



The interpretation centre of Cabrera Archipelago (Mallorca Island), or how to reveal to the public the beauties of a protected underwater park

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Spain has 13 Natural Parks managed by Parques Nacionales, which is part of the Ministry of Environment. One of these parks is located in the Archipelago of Cabrera, near Mallorca in the Balearic Islands of Spain, and integrates a very rich protected underwater park. This centre opened in 2008 to present to visitors the underwater beauties that they cannot experience due to the protected status of the park.

The presentation will focus on the submerged zone (Aquarium) in the Museum, which gathers almost a million litres of sea water, and describe the very innovative exhibition planned for visitors. The centre proposes developing a 3D movie that will take visitors on a virtual diving experience from the surface of a local harbour to the depths of a 2,500 metre deep geological fault in the Mediterranean Sea. From this depth the visitor will return progressively to the surface through different stages, where he will discover aspects of biological evolution.