


VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

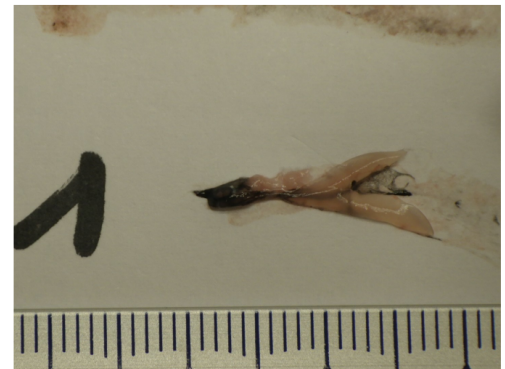
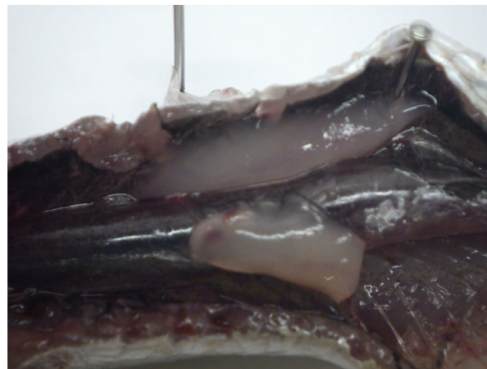
Sardine / *Sardina pilchardus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	12 - 17 cm

A - IMMATURE

FILIFORM and flattened
knife-shaped surface

TRANSLUCID



B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

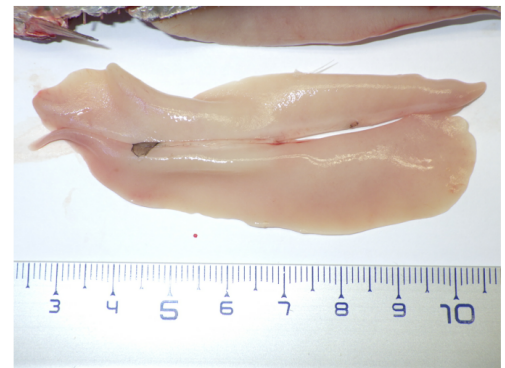
Gonads are filling and
becoming opaque



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES

FLABBY, FLAT AND
RELAXED GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY THE EYE

F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

