



The Formentera Environment Department reports it has incorporated a new backhoe for improved separation at the island's rubbish tip.

The €124,523 (VAT included) backhoe is equipped with a forest clamp and will allow for greater ease in operations involving earth moving, construction and demolition waste, composting and organic waste and garden trimmings fed into the Consell's biochipper.

Environment councillor Antonio J. Sanz declared the purchase would mean "savings in the medium term". "As a permanent feature of the municipal arsenal, the new backhoe will do away with interruptions stemming from our previous reliance on rented equipment", said the councillor. Operators at Es Cap de Barbaria waste management centre will use the backhoe themselves.

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