

At noon yesterday, Daisee Aguilera, chief of the Formentera Council's Office of Environment, along with staffer Javier Asensió and IMEDEA researcher Núria Marbà, gathered in the administration's hall of ceremonies to meet with biologist Manu San Félix and a team of expert marine biologists specialising in ocean conservation. In the coming days, the group, called Mission Blue, will make a series of recordings in the waters of Formentera. The aim, they explained at yesterday's encounter, is to raise awareness about the importance of protections for posidonia seagrass and conservation measures to ensure fishing resources.

As they to hit their mark creating 100 so-called "Hope Spots" around the world, Mission Blue are dropping in at several islands of the Balearics. They will gather data about potential candidates for new protected areas of the sea, a measure they say can drive growth of fish populations.