

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

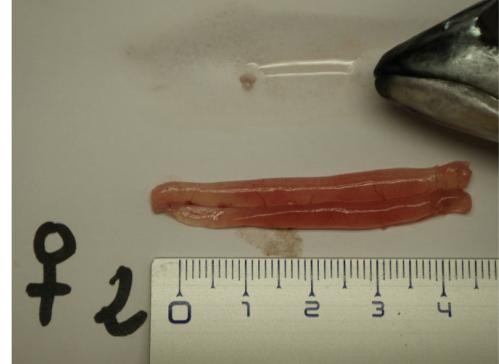
Mackerel / *Scomber scombrus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	23 - 31 cm

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS

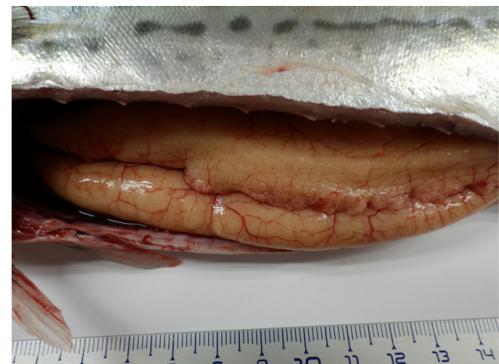
WITHOUT EGGS



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"

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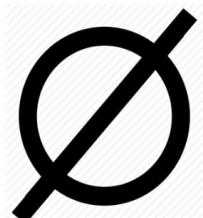
E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE

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F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

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