

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

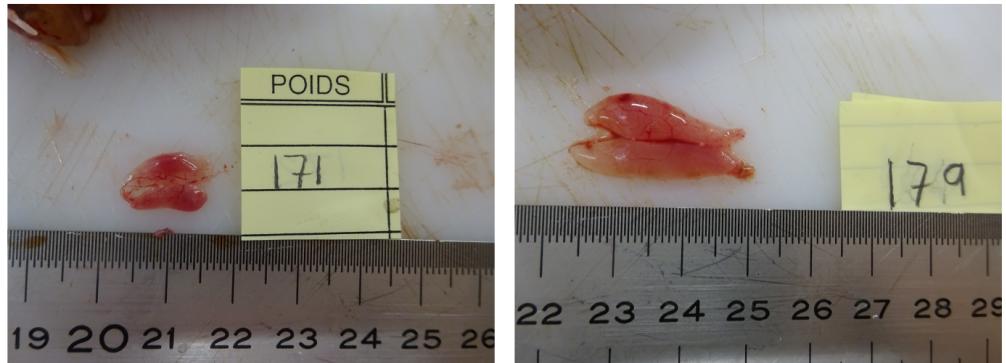
Red mullet / *Mullus surmuletus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>	14 - 23 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



References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),
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