

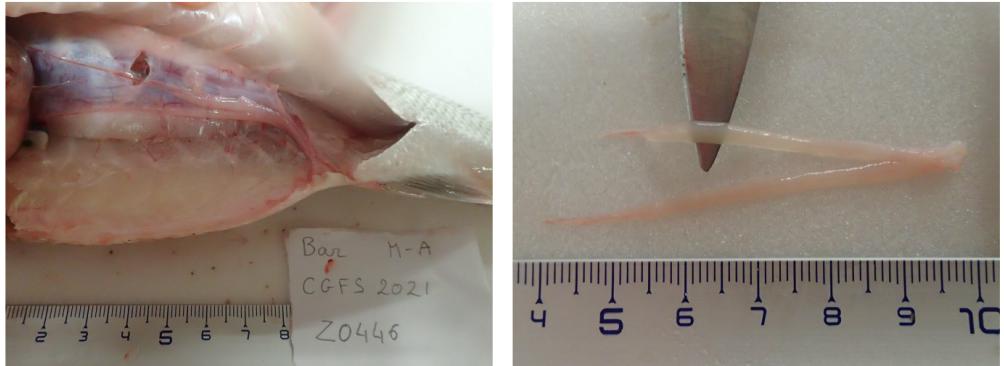
## VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

### Sea bass / *Dicentrarchus labrax*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>	34 - 45 cm

#### A - IMMATURE

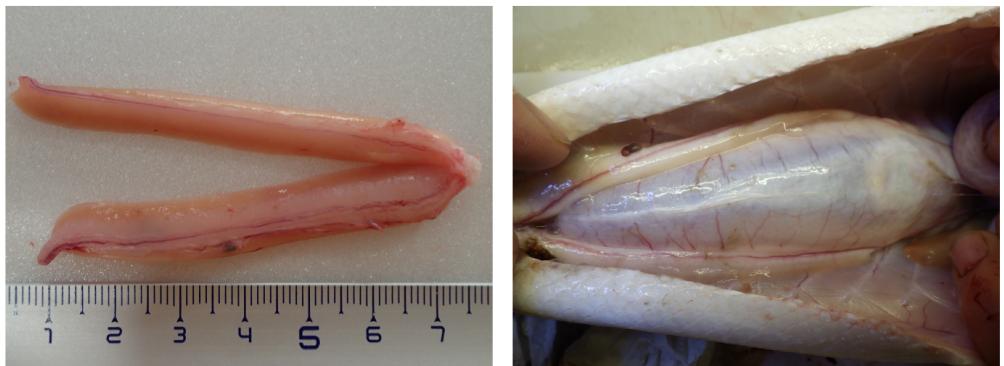
TRANSPARENT TO  
TRANSLUCID GONADS



#### B - DEVELOPING

KNIFE BLADE SHAPE  
NON-FLOWING GONADS

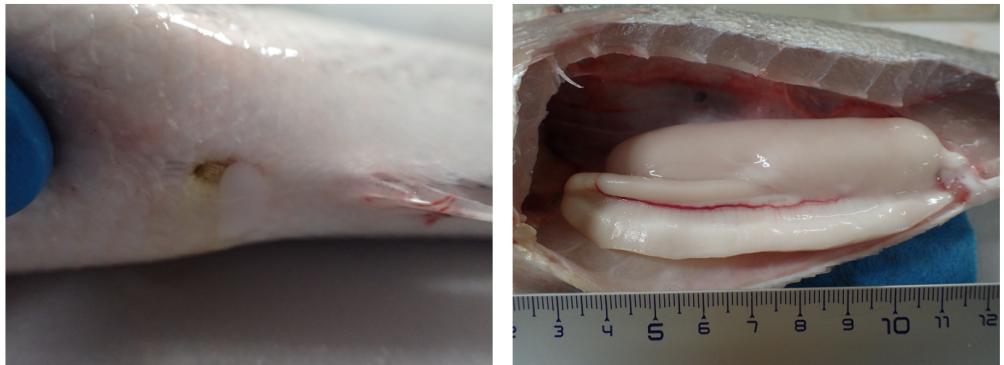
Gonads are filling and  
becoming opaque



#### C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH  
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS



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## D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN  
TISSUES  
FLABBY GONADS

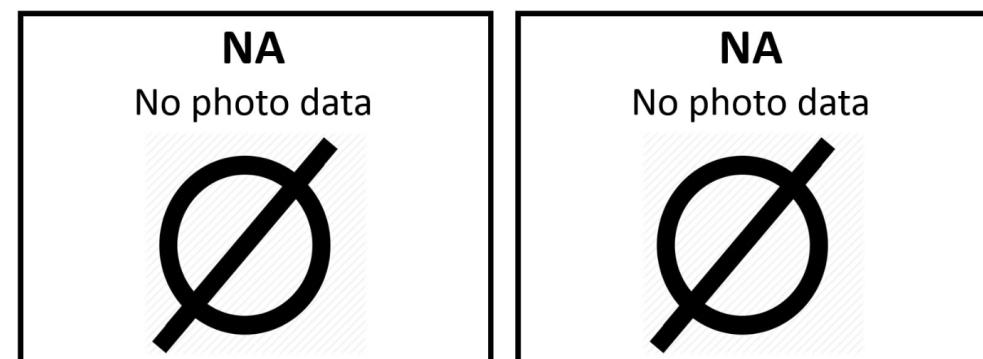
MILT RESIDUALS



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## E - OMITTED SPAWNING

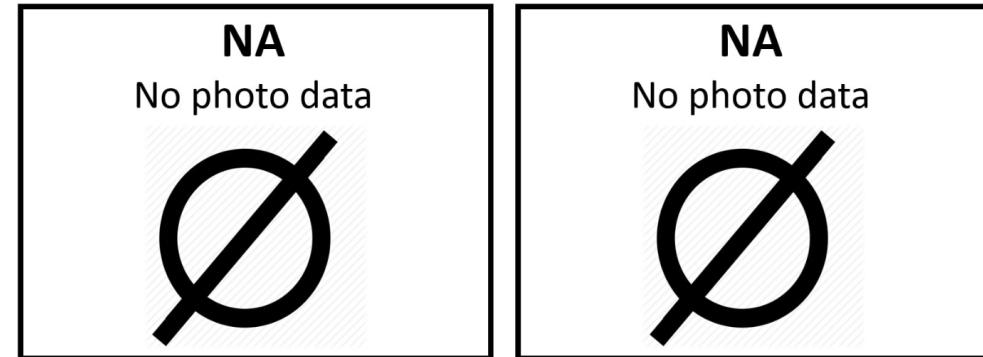
NOT DETERMINABLE BY  
THE EYE



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## F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS  
OR INTERSEX



### References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),  
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