

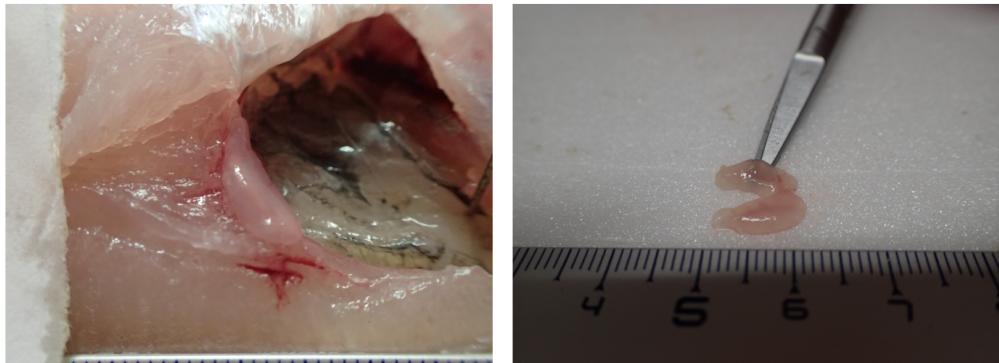
VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

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

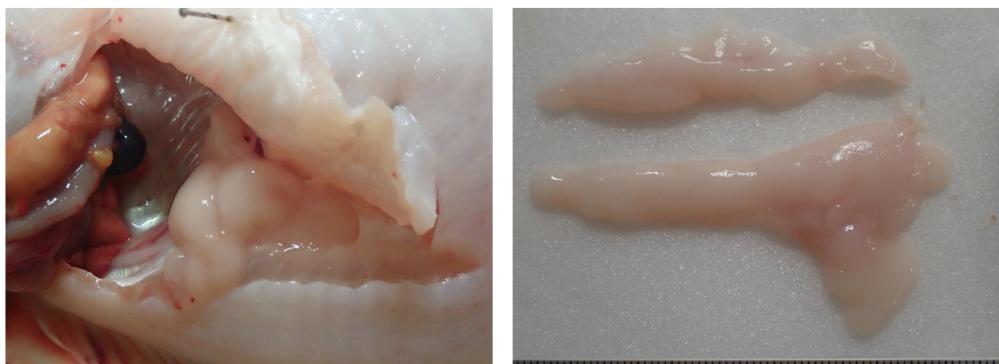
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

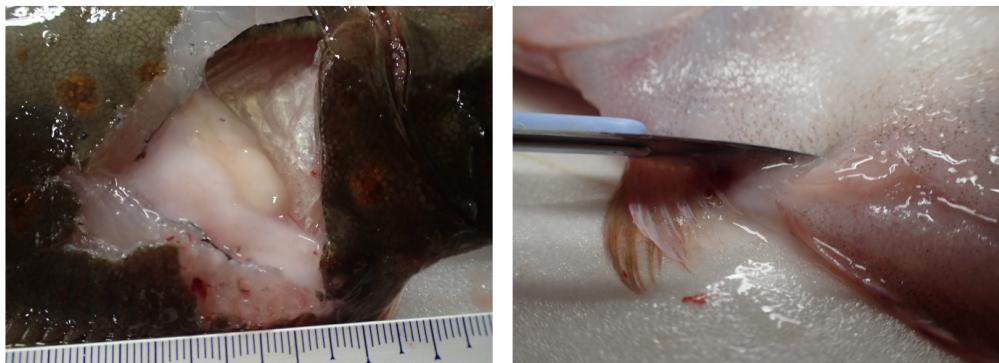
Gonads are filling and
becoming opaque



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
GONADS

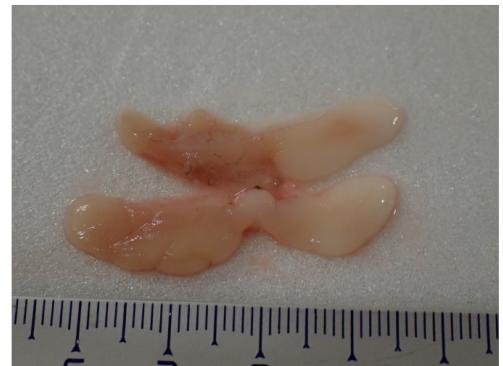
FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

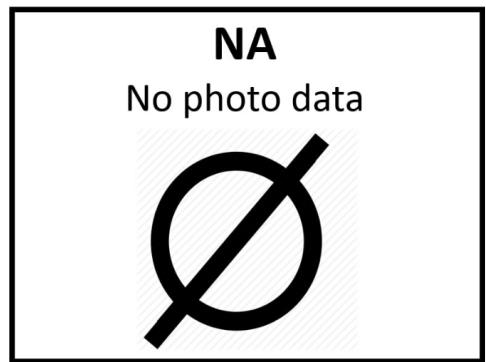
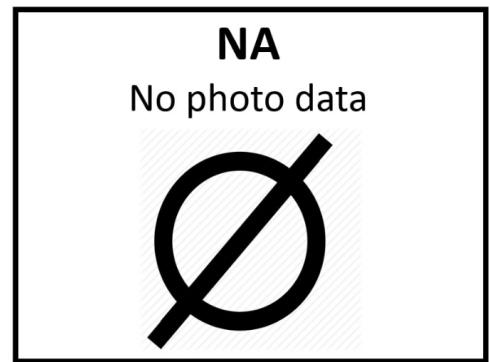
BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES
FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

