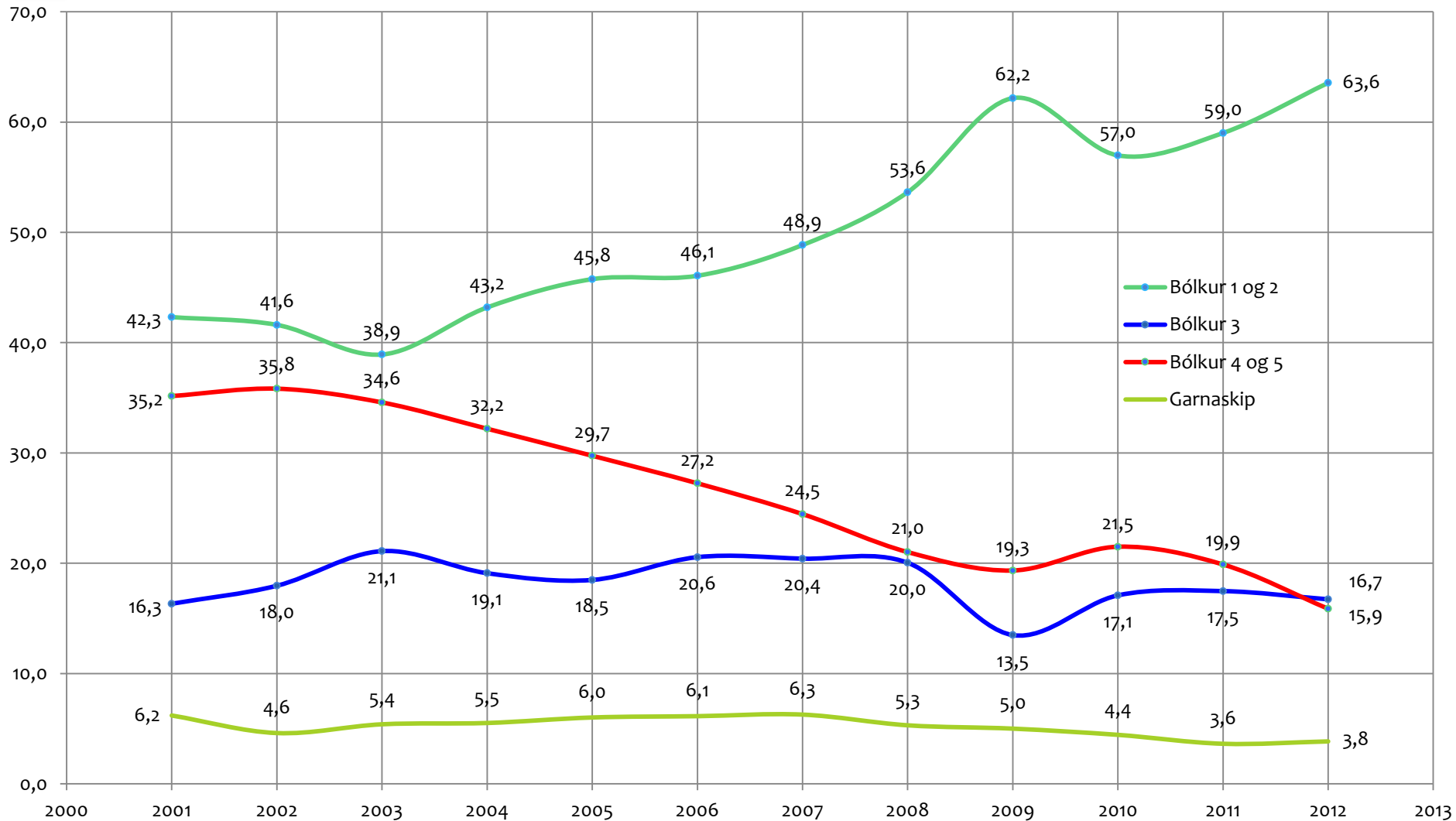
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