



The Office of Environment of the Consell de Formentera is pleased to report that this January, some of the seagrass that this summer was removed from the local shoreline, mixed with sand and stored on site per Decree 25/2018 on conserving oceanic posidonia in the Balearic Islands, will be returned to the water.

Seagrass has been returned to the beaches of Ses Illetes, Es Cavall d'en Borràs and Es Pujols.

According to Antoni Tur, environment councillor, putting posidonia back in the water serves a dual purpose: "To protect the beaches from erosion caused by winter storms, and to return the sand that had been removed accidentally when the seagrass was hauled off at the start of the season."

Regulations prohibit removing posidonia from beaches before 1 May. Rules at the Ses Salines Nature Reserve, however, are more restrictive and do not allow it before 15 May. The councillor underscored the importance of following best practices in removing posidonia to "preserve our beaches and protect them from erosion" and insisted, "Seagrass on our beaches doesn't make them dirty, it is a sign of the quality and good health of our waters."

Posidonia taken from beaches is made available to the public so that it can be used as fertiliser for fields, animal bedding and for other traditional uses.

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