



From 9 to 20 March restorative efforts were carried out on areas six and seven of the Cap de Barbaria dig site. The parcels lie at the northwest corner of the site, left partially-excavated after initial digs in the Eighties. This year new surveys of the terrain have already taken place, as part of the fourth phase of fieldwork for a study entitled “Les comunitats prehistòriques de Formentera. Arqueologia, patrimoni i societat” and directed collectively by Pau Sureda (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Edagard Camarós (Institut Català de Paleoecologia Humana i Evolució Social), María Ana Cueto and Luís Teira (of the Instituto Internacional de Investigaciones Prehistóricas de Cantabria – Universidad de Cantabria).

Restoration and solidification efforts were carried out by a three-person team that comprised Margalida Munar, Bernat Burganya and Antoni Puig. Cleaning, maintenance and preservation of this and other archaeological sites – funded in part by the cultural office of the Formentera Council – is postulated in the local directive that deals with the management of sites which factor into Formentera's cultural heritage, el Pla insular de gestió del patrimoni cultural.

Assistance notwithstanding, the project has taken place under the full direction of the team of scientists mentioned above, but one portion of the work programmed for this – the fourth stage – of fieldwork in the tri-university study. The study has, as of today's date, received favourable reports from two different FiC entities – the Comissió Específica d'Arqueologia as well as from the government commission convened to this effect.

The exact work consisted in the repair and strengthening of the rock foundation at areas six and seven of Cap de Barbaria II, repositioning mislaid stones, filling in incomplete segments of wall with smaller stones from elsewhere on the site, solidification of inner structures using lime mortar, gradation of the floor at the site's interior. The project had a total budget of 4,447 euros.