**Spatio-temporal dynamics of growth in female snow crab**

* There is little evidence of pubescent instar VIII
* Pubescent females are made up of mainly instar IX and X
* Primiparous females are mainly made up of instar X and XI, in roughly the same proportions as those observed in pubescents.
* Female crab were classified as **pubescent females** based on the orange colour of the developing gonad during the survey.