VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Hake / Merluccius merluccius

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	Ç	Merluccius merluccius	29 - 49 cm

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO TRANSLUCID GONADS

WITHOUT EGGS

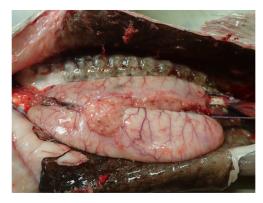




B-DEVELOPING

non-hydrated eggs SOMETIMES visible

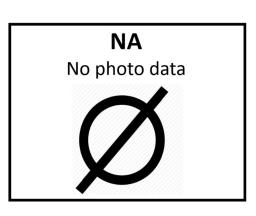
OPAQUE GONADS

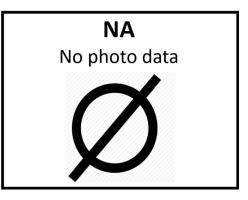




C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE HYDRATED EGG



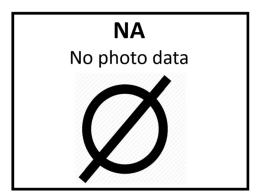


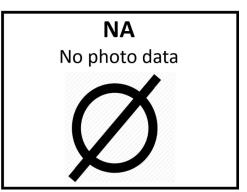
D-REGRESSION/REGENERATION

FEW HYDRATED EGGS STILL PRESENT

FLABBY GONADS AND THICK INNER LAYER

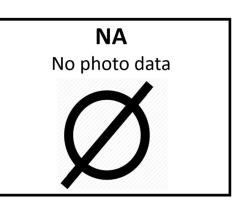
General aspect "stunted"

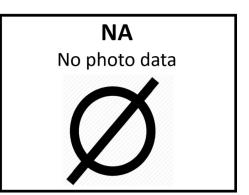




E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY THE EYE





F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS OR INTERSEX

