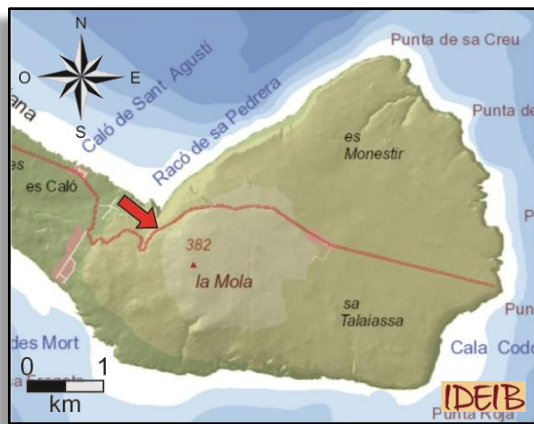


Viewpoint of Es Mirador

Location



Municipality: Sant Francesc de Formentera.

U.T.M. Coordinates X: 372034
(31N ETRS89): Y: 4281120



Difficulty and duration



2 min

Access

Take the PM-820 road and go to the entrance of the Es Mirador restaurant. The best place to enjoy the view is from the Formentera Island Council cabin.

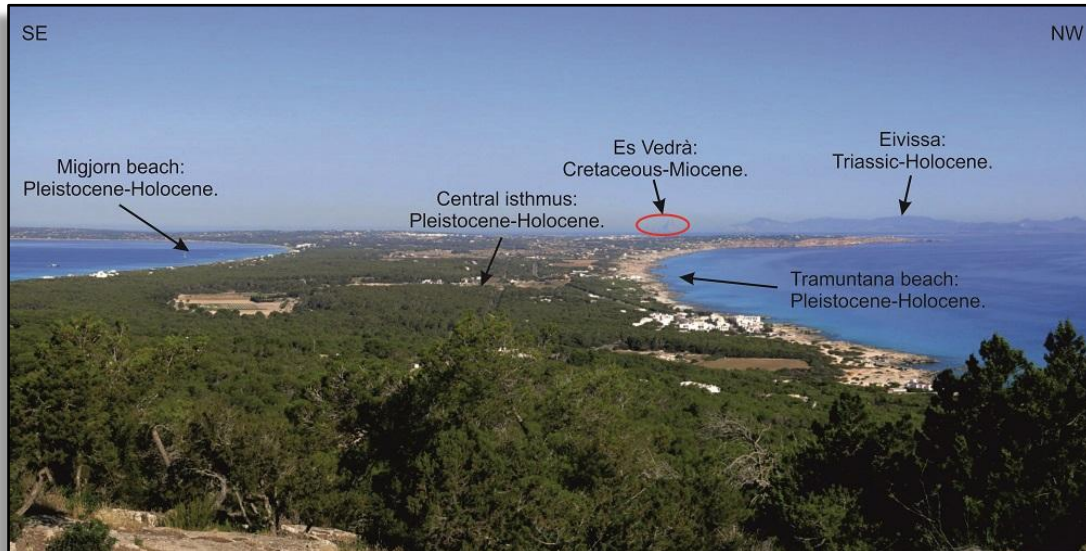
Principal interest

Landscape

Secondary interest

Stratigraphic

Description of the locality



Panoramic view of Formentera seen from Es Mirador, with the main geological features that can be observed in the landscape.

Formentera is an island that does not have great abrupt reliefs, except for the Promontories of La Mola (197 m at its highest) and Cap de Barbaria (with a maximum height of 108 m). As a result, the points for observing the panoramic views of the island are scarce.

One of the best places for enjoying a panoramic view of Formentera is Es Mirador. This is a small lookout point on the western side of the aforementioned Promontory of La Mola, specifically where it connects with the central part of the island (with a much lower elevation).

This difference in altitude allows an almost complete panoramic view of Formentera, Eivissa and Es Vedrà, and the observation of their principal geological and geographic features.

