VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

American whitespotted filefish / Cantherhines macrocerus

Picture Sex Species First maturity size





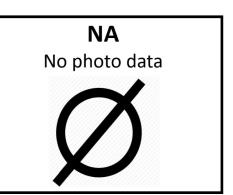
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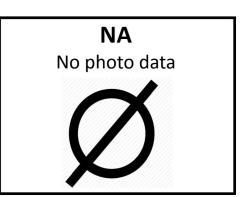
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A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO TRANSLUCID GONADS

WITHOUT EGGS





B-DEVELOPING

non-hydrated eggs SOMETIMES visible

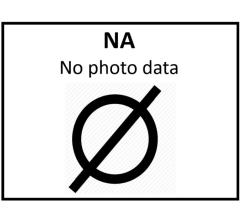
OPAQUE GONADS

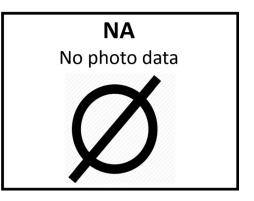




C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE HYDRATED EGG



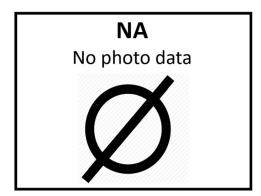


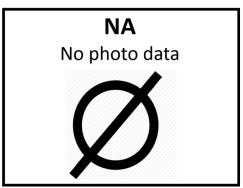
D-REGRESSION/REGENERATION

FEW HYDRATED EGGS STILL PRESENT

FLABBY GONADS AND THICK INNER LAYER

General aspect "stunted"





E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY THE EYE

F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS OR INTERSEX

