

The Formentera Office of Interior reports that the island's crew of lifeguards performed their last day of duty in 2022 on Monday 31 October. Local lifeguards provided medical assistance in 1,329 interventions, 22 of which required the patient be transported to hospital to receive additional care. Forty interventions involved rescues, and one of the people rescued lost their life after drowning in the waters of Migjorn on 17 June. Lifeguards also responded in 927 incidents involving jellyfish stings and another 41 cases involving other stings or bites.

Lifeguard and rescue service is provided 1 May to 31 October, and the full crew includes 25 individuals, although staffing shortages this year meant that only 20 were hired. Josep Marí, councillor of interior, praised the lifeguards for their work, saying that "the extra effort to cover overtime shifts" was key to "being able to offer a complete service".

Accessible, heart-healthy beaches

The beaches of Es Arenals and Es Pujols are adapted so that people with reduced mobility can swim there. Thirty-five swimmers benefited from the service this year.

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