

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Anchovy / *Engraulis encrasicolus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	11 - 16 cm

A - IMMATURE

EMPTY GONADS,
WITHOUT EGGS

TRANSLUCID WITH
VARIABLE COLOURS

TUBULAR SHAPE



B - DEVELOPING

Filling gonad, opaque

non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG

More and more transparent



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

FLABBY AND RELAXED
GONADS

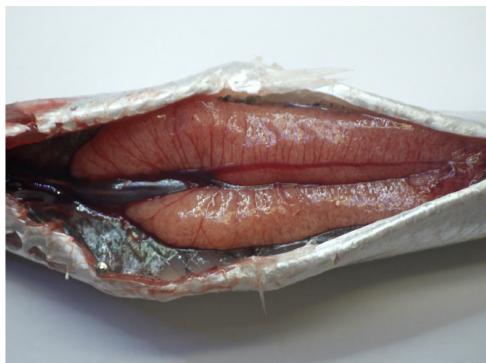


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E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

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