

The Office of Environment of the Consell de Formentera has begun a push to naturally curb mosquitoes and chironomids in the wetlands of Ses Salines Park (Estany Pudent, Estany des Peix and Salines d'en Marroig) where the larvae develop. Antoni Tur, environment councillor, said that the campaign would require 32 days, from summer to late October, and "could be extended if mosquito numbers spike this year".

Mosquito and chironomid populations are controlled preventively by acting on insect larvae with *Bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis*, a natural form of treatment.

To avoid a proliferation of mosquitoes, the Office of Environment advises islanders to follow a series of measures at home to take aim at mosquito breeding sites, such as emptying water from remaining stagnant in containers; maintaining proper chlorine levels in pools and wash basins; covering wells and cisterns with mosquito nets; making sure that water does not accumulate in flowerpots and dishes, and changing the water in animal troughs every two or three days. In general, islanders should do their best to keep water from remaining in stagnant puddles.

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