The Formentera Agriculture Department reiterates the restrictions on pruning plant species susceptible to the red palm weevil, namely, palm trees. Islanders are asked to limit their pruning to January and February, given these have been the coolest months in recent years.

FAD authorisation

Individuals must always have permission from the FAD before pruning palm trees, the goal being to safeguard pruned trees from infestation and to ensure proper disposal of the garden waste generated in the process. Permit requests are already being accepted, but pruning must not begin before January or after February. Individuals with FAD authorisation are allowed to take waste to the local transfer plant, free of charge. Weevil sightings should be reported to the FAD so the appropriate protocol may be implemented.

Rhynchophorus ferrugineus —the insect, also known as the red palm weevil, which attacks palm trees— reduces and even halts activity at low temperatures. Decree 4/2016 of January 29, which establishes the need for efforts within the Balearic region to eradicate the insect, restricts palm tree pruning to the chilliest months.

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