

