

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Sprat / *Sprattus sprattus*

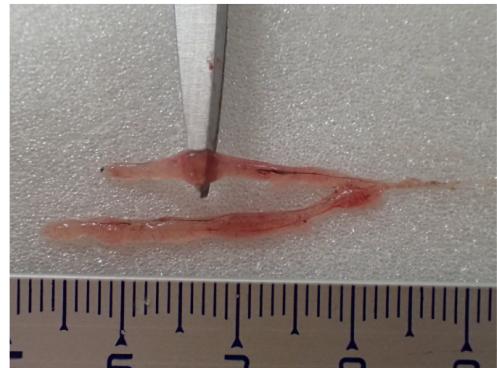
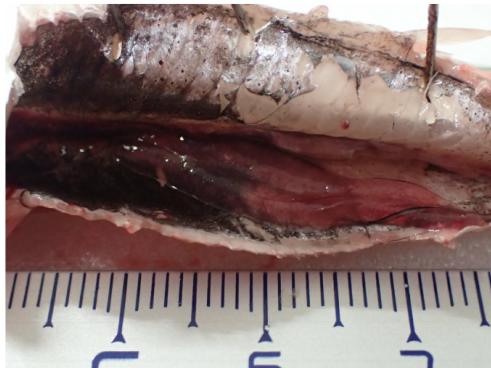
Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	8 - 11 cm

A - IMMATURE

EMPTY GONADS,
WITHOUT EGGS

TRANSLUCID WITH
VARIABLE COLOURS

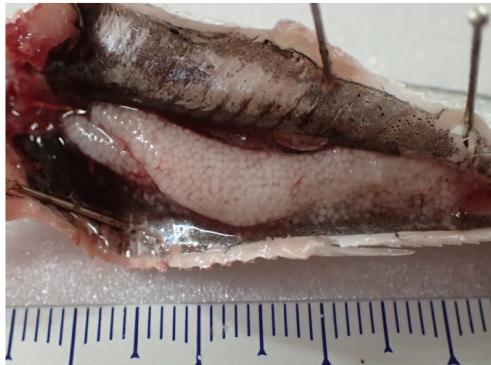
TUBULAR SHAPE



B - DEVELOPING

FILLING OPAQUE GONADS

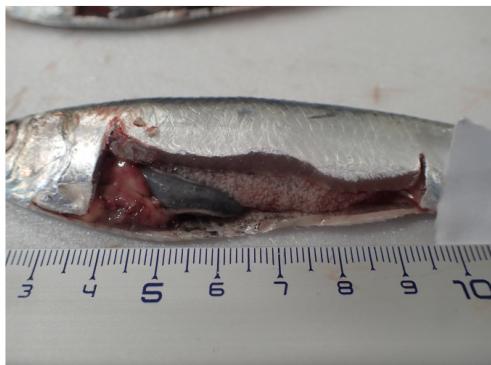
non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG

More and more transparent



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

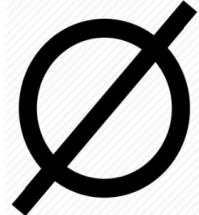
BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES
FEW HYDRATED EGGS
STILL PRESENT

FLABBY AND RELAXED
GONADS

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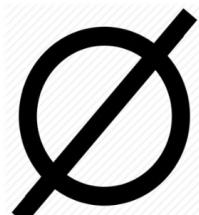
E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE

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F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

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