

This morning the Formentera Council's Office of Agriculture has issued a reminder that preventive treatment of Formentera palm trees, with authorised phytosanitary products, is recommended in October and November.

During these two months a spike takes place in the flight of the red palm weevil, a pest which affects local palm trees. "Adults of the species leave already hard-hit trees in search of new food sources" explained staff specialist Laura Pérez, "which is to say, healthy palm trees yet to be colonised".

Furthermore, the administration reminds island residents of the current ban on the pruning of palm trees. Pruning is only authorised during the coldest months of the year and the exact dates of this year's open period have yet to be determined. For more information, contact the Office of Agriculture of the Formentera Council.