


VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Red mullet / *Mullus surmuletus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	Mullus surmuletus	18 - 24 cm

A - IMMATURE

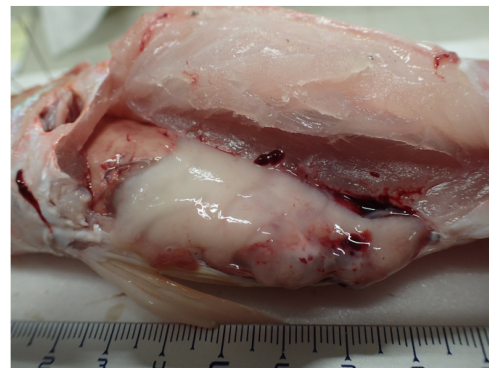
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

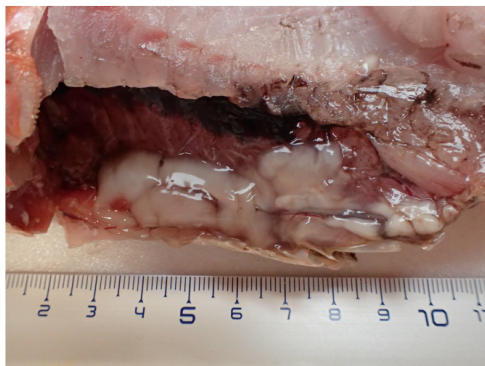
Gonads are filling and
becoming opaque



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

