

an environmental diagnosis. This should make clear the need for indepth studies and investigations into each and every aspect of the environment commented upon, in order to contribute to an improvement in the environment quality of the island and the quality of life of its inhabitants.

3. METHOD

The study is divided into 3 clearly defined themes:

3.1 Physical, Biotic and Anthropic Description: Collection of all existing information in order to define the area of Formentera on a general level and the activities that affect it. In this way all action undertaken should cover the degree to which each of the three mediums are affected. As an example, an extremely important activity such as tourism has to be managed by taking into consideration the existing legal framework, the physical characteristics of the area, the vulnerability of the natural systems and the present economy.

3.2 Environmental Diagnosis: Once the framework of activity has been defined all those environmental impacts at present affecting the island of Formentera are described. Emphasizing, in order of importance, impacts as related to urban pressure on the area, waste and water management; all of the above amplified due to tourism and clearly localised in space and time. The impacts have been defined in 2 ways:

(a) Quality evaluation of all impacts generated by each and every one of the anthropic activities which take place on the island and the repercussions on the mediums affected (see figure 1).

(b) Matrix of the integration of said impacts on the areas, classified as: tourist areas and non-tourist areas (see figure 2).

3.3 Final Analysis: finally proposals are made regarding the type of action required giving the degree of priority for each of the defined bio-territories. It would be interesting to take action on a local level but such action should always be completely integrated into the island as a whole.