


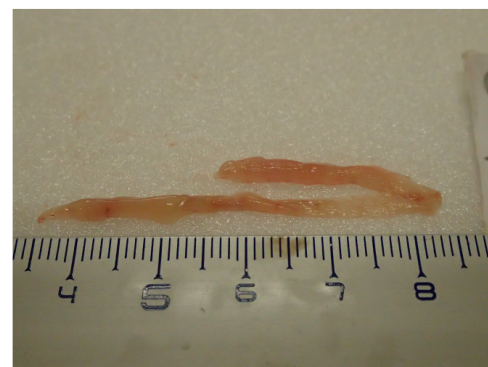
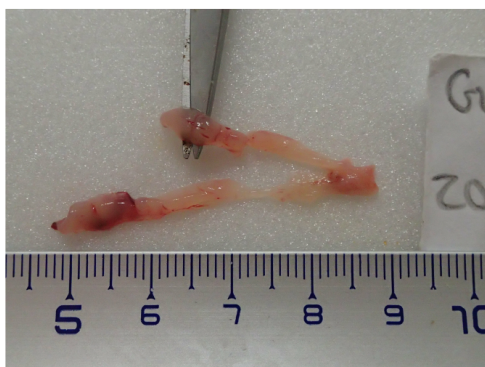
# VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

## Red gurnard / *Chelidonichthys cuculus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Chelidonichthys cuculus</i>	20 - 26 cm

### A - IMMATURE

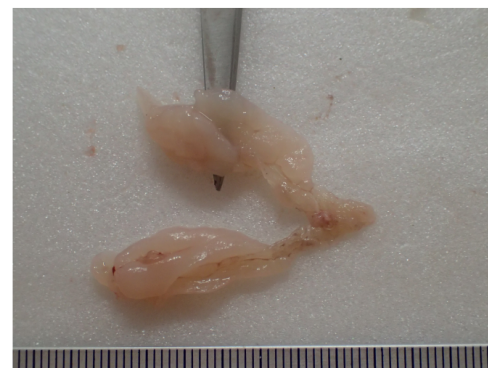
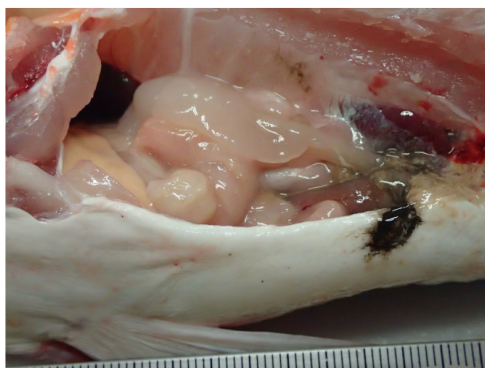
TRANSPARENT TO  
TRANSLUCID GONADS



### B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

Gonads are filling and  
becoming opaque



### C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH  
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS



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## D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN  
TISSUES

FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



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## E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY  
THE EYE



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## F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS  
OR INTERSEX

