

## VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

### Sprat / *Sprattus sprattus*

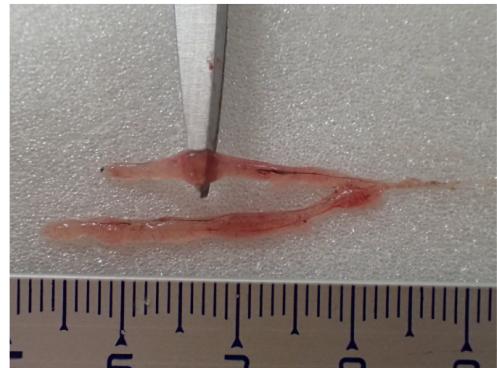
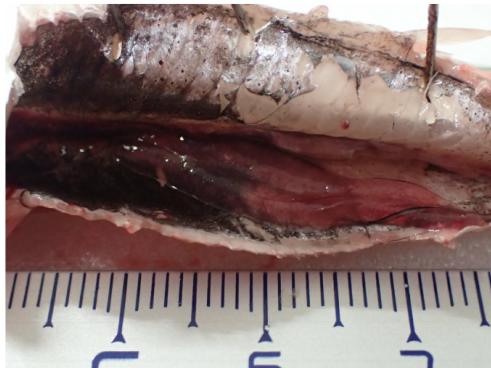
Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	8 - 11 cm

### A - IMMATURE

EMPTY GONADS,  
WITHOUT EGGS

TRANSLUCID WITH  
VARIABLE COLOURS

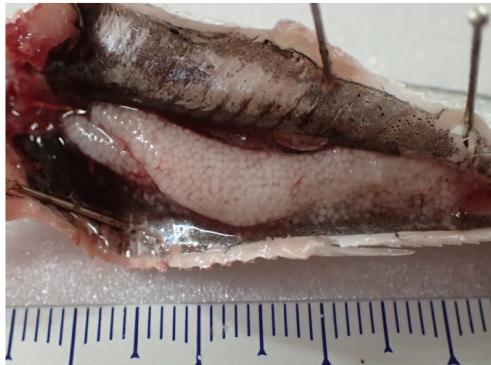
TUBULAR SHAPE



### B - DEVELOPING

FILLING OPAQUE GONADS

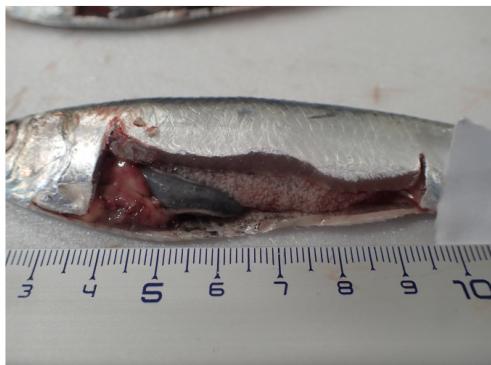
non-hydrated eggs  
SOMETIMES visible



### C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE  
HYDRATED EGG

More and more transparent



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## D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

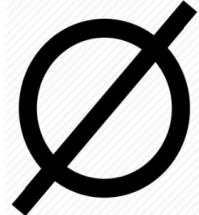
BLOOD RESIDUE IN  
TISSUES  
FEW HYDRATED EGGS  
STILL PRESENT

FLABBY AND RELAXED  
GONADS

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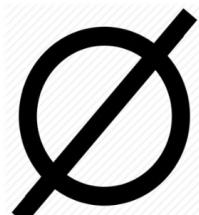
## E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY  
THE EYE

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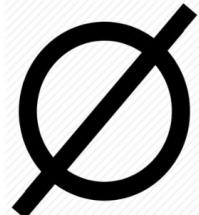
## F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS  
OR INTERSEX

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### References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),  
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