

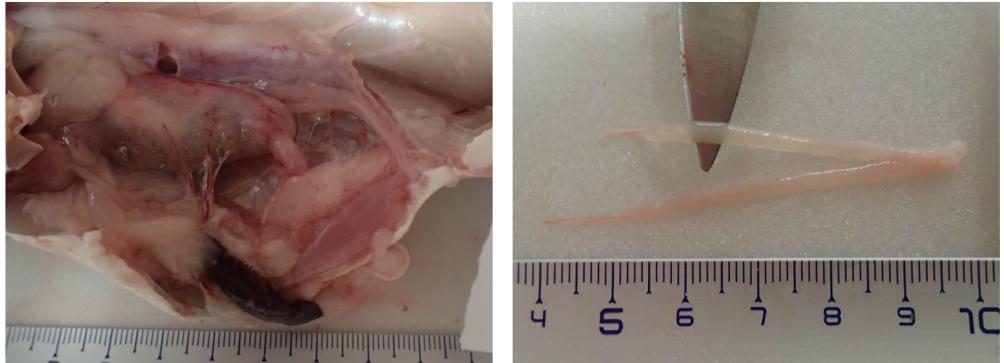
VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Sea bass / *Dicentrarchus labrax*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	Dicentrarchus labrax	34 - 45 cm

A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

KNIFE BLADE SHAPE
NON-FLOWING GONADS

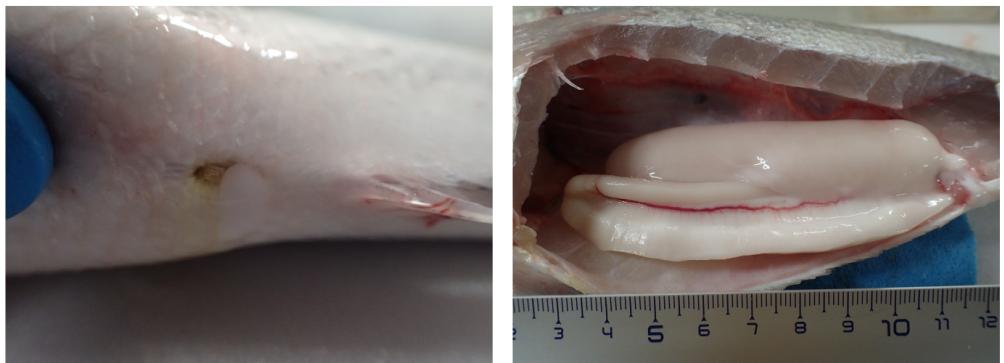
Gonads are filling and
becoming opaque



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
GONADS

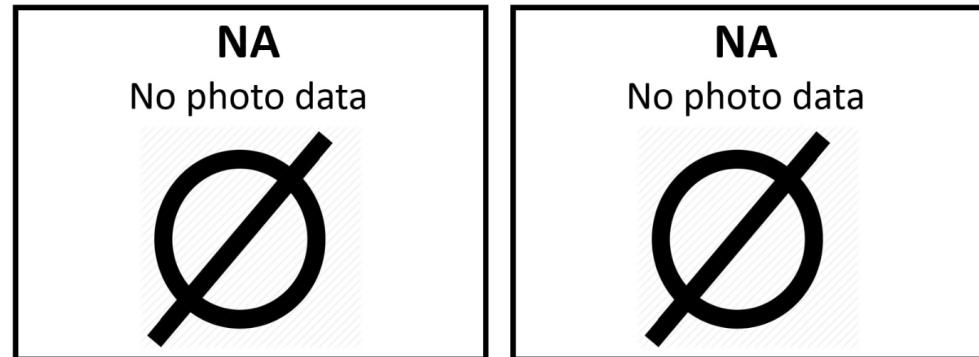
FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

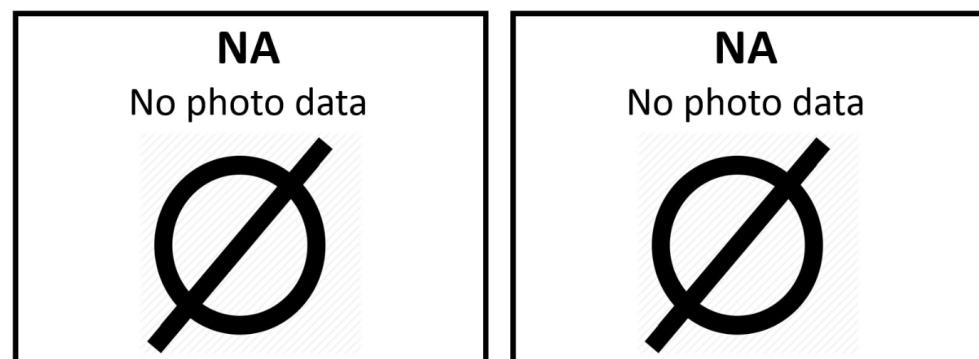
BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES
FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

