

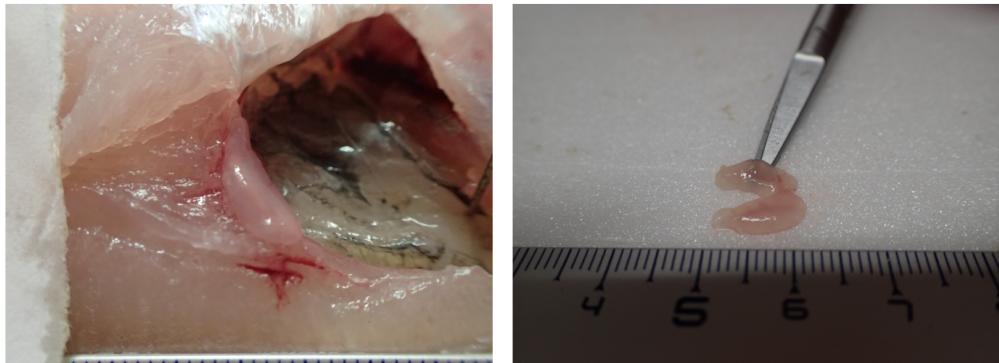
VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

Flat fish / *Flat fish sp.*

| Picture | Sex | Species | First maturity size |
|---|-----|----------------------------|---------------------|
|  | | Pleuronectes platessa | 20 - 27 cm |
|  | ♂ | Lepidorhombus whiffiagonis | 19 - 29 cm |
| | | Microstomus kitt | 20 - 27 cm |

A - IMMATURE

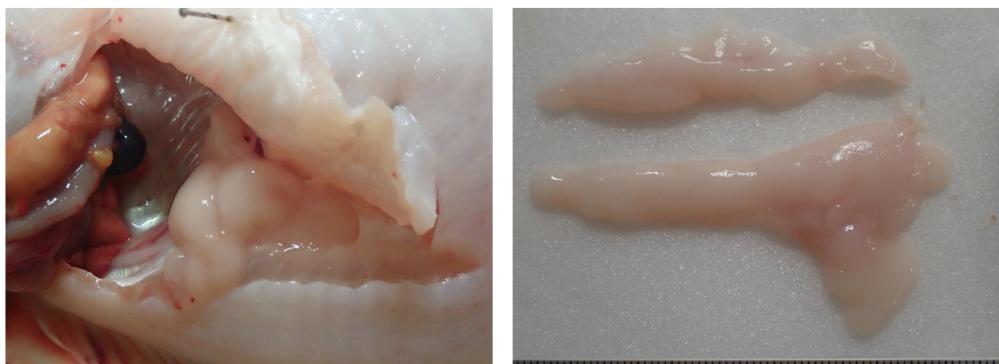
TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS



B - DEVELOPING

NON-FLOWING GONADS

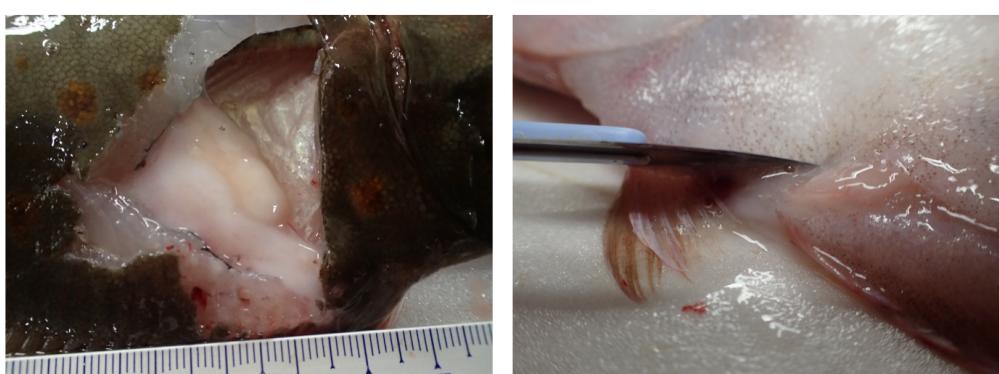
Gonads are filling and
becoming opaque



C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

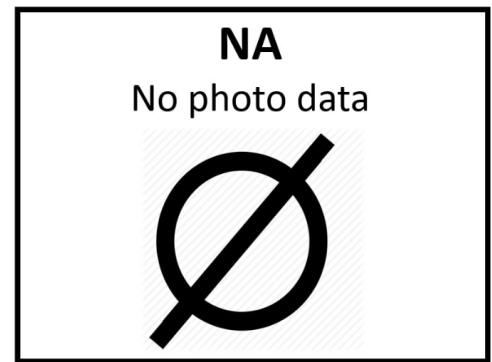
BLOOD RESIDUE IN
TISSUES
FLABBY GONADS

MILT RESIDUALS



E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY
THE EYE



F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS
OR INTERSEX



References/Photos :

ICES (WKASMSF 2018 & WKMATCH 2012),
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