

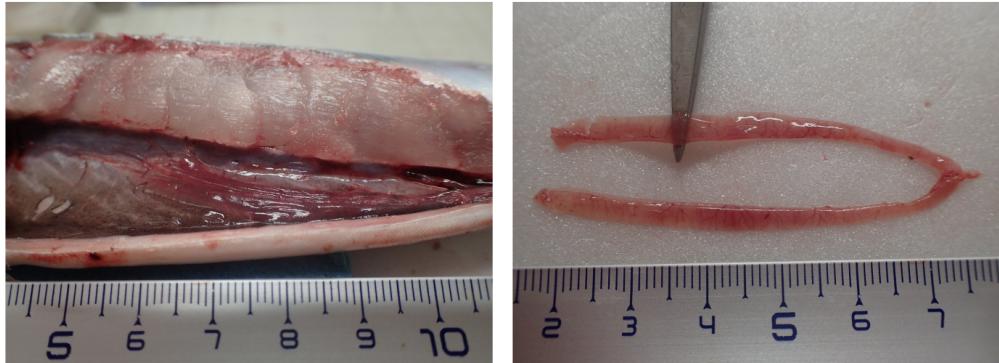
VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Mackerel / *Scomber scombrus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	19 - 27 cm

A - IMMATURE

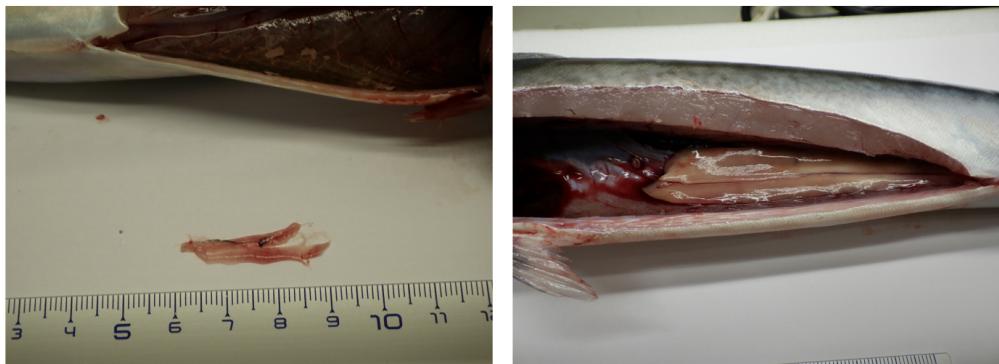
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

KNIFE BLADE SHAPE
NON-FLOWING GONADS

Gonads are filling and
becoming opaque



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

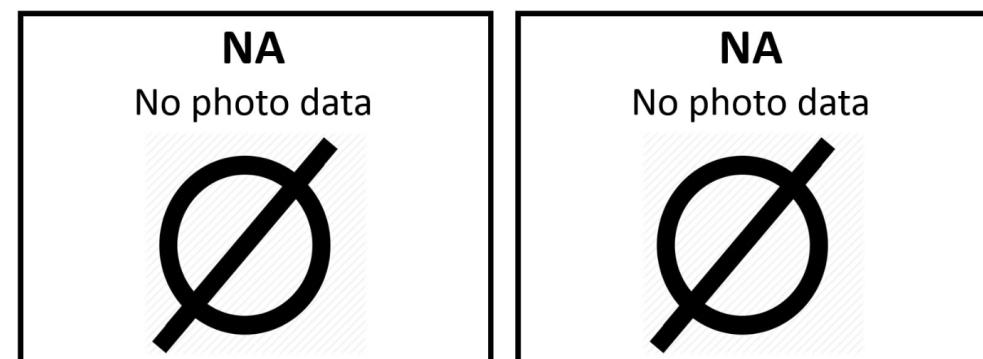
BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES
FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



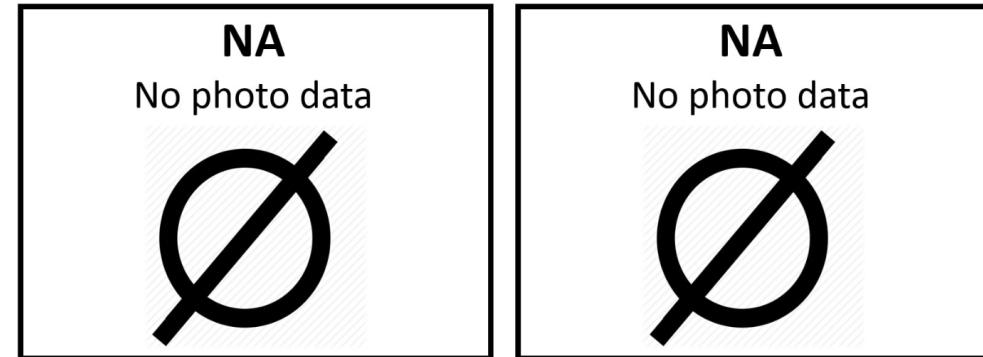
E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX



References/Photos :

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