


VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

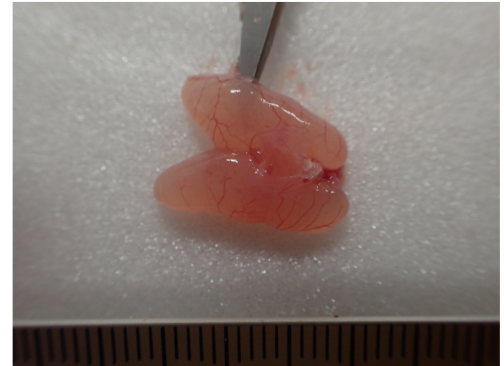
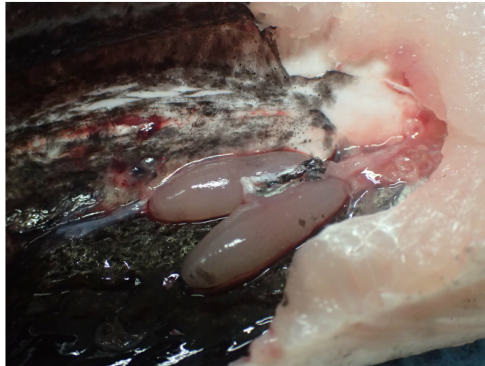
Hake / *Merluccius merluccius*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	29 - 49 cm

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS

WITHOUT EGGS



B - DEVELOPING

non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible

OPAQUE GONADS



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

FEW HYDRATED EGGS
STILL PRESENT

FLABBY GONADS AND
THICK INNER LAYER

General aspect "stunted"



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

