


VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

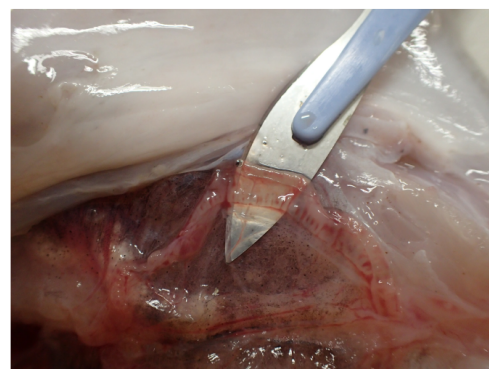
Monkfish / *Lophius sp.*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>	31 - 58 cm
		<i>Lophius budegassa</i>	24 - 43 cm

A - IMMATURE

FLATTENED GONAD
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS

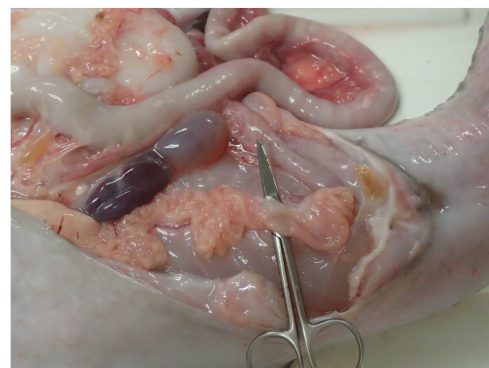
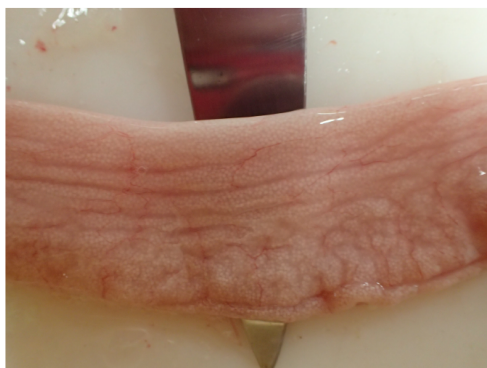
WITHOUT EGGS



B - DEVELOPING

non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible

OPAQUE GONADS



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG

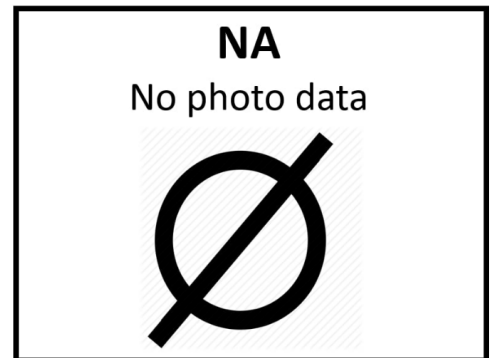


D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

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