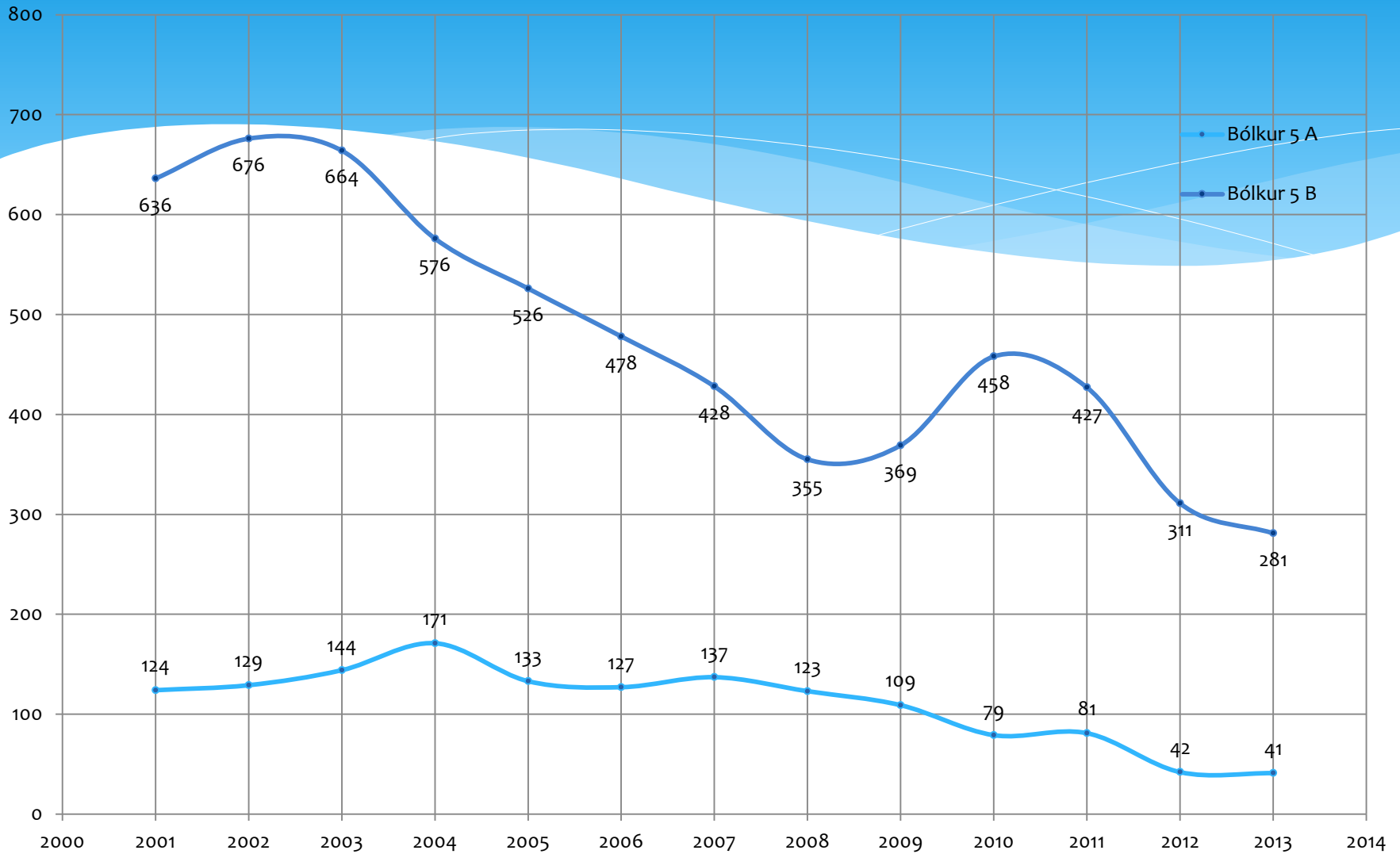
The percentual share of the value specified on vessel categories 2001-2012