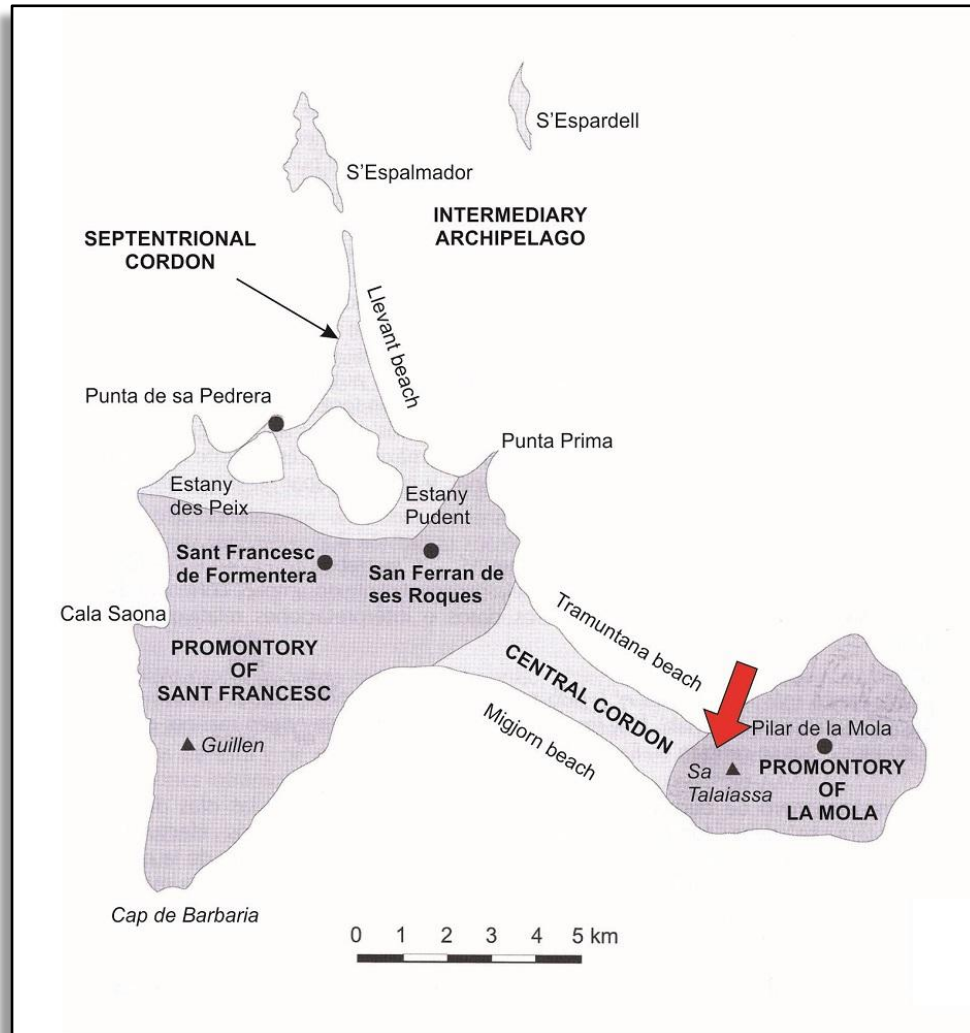
First, one can see the central cordon. It consists of a narrow isthmus that only occasionally reaches a height of 25m, and is mainly made of Pleistocene fossil soils and dunes, although more recent deposits from the Holocene period can also be found.

On both sides, the central cordon is flanked by two bays, the Migjorn and Tramuntana beaches. In both cases, the coast is mainly formed by old Pleistocene beaches that sometimes contain sea mollusc fossils. Recent sand beaches are intermittently deposited on these.

Beyond this described area, the land significantly widens, giving way to the Promontory of Cap de Barbaria, which continues to the left of the panoramic view.

To the north of the Promontory of Cap de Barbaria another low-lying area re-appears, that is the northern cordon, where the Estany Pudent and Estany des Peix are. This cordon is not visible from the lookout point as it is hidden by the relief of the Promontory of Cap de Barbaria.

However, on clear days, it is possible to observe some of the islands that make up the intermediary archipelago and that, in the past, joined Eivissa and Formentera by an old cordon of beaches and dunes. The "Pitiüsa major" (Eivissa) is also visible.



Structure of Formentera. Modified from IGME, 2009.

For more information

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Recommendations

We recommend making the most of the visit to the lookout point to follow the route from La Mola to Cala en Baster, as this is one of the stops on the route.