

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Monkfish / *Lophius sp.*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>	30 - 52 cm
		<i>Lophius budegassa</i>	25 - 39 cm

A - IMMATURE

ROUNDED GONAD



TRANSPARENT TO TRANSLUCID GONADS

B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

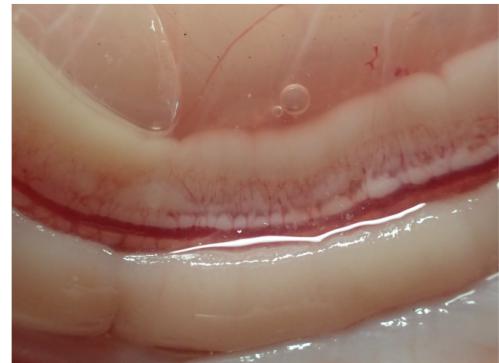
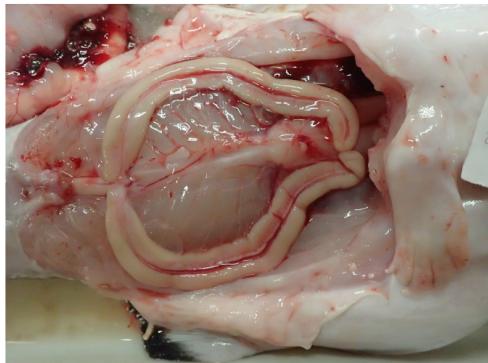


Gonads are filling and becoming opaque

C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH GONADS

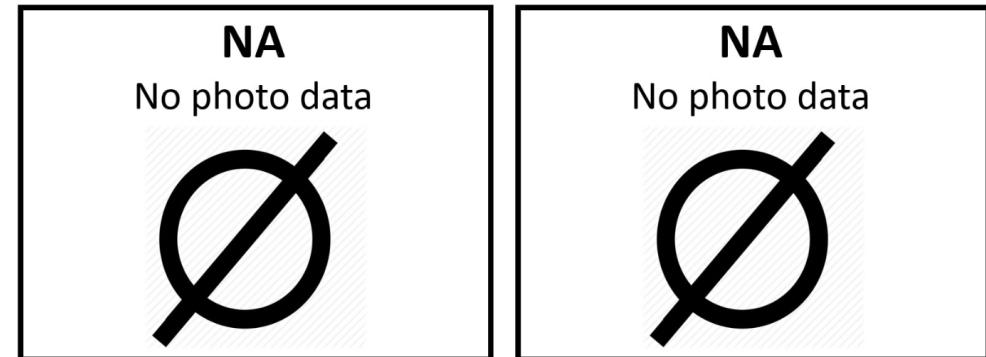
FLOWING GONADS



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

