

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

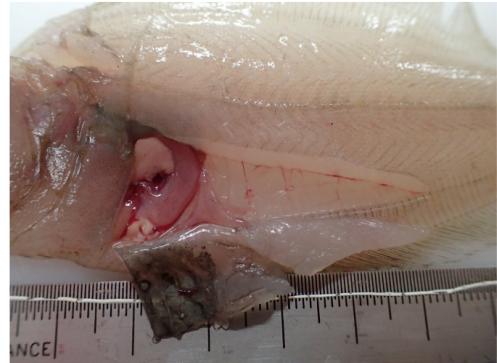
Flat fish / *Flat fish sp.*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
		Pleuronectes platessa	20 - 30 cm
		Lepidorhombus whiffagonis	25 - 40 cm
		Microstomus kitt	23 - 30 cm

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS

WITHOUT EGGS



B - DEVELOPING

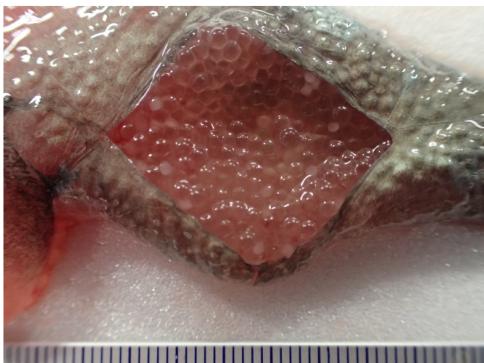
non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible

OPAQUE GONADS



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

FEW HYDRATED EGGS
STILL PRESENT

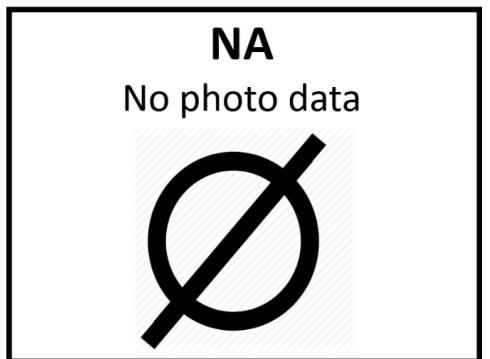
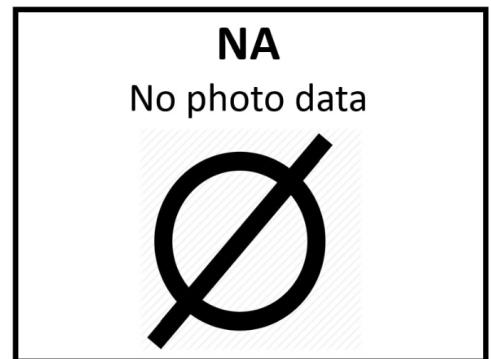
FLABBY GONADS AND
THICK INNER LAYER

General aspect "stunted"



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX



References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),
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