


# VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

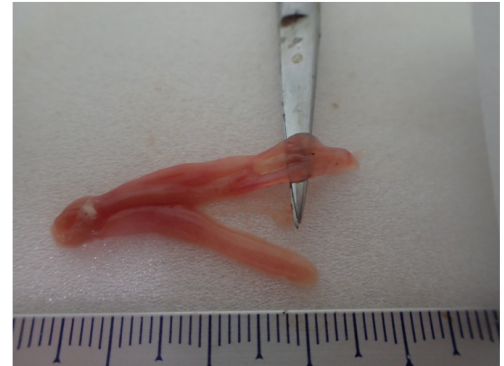
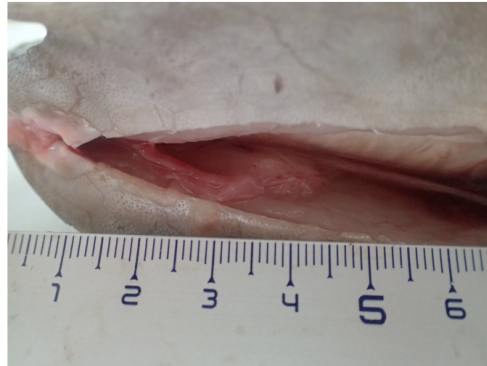
## Honeycomb cowfish / *Acanthostracion polygonus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Acanthostracion polygonus</i>	NA

### A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO  
TRANSLUCID GONADS

WITHOUT EGGS



### B - DEVELOPING

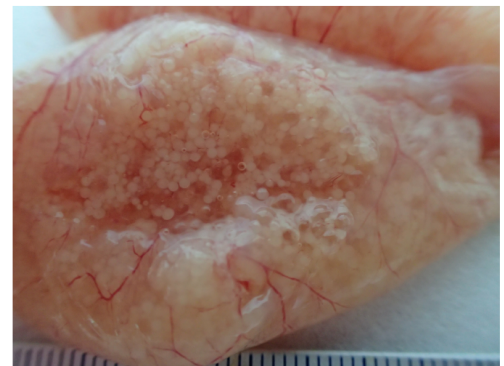
non-hydrated eggs  
SOMETIMES visible

OPAQUE GONADS



### C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE  
HYDRATED EGG



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## 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

