

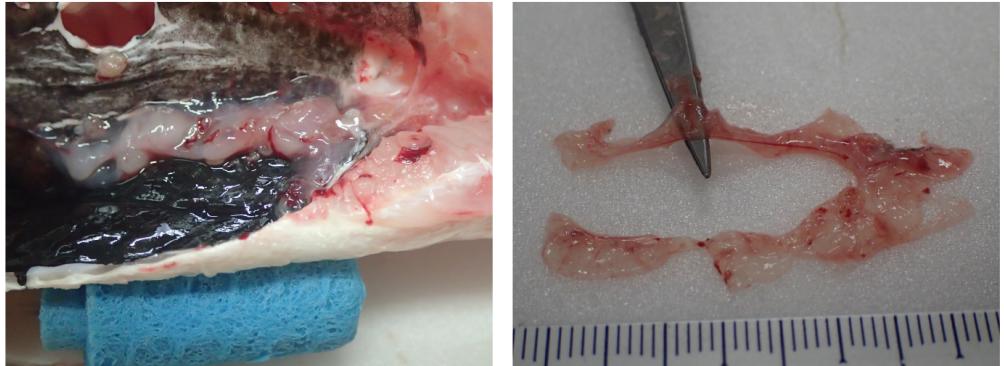
VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Hake / *Merluccius merluccius*

| Picture | Sex | Species | First maturity size |
|--|-----|------------------------------|---------------------|
|  | ♂ | <i>Merluccius merluccius</i> | 26 - 42 cm |

A - IMMATURE

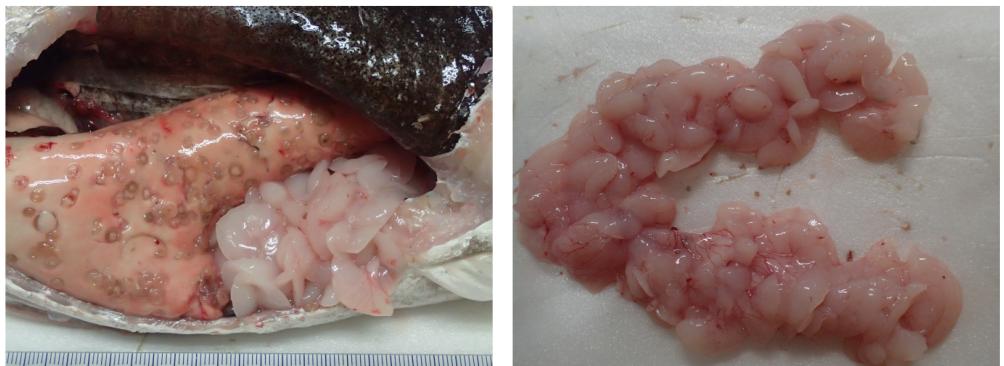
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

OPAQUE GONADS IN
TWISTED SHAPE



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES
FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



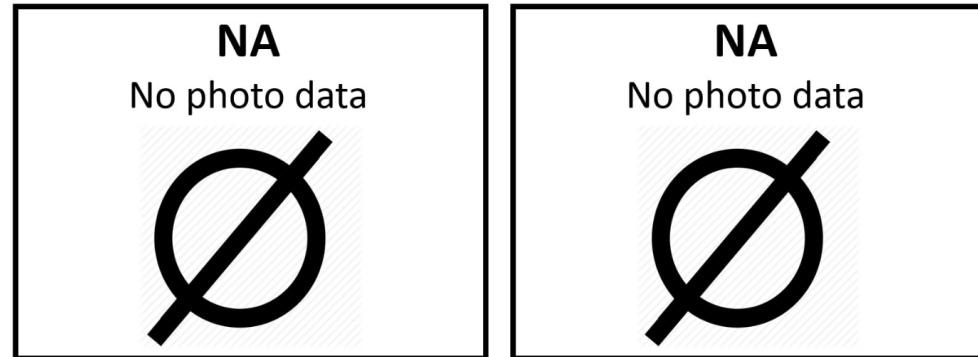
E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX



References/Photos :

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