


VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

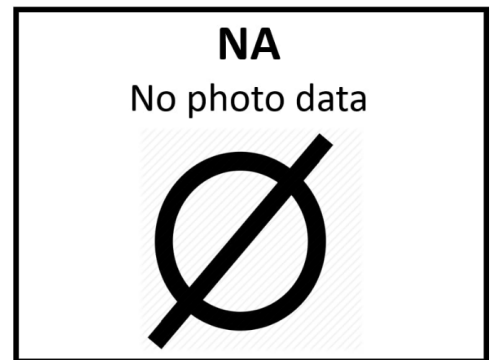
Red lionfish / *Pterois volitans*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	Pterois volitans	NA

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS

WITHOUT EGGS

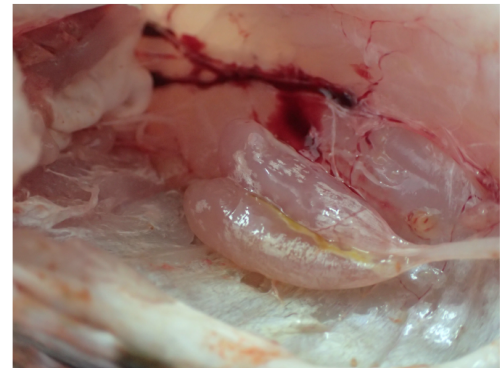


B - DEVELOPING

non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible

OPAQUE GONADS

CAUTION : potential
presence of gelatinous
substance around the eggs



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG

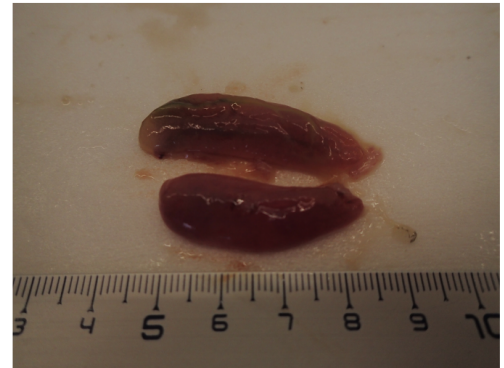


D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

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

