The Formentera Office of Rural Affairs reports that Sunday 16 October marks the start of the island's small game hunting season. The season will come to an end 1 January 2023.

In general and unless specified otherwise, hunting days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays and national or regional holidays. Local holidays are excluded. Hunting is allowed from half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset, except for limitations expressly set out in the proposed agreement.

Moreover, on local hunting grounds ("*vedats*"), migratory birds, thrush and pheasant can only be hunted until 5 February. Practitioners of traditional, "

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"hunting have from 1 September to 31 October apply to practise this modaility. The hunting season begins 16 October and ends 5 February 2023.

Whilst hunting, hunters must carry mandatory documentation as required by Balearic legislation on river hunting and fishing (Law 6/2006), as amended by Law 3/2013, of 17 July, amending Law 6/2006 [12 April] and amended by Law 6/2007 on tax and economic-administrative measures [27 December].

A series of location-based bans exist, including hunting of any kind on islets and coastal cliffs. To combat damage to flora and fauna, hunting of rabbits and, as a population control measure, the common gull may be permitted. Hunting in other protected natural areas must comply with the provisions of the corresponding Natural Resource Use Plan (PORN), Use and Management Plan (PRUG) and legislation on conservation of environmentally significant natural areas (LECO, Law 5/2005).

Hunting must be done accordance with the limitations set out in current regulations for the 2022-2023 season ( $Ordre\ Vedes$ , BOIB 93 19/07/2022). More information is available on the Consell de Formentera website

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