

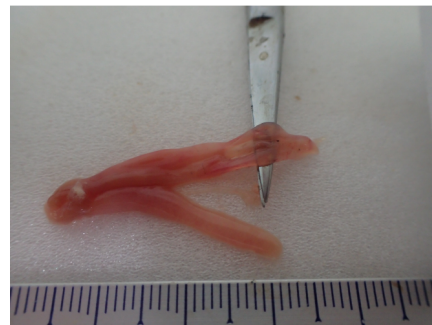
Cowfish / *Acanthostracion* sp.



A - IMMATURE

TRANSPARENT TO
TRANSLUCID GONADS

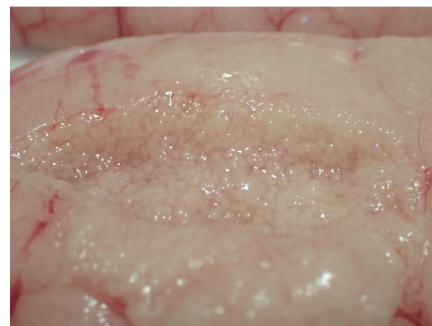
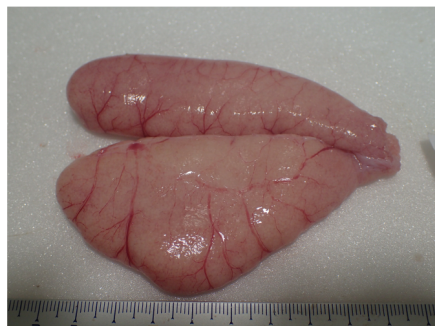
WITHOUT EGGS



B - DEVELOPING

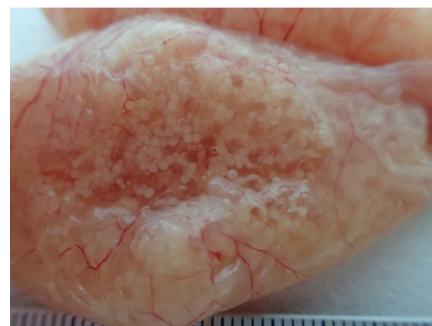
non-hydrated eggs
SOMETIMES visible

OPAQUE GONADS



C - SPAWNING

AT LEAST 1 VISIBLE
HYDRATED EGG



D - REGRESSION/REGENERATION

FEW HYDRATED
EGGS STILL PRESENT
FLABBY GONADS AND
THICK INNER LAYER

General aspect
"stunted"



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UNDETERMINABLE WITH THE NAKED EYE

F - ABNORMALNECROSIS,
SCLEROSIS OR
INTERSEX

Picture	Sex	Species	First maturity size
	♀	<i>Acanthostracion polygonius</i>	NA
		<i>Acanthostracion quadricornis</i>	NA

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