All species

%



Number of small-scale vessels in the benefit system



Faroese waters

Botnfiskaveiða : **Veiðiloyvir I** a) b) og c)

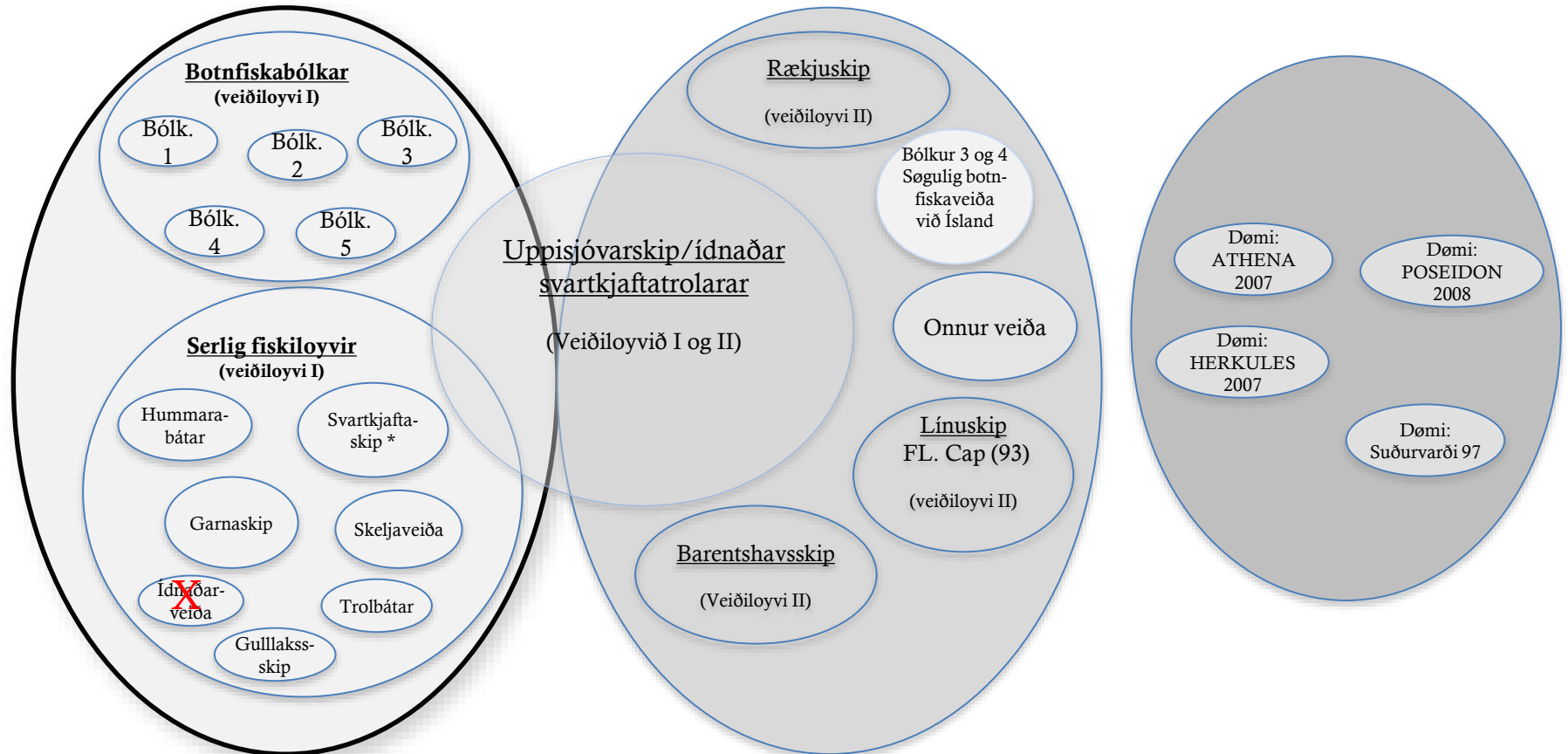
Serlig fiskiloyvir: **Veiðiloyvir I** d) e) f) g) h) og i)

Outside Faroese waters Fishery agreements

Uppisjóvar- og verksmiðutr: Veiðiloyvi I og II
Onnur veiða: Veiðiloyvi II

Outside Faroese waters No fishery agreements

Veiðiloyvir II i) og k)



* Svartkjaftur og deilvís sild (uppisjóvarfiskur) bliva fiska í-og uttanfyri feroyskt sjóki av fiskiførum við veiðil. I og II



Summary

- * The demersal catches have been reduced drastically
- * It is particularly catches of cod and haddock that has been reduced
- * Thus the small-scale fishing has been the relatively biggest loser
- * The invasion of mackerel has most likely had an significant impact on the demersal stocks
- * The mackerel is an opportunity for the small-scale fishing to compensate for the reductions in demersal catches
- * Instead Faroese waters invaded by distant-sea vessels while the small-scale fishery is suffering because of lack of alternatives



Main challenges

- * We have legal rights to demersal species in Faroese waters, but there is (almost) no fish
- * We have legal rights to mackerel, but we are denied access to the mackerel
- * We have to offer our catches on the Faroese fish market, but in reality the market is not free
- * The location provides us with high-quality resources, but also with market vis-a-vis logistic challenges



Prospects 1

What happens to the level of the demersal stocks?

- * If the current state of 'unnormal' gets normal ...
 - No action taken by government => (continuous) undermining of the small-scale fishing
 - Action taken: Allocation of pelagic resources according to law
- * If the stock come back to the well-known long-term level ...



Prospects 2

What should (Faroese) small-scale fishing be in a globalised world with increasing demand for food?

- The fishing rights
- The market institution
- The logistics
- The profession
- Code of conduct based on consensus on the utilisation of natural resources
- The marketing
- The organisation

The emergence of an oil industry?????



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