

The Office of Environment of the Consell de Formentera is pleased to report that the first two weeks of a push to remove nests of the pine processionary caterpillar has logged 8,483 nests –a daily average of 566– since beginning in January. Two people have been hired to remove nests from public spaces and play areas in and around towns. To date, operations have taken place in Es Ca Marí, Es Pujols, Es Mal Pas, Camí de s'Abeuradeta and Cala en Baster.

The Consell has seven telescopic shears (three more than last year) to cut nests at heights of five and six metres. These shears can be borrowed at no cost from the Office of Environment. In addition, the Consell wishes to thank local hunting clubs, whose members have joined the effort to destroy nests, using 2,000 ammunition cartridges so far this year.

The Balearic Government's Healthy Forests Division (SFGIB), the branch of public administration that is chiefly responsible for intervening in wooded areas, has remit in such matters. Property owners, for their part, must see to forest upkeep themselves.

For more information, please contact the Office of Environment by phone (971 32 12 10, extension 1) or e-mail (mediambient@conselldeformentera.cat). You can also consult the SFGIB website (http://sanitatforestal.caib.es), and reach the SFGIB by phone (971 17 66 66) or email (sanitatforestal@caib.es).

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