

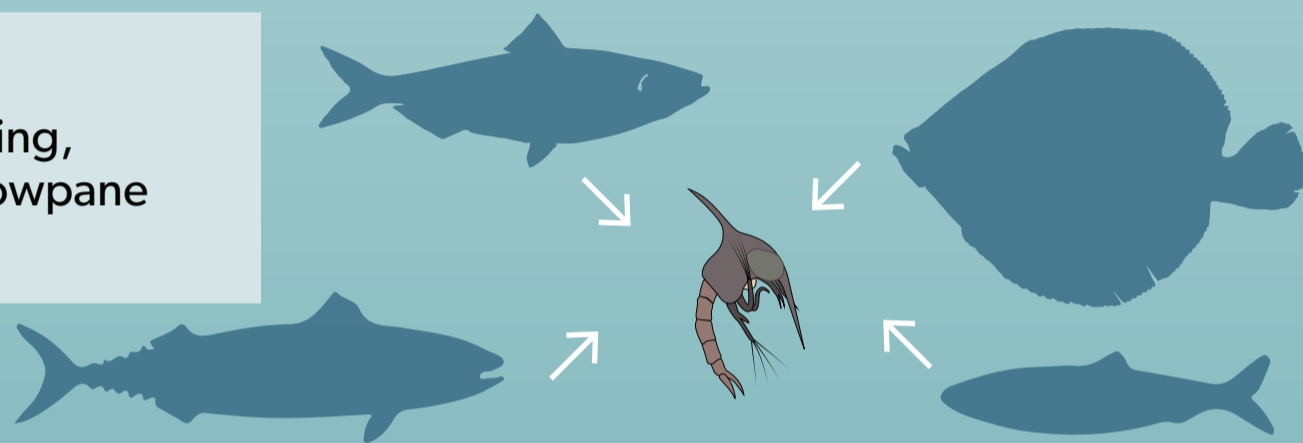
ROLE OF ATLANTIC ROCK CRAB IN THE SOUTHERN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE ECOSYSTEM

As prey

Important prey in ecosystem.

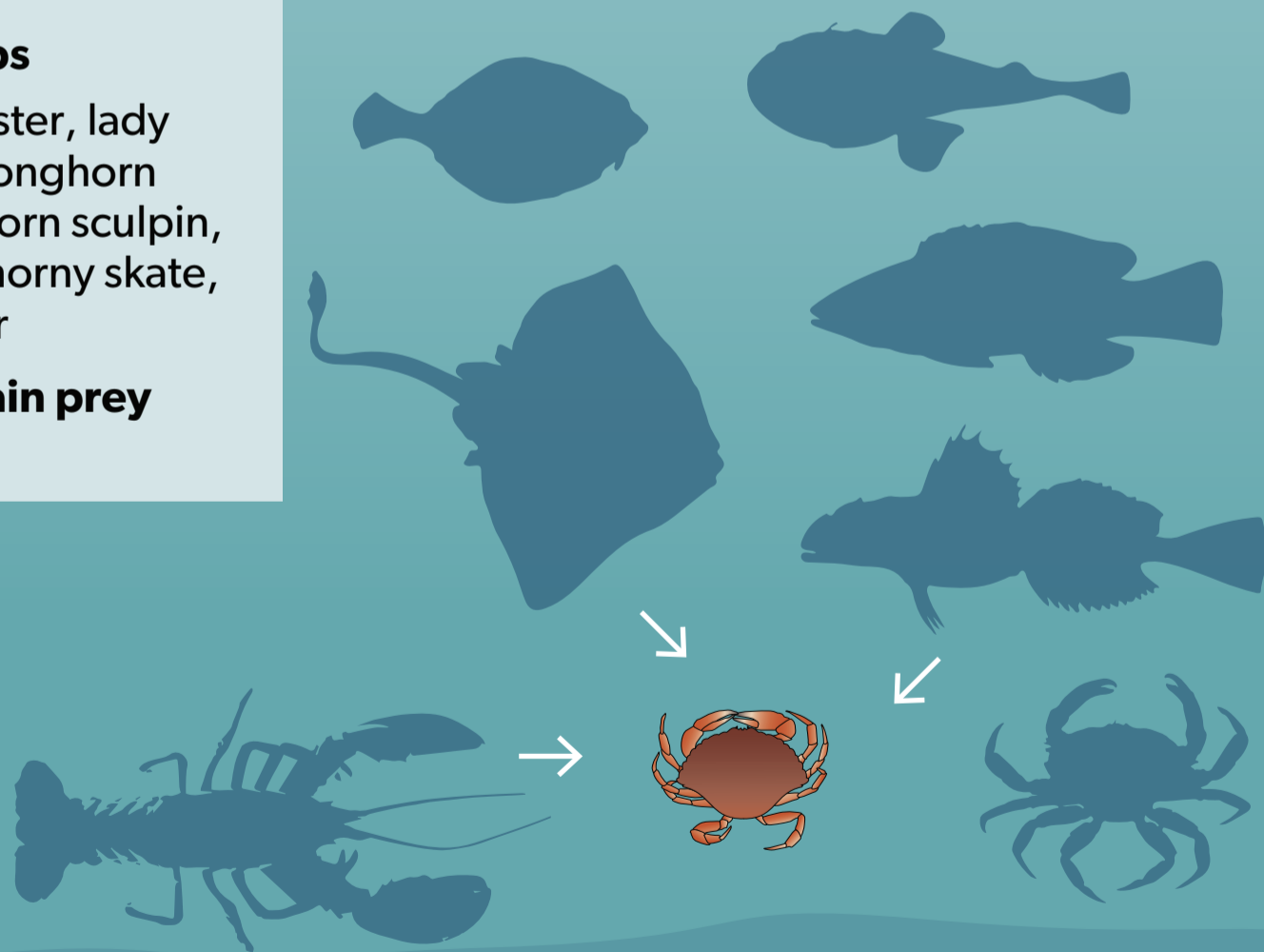
Larval stage:

- Gaspereau, herring, mackerel, windowpane flounder



Small rock crabs

- Rock crab, lobster, lady crab, cunner, longhorn sculpin, shorthorn sculpin, winter skate, thorny skate, winter flounder
- **One of the main prey of lobster**



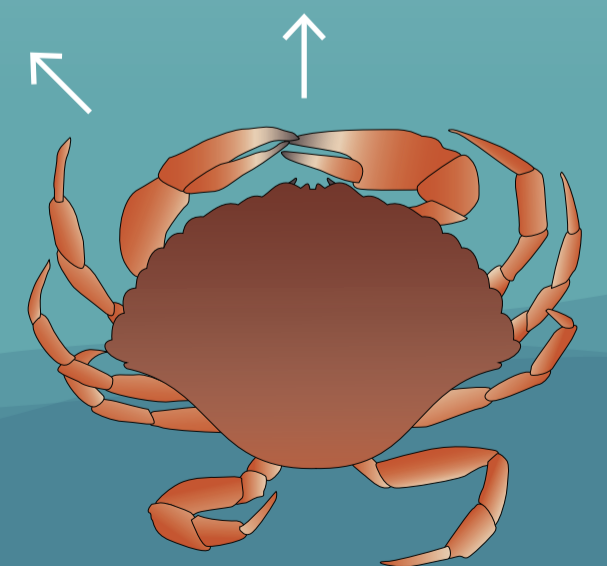
As predator

Generalist and opportunistic foragers.
Feed on:

Crustaceans,
mainly rock crab
and shrimp



Fish, bivalve molluscs
and marine worms



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