

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

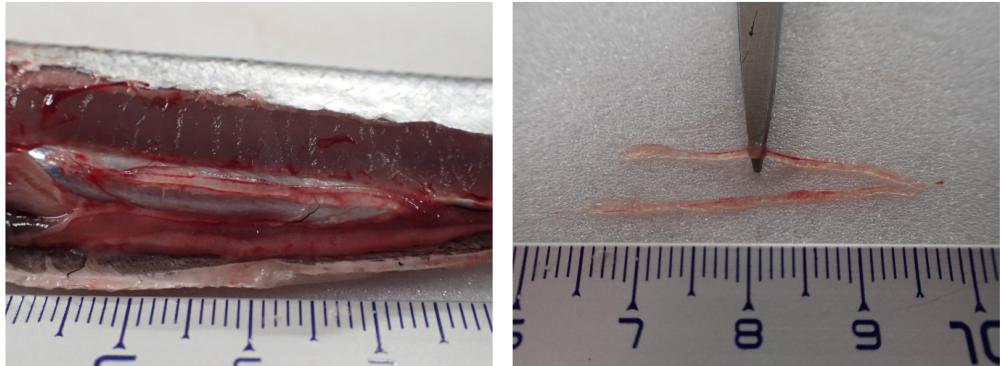
Herring / *Clupea clupea*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Clupea clupea</i>	15 - 21 cm

A - IMMATURE

FILIFORM and flattened knife-shaped surface

TRANSPARENT TO TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

TRANSLUCID TO WHITISH OPAQUE



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH GONADS

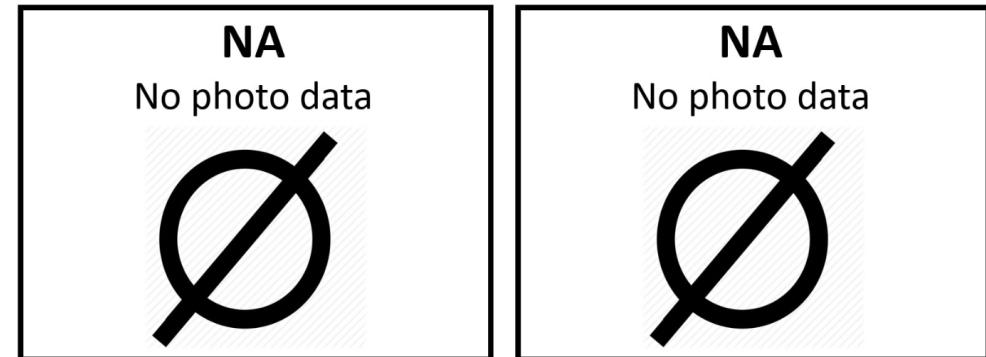
FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

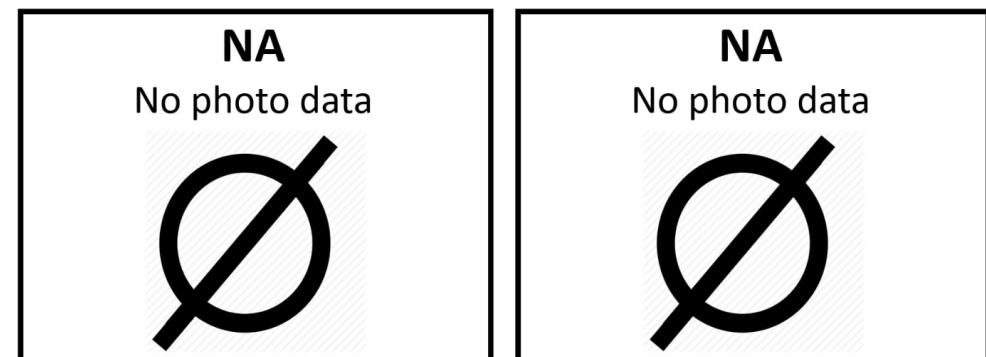
BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES

FLABBY, EMPTY



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

