hello students i am dr suman vedpaltari assistant professor in zoology government college of art science and commerce sanquelim and i am bringing before you first part of module number 14 reproduction in fishes under unit morphology physiology and behavior of the paper zod103 fish and fisheries in this topic you will learn about reproductive behavior in different types of fishes clutch size in different fishes and the male and female reproductive organs at the end of the module you will be able to understand the different modes of reproduction in fishes understand the reproductive behavior in different fishes and also understand male and female reproductive organs in this topic we will see how the fishes reproduce the reproduction is the most diverse and fascinating aspect of studying any group of animals especially the fishes most fishes reproduce by sexual reproduction most species have separate male and female sexes but there are also many species that are called as hermaphrodites meaning that an individual has both testes as well as ovaries generally a hermaphrodite can only produce one type of gamete sperm or egg at a time so their gametes must be cross fertilized by another member of the species many hermaphroditic fish switch sexes alternating between producing sperm or eggs during different reproductive cycles so we have both the categories of fishes in hermaphroditic fishes we have the ones which produce both types of gametes or either type of gametes there are examples of few hermaphroditic species such as hamlets and salmon that produce both egg and sperms the amazon molly poecilla formosa of mexico and texas silverside minidia clark hubsy of texas are one of the few known species of parthenogenetic fish the weather the fishes lay eggs

or they give birth to live young or they incubate the eggs within their body and then give birth to live young based on that fishes are classified as oviparous, ovo-viviparous and viviparous a fish species is oviparous if the eggs are fertilized internally and then laid by the female they are called as oviparous if the eggs are fertilized internally and then carried in the female body until they hatch then they are born alive and not laid as an egg so this type of fishes are called as ovo-viviparous a fish species is viviparous if the eggs are fertilized internally and the embryos are kept within the female body until they are born alive but these embryos receive nutrients directly from the mother while they are developing in addition to those in the egg at the time of fertilization the vivi parity as such is rare in fishes but there are few very successful examples like the common mosquito fish gambusia aphenus which can produce about 30 young with a gestation period of 24 days fishes can become sexually mature at various ages depending on each pieces several factors influence sexual maturity including age gender and size secondary sexual characters and accessory structures are necessary for courtship behavior both male as well as female gonads undergo marked cyclic morphological and histological changes before reaching full maturity and becoming right this process of undergoing cyclic morphological and histological changes is called as maturation of the garnets let's talk about now clutch size in viviparous fishes a clutch of eggs is the group of eggs produced by animals often at a single time particularly those laid in a nest eggs we have few examples the black spotted shark kacharina chile one to two young bristly cat shark hilarious hispidus is another example which produces two

young at a time the brown cat shark a priestess brunias produces two young at a time and the caribbean sharpnose shark rhizopranodon porosis produces two to six young ones at a time let's see few more examples the guppy's Poecilla reticulata give birth up to 40 young ones as well as the green swordtail cyphoforous hillary is one of the most prolific of live bearers along the fishes and can produce as many as 200 young ones in females the ovaries are enlarged during breeding season matured oocytes pass to the exterior through the oviduct which is called as external fertilization some bony fish eggs are dropped in body cavity as there are no ob ducts and pass through genital funnels let's talk about the male reproductive system the main organ reproductive organ in case of males are the testes which are paired lobulated symmetrical and placed in anterior part of the cello transport of spermatozoa from testes to to exterior occurs or differs in many fishes in elastomobranch and holocephalans and futilios internal fertilization occurs and is affected by copulatory organs called as claspers or mixoterisia which is used for transferring the sperms into the body of the female among teleos an intrromittent copulatory organ is present only in those pieces like r singhala in which a conical genital papilla is present and fertilization is external let's talk about the female reproductive system the main reproductive organ is the ovaries which are paired structures but sometimes they are unpaired which is nothing but a fusion of two ovaries they are attached to body wall by mission trees they are also enlarged or filled with yolk during breeding season structures concerned for transportation of eggs

from Coelom to exterior varies greatly like in elasmobranchs have shell gland in each oviduct in teleos oviducts unite posteriorly to form single duct which opens by genital pore students there are these are the few references for your further reading so this is the end of my module thank you