


VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Red lionfish / *Pterois volitans*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Pterois volitans</i>	NA

A - IMMATURE

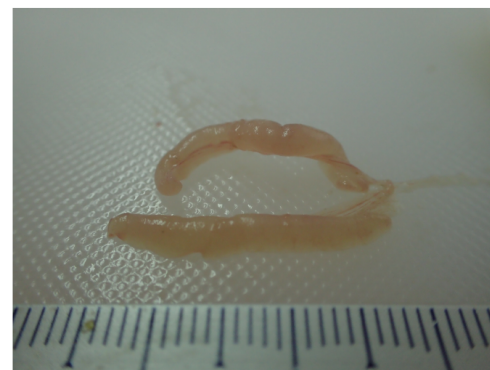
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

OPAQUE GONADS IN
TWISTED SHAPE

NON-FLOWING GONADS



C - SPAWNING

FLOWING GONADS

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
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



References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),
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