

ANNEX 1 MATURITY SCALE FOR FEMALE HAKE

(Adapted from scale used for blue whiting, North Atlantic)

Code		F
None	Not determined	
1	Immature Ovaries transparent and white. No visible eggs.	< 1/4
2	Spent (maturing again) and first time maturing Ovaries transparent orange/red, somewhat spotted.	1/3
3	Maturing Ovaries orange/rose. Opaque eggs visible.	1/2-2/3
4	Maturing/mature Ovaries firm, orange/rose. Some hyaline eggs.	> 3/4
5	Spawning, running Ovaries rose/white. Mainly hyaline eggs, easily pressed out.	1
6	Spent Ovaries spotted, rose/red, blood vessels visible. Some remaining eggs.	< 1/2

F = length of gonad as part of length of body cavity

