

The Formentera environment department reports that the administration will make resources available to anyone wishing to present remarks or critiques about the proposed acoustic surveys by Medsalt. Islanders who visit the CiF environment office at 15 carrer Mallorca in Sant Ferran can fill out and submit comment forms between Tuesday, May 8 and Monday the 21st. Forms can also be presented electronically via the Virtual Citizen's Information Office (OVAC) from Thursday, May 10.

The Council has collectively opposed plans for the project. As part of the administration's April plenary, council members voted to urge Madrid to immediately halt review of Medsalt's proposed initiative based on the potentially devastating impact it could have on adjacent ecosystems. It is believed the plan, if carried out, would have calamitous repercussions on a range of underwater species like cetaceans, turtles, fish, birds and invertebrates.

The idea of making things easier for islanders objecting to the environmentally devastating project arose from local group Aliança Mar Blava and has the backing of the Formentera administration. CiF environment secretary Daisee Aguilera pointed out that “getting islanders involved on this issue is crucial—the more opposition we flag now, the stronger the push to block prospections will become”.