

The Formentera Council's environment department reports that nearly 35 volunteers gathered Saturday morning to take part in a day of educational outreach and environmental action, clearing human-made mounds of stones from Es Trucadors.

The day got going at 10.30am and was finished by 2.00pm. Nearby nature reserve staff and fauna specialists helped familiarise volunteers with the steps to follow in dismantling the rock piles depending on the stones in question. Some, they were told, should to be taken to the waterline while others, which serve as refuges for tiny invertebrates and other species inhabiting the area, were to be left inland.

Volunteers worked in groups and formed two chains, the human links rotating to cover the area where most of the piles littered the landscape.

A team of individuals from the regional nature institute (Ibanat), environmental defence group Gen-Gob, Formentera Sense Plastic, Ses Salines nature reserve staff and management and the Formentera Council joined volunteers at the event.

CiF environment secretary Daisee Aguilera hailed the efforts of the people, groups and offices of the public administration that joined in and “helped restore the area to its original natural beauty”. The secretary noted that Es Trucadors, which sits smack in the middle of Ses Salines nature reserve, whose exposure to wind and waves makes particularly susceptible to erosion. Those same weather conditions are behind the strange and unique coastal features that are one of the reserve's defining characteristics—and the reason it is vulnerable to even subtle changes.

At the end of the day crews planted a sign encouraging future visitors to leave stones where they find them and pointing to the space's fragility in explaining how changes to the landscape can hurt flora and fauna.