

VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

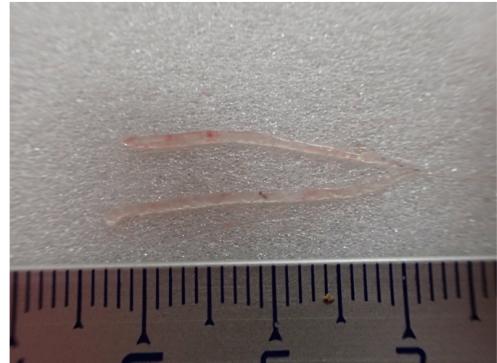
Sprat / *Sprattus sprattus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	8 - 11 cm

A - IMMATURE

FILIFORM and flattened knife-shaped surface

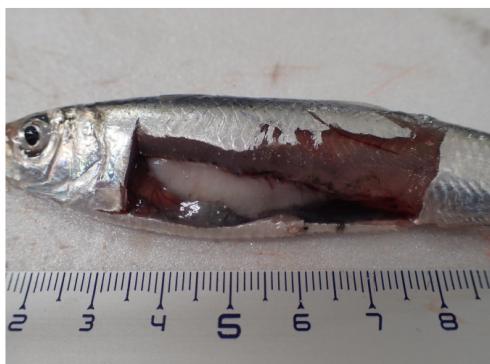
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B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

Gonads are filling and becoming opaque



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH GONADS

FLOWING GONADS

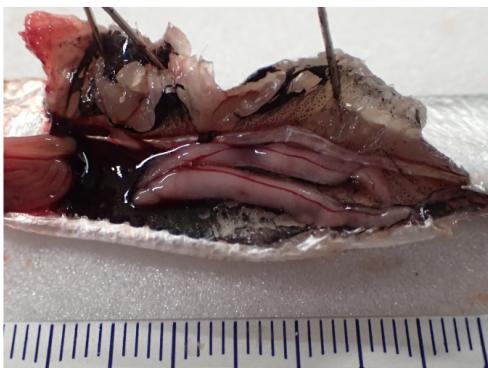


D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES

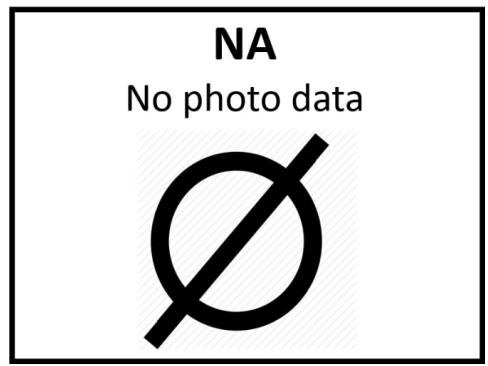
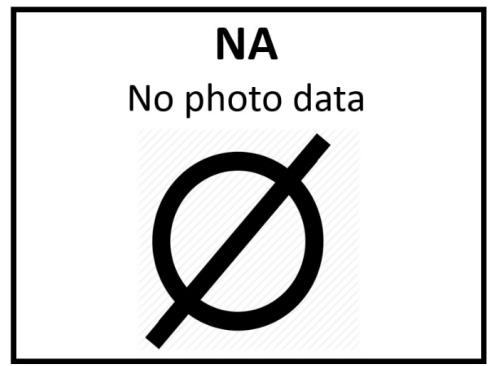
FLABBY, FLAT AND
RELAXED GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX

