VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

American whitespotted filefish / Cantherhines macrocerus

Picture Sex Species First maturity size





Cantherhines macrocerus

NA

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO TRANSLUCID GONADS

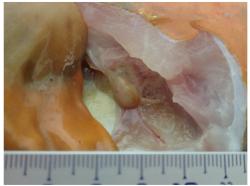




B-DEVELOPING

OPAQUE GONADS IN TWISTED SHAPE

NON-FLOWING GONADS

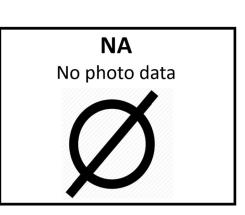


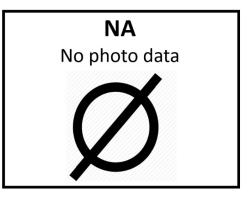


C - SPAWNING

FLOWING GONADS

OPAQUE AND WHITISH GONADS





D-REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN TISSUES

FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS





E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY THE EYE

F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS OR INTERSEX



