

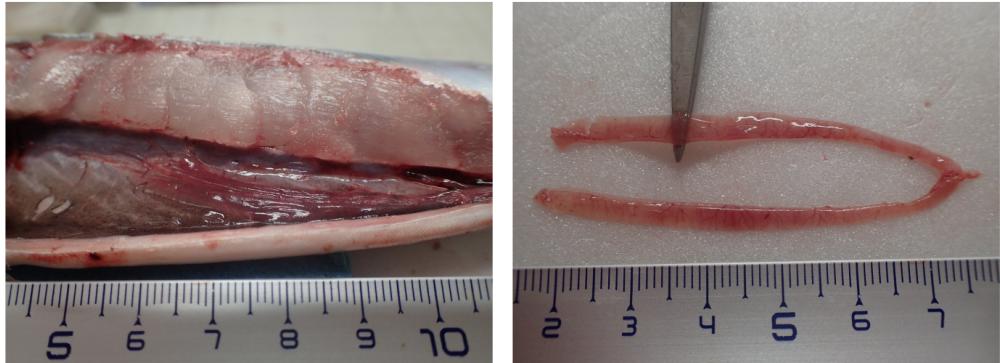
## VISUAL MATURITY SCALE

### Mackerel / *Scomber scombrus*

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♂	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	19 - 27 cm

#### A - IMMATURE

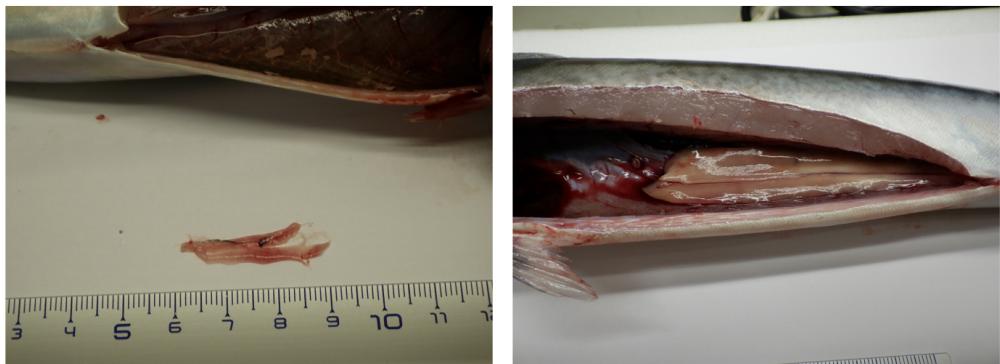
TRANSPARENT TO  
TRANSLUCID GONADS



#### B - DEVELOPING

KNIFE BLADE SHAPE  
NON-FLOWING GONADS

Gonads are filling and  
becoming opaque



#### C - SPAWNING

OPAQUE AND WHITISH  
GONADS

FLOWING GONADS

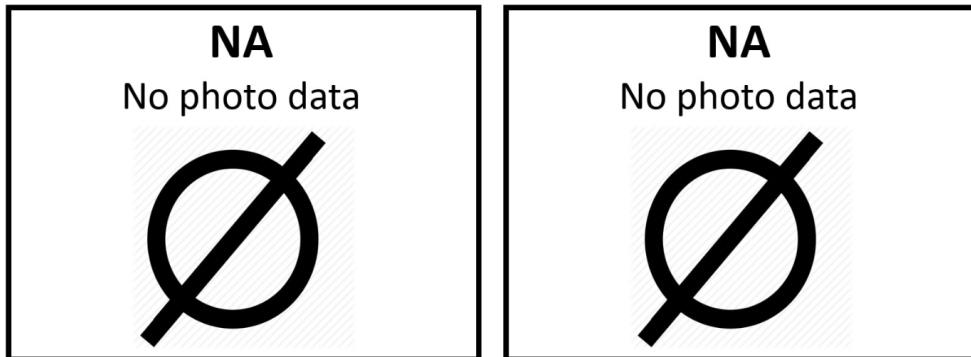


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## D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

BLOOD RESIDUE IN  
TISSUES  
FLABBY GONADS

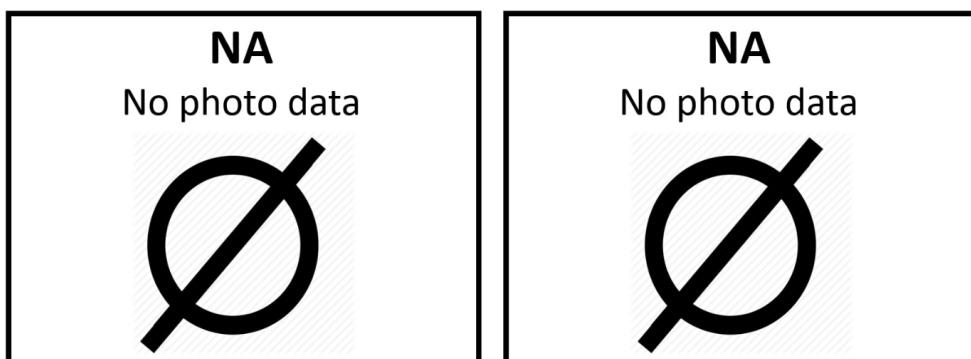
MILT RESIDUALS



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## E - OMITTED SPAWNING

NOT DETERMINABLE BY  
THE EYE



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## F - ABNORMAL

NECROSIS, SCLEROSIS  
OR INTERSEX

