

The Formentera Department of Environment has issued a decree setting 15 May as the date the currently suspended kitesurfing ban will be reinstated at Formentera beaches. The ban, which applies to the shoreline and swimming areas, 200 metres from shoreline to sea and 50 metres from shoreline inland, typically takes effect 1 May.

FDE chair Antonio J Sanz explained that, with Covid-19 assuring a slow trickle of beachgoers and following a request from the local kitesurfers' group to elongate the grace period, the Consell deemed it provided kitesurfing rules are respected. Sanz held up islanders' growing enthusiasm for the sport in recent times, pointing to Formentera's October 2020 hosting of Fórmula Kite Spain.

Local government is currently looking at ways to retool the municipal bylaw and define particular areas of the coastline for distinct seasonal activities so kitesurfers and beachgoers can share the seaboard.

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