

## 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

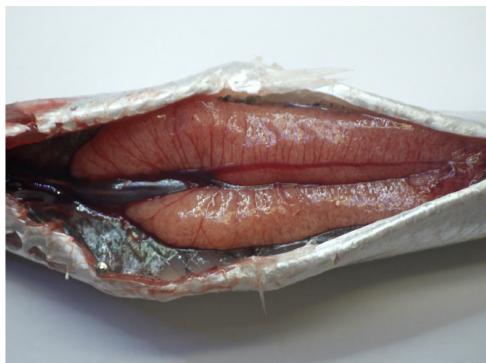


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## E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY  
THE EYE



## F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS  
OR INTERSEX

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