

Formentera Council officials sat down today to explore the issues facing the Eivissa-Formentera fishing industry in a gathering at the Eivissa Council between fishing authorities of the Balearic and Valencian administrations and fisherman's guilds.

Among the items on the agenda was current legislation regulating the deep-water trawling operations of boats from the Spanish mainland in fishing grounds near Eivissa and Formentera. The legislation is seen to have gaps which make its revision necessary.

Participants at the gathering resolved to enlist a working group to draft a new proposal, which will ultimately be sent to Madrid, on how fishing areas should be administered.

Meeting attendees also spoke about other dilemmas, like illegal tuna fishing and discarded by-catch capable of causing serious damage to trawls, especially among fishing boats from Alacant which are stationed in the fishing grounds of the Pityuses.