



Starting today, Formentera Local Police will rely on a drone to help enforce rules of confinement. Supplementing patrols already being carried out by law enforcement, the aircraft will be used to ensure islanders follow orders and stay in their homes, save for outings for activities specifically permitted under the state of alarm.

“Flights will focus on wide open spaces where ground surveillance is poses particular problems”, said interior conseller Josep Marí, “and if someone is found breaking the rules, officers will proceed to the scene to issue a ticket.”

It is hoped that the measure, which is the latest among a battery of controls already being deployed on island highways and roads, will deter islanders from disobeying confinement guidelines. The drone has a runtime of two hours and a camera with zoom capability. Random drone flights will continue until the state of alarm is lifted.

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