

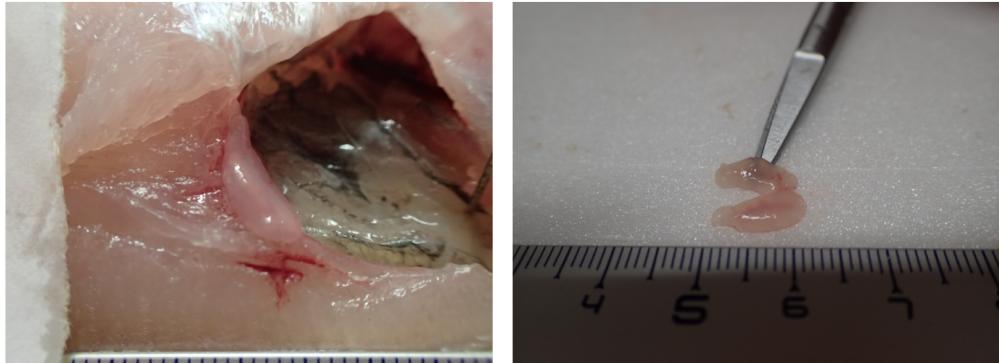
## VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

### Flat fish / *Flat fish sp.*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
		Pleuronectes platessa	20 - 27 cm
		Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis	19 - 29 cm
		Microstomus kitt	20 - 27 cm

### A - IMMATURE

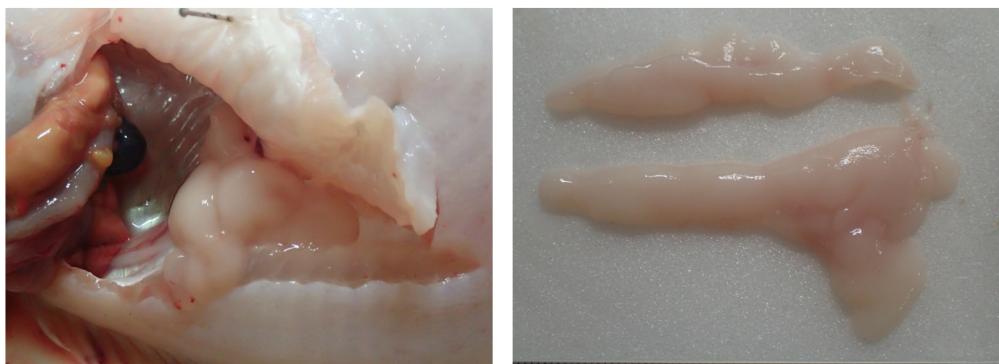
TRANSPARENT TO  
TRANSLUCID GONADS



### B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

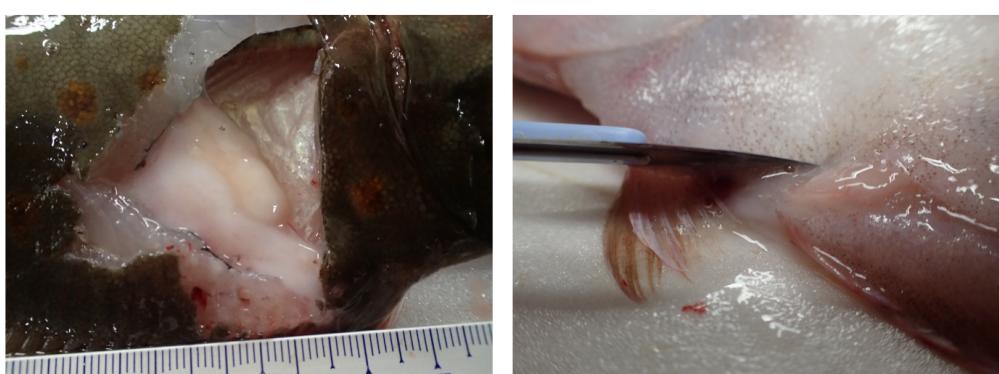
Gonads are filling and  
becoming opaque



### C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH  
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS

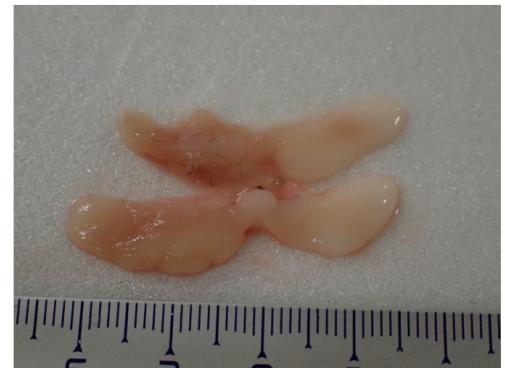


## D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN  
TISSUES

FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



## E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY THE EYE

## F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS  
OR INTERSEX



### References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),  
IFREMER