The Formentera Council has authorised open hunting on the common pigeon (*Columba palumbus* ) May

21 to 28, June 11 to 25, July 9 to 23, August 6 to 20 and September 3 to 17, from 7.30 to 11.30am and 5.30 to 9.00pm. The administration extends its apologies to any residents inconvenienced by rifle shots that might be heard during those times. The measure is necessary to safeguard crops affected by the species.

A follow-up review will document the efforts and explore their impact.