

Table 3 Monthly percentage distribution of various maturity stages for the Omani Indian oil sardines collected during January 1997–September 2008

Months	Maturity stages (%)						Months	Maturity stages (%)						
	I	II	III	IV	V	Spent		I	II	III	IV	V	Spent	
Jan-97	21	30	18	30			May-05		46	2		7	44	
Feb-97	11	27	30	31			Jun-05		10	13	33	8	38	
Mar-97	31	22	14	33			Jul-05			3	38	55	5	
Apr-97	43	37	11	8			Aug-05		14	7	24	48	7	
May-97	44	52	4				Sep-05			34	37	29		
Jun-97	6	35	49	10		1	Nov-05		18	20	5	48	10	
Jul-97	27	63	10				Apr-06		5	33	13	46	3	
Aug-97	1	14	55	30			May-06		26	26	12	17	19	
Sep-97	63	14	17	5		1	Jun-06		0	10	28	53	10	
Oct-97	96	4					Sep-06	5	10	22	20	29	15	
Nov-97	7	35	40	18			Dec-06			3	40	55	3	
Dec-97	21	36	19	12		13	Jan-07			5	13	55	26	
Jan-98	7	37	30	25		2	Feb-07	13	10	13	13	15	38	
Feb-98		3		97			Mar-07	40	18	5	3	10	25	
Jan-04	5	7	17	21		50	May-07	15	38	10	8		30	
Apr-04		36	30	33		2	Jun-07	11	3	26	37	11	11	
May-04	53	20	23	3			Aug-07	0	10	28	25	38		
Jun-04	9	38	47	6			Sep-07	8	18	25	30	18	3	
Jul-04		20	44	37			Oct-07	8	30	23	18	8	15	
Sep-04			30	35		35	Dec-07			3	40	55	3	
Oct-04	8	15	38	28		13	Jan-08		3	31	31	36		
Dec-04	2	48	32	18			Apr-08		8	28	35	30		
Feb-05			45	55			May-08		15	25	10	13	38	
Mar-05			5	29		45	21	Jun-08	4	13	29	33	18	4
Apr-05			23	20		40	18	Aug-08			36	41	23	
								Sep-08			5	3	90	3