

The process of the plantation

1. Choosing the branch
2. Choosing the bud
3. Planting
4. Tying of the cutting
5. Planting of the cuttings

Usually, the fig tree plantation is set-aside all year long. We tend to plough the land superficially twice a year so as not to damage the surface roots and we only pass the cultivator as necessary and at the appropriate time, to bury the compost, to destroy weeds,

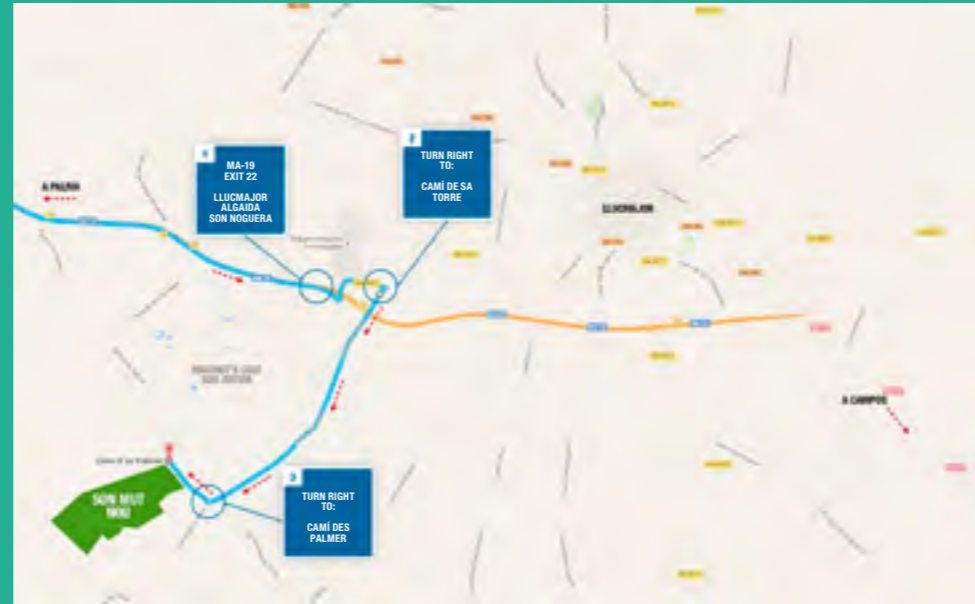
to minimize water evaporation and to break the compacted soil.

We only use organic fertiliser (animal manure).
In son Mut Nou, we use a planting frame of 13m x 13m with a capacity of 64 trees per hectare, so the crop will yield between 4.4 and 5.7 tonnes of figs per hectare.

The fig tree is primarily used as a fruit tree, either fresh to eat or dried to feed cattle. Currently the development of products derived from figs is a priority to be able to contribute to the maintenance of the land.



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Fig-tree plantation in
The Marina of Lluçmajor (Majorca)
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Experimental field of fig trees: cultivation, preservation and promotion

Son Mut Nou, fig-tree plantation in The Marina of Lluçmajor

The estate of Son Mut Nou lies in the heart of the Marina of Lluçmajor. Rugged soil and clay, dry land where water is a rare and scarce commodity. Scrubland, steppes, bushes and olive-trees where only a few pine trees come to perfume the plains. Savage lands stolen from the forest with sweat and effort to be able to cultivate it. Land of few trees where the planted fig trees know how to make the most of the harsh conditions and how to survive because they adapt wonderfully to an environment, familiar to them for some remote reason. Land where the fig tree generously manages

to extract its tastiest, delightful fruit from the drought and clay.

This is the telluric framework in which Montserrat Pons Boscana, pharmacist of Lluçmajor, in love with the fig trees and the microcosm that history and life have built around this biblical tree, has undertaken a unique experience in the world...

Montserrat, spurred by an unusual behaviour, has designed and developed this project, today sublime reality, from the regeneration of the Míner fig tree



plantation provided by his friend Pep Sacarés and Mulet. The object of this project was to create an experimental breeding ground for the fig tree in order to contribute to the study and the scientific knowledge of the tree and its fruit, to safeguard its heritage, to maintain the plant genetic pool of our island and to promote the traditional and popular culture, in search of the potential of fig exploitation... A work, ultimately, aimed at promoting science

and humanism, the ecology and the economy, with an almost visionary and selfless dedication to the fig tree and the fig.

In Son Mut Nou, the heart of the bleak and wonderful Marina of the Majorcan Migjorn, the miracle of individual effort has built a world of beauty and love for the land, nature, immeasurable. The open plantation of Son Mut Nou, of a magnificent visual placidity with its fig



trees harmoniously and carefully planted and worked, is a luminous celebration of life and culture.

Thousands of thriving and slender fig trees of hundreds of varieties, from all corners of the Balearic Islands, the Spanish mainland and exotic and distant countries, with a multiplicity of forms, colours, flavours of its fruits, are the miraculous testimony of a figment that has become reality.

During the visit to Son Mut Nou, the gentle caress of the bright green leaves will welcome you, foreign travellers or local people... You will find, with pleasure, a job well done and you will admire the wisdom and commitment of a few men who cherish with desperate love their land and work it as only lovers know how to... During the visit we will also make your mouth water with fig culinary delicacies elaborated by wise and willing hands.

Lovers of trees and life, come to Son Mut Nou in the heart of the Marina. The experimental field is divided into seven sectors, with a total of 2.980 fig trees of a staggering 1.324 different varieties: 246 from the Balearic Islands and the rest from around the world.

The purposes of the experimental field of Son Mut Nou are:

- to gather a fig tree collection of different varieties (heritage of the Balearic Islands)
- to recover ancient varieties at risk of genetic erosion
- to discover unknown varieties.

