



"GUIDE ONLY"

Some sizes may differ but these are the average sizes of fish at maturity

Reference:
 Freese, R. and D. Pauly. Editors. 2002.
 Fishbase. www.fishbase.org

For further details on maturity in fishes and fishery laws, please contact your nearest DA-BFAR office.

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This “fish ruler” can be used to do a “quick assessment” of your priority fisheries. Take the ruler and place on top of a piece of plywood or other hard material. Cover with plastic or have it laminated, then visit the fish market and take samples of different fishes being sold. Through this you will be able to assess how mature/immature the fishes being sold are. If more than 20% (approx.) of your fish are “immature” it is a good indicator that your fishing resources are in a state of “recruitment overfishing” and there may be problems ahead that will need resolving. (N.B. ideally you would assess the fishery regularly through the whole year, as seasons change). Better law enforcement, closed seasons, a comprehensive CRM code, municipal fishing licensing system and marine sanctuaries are some of the ways to help alleviate overfishing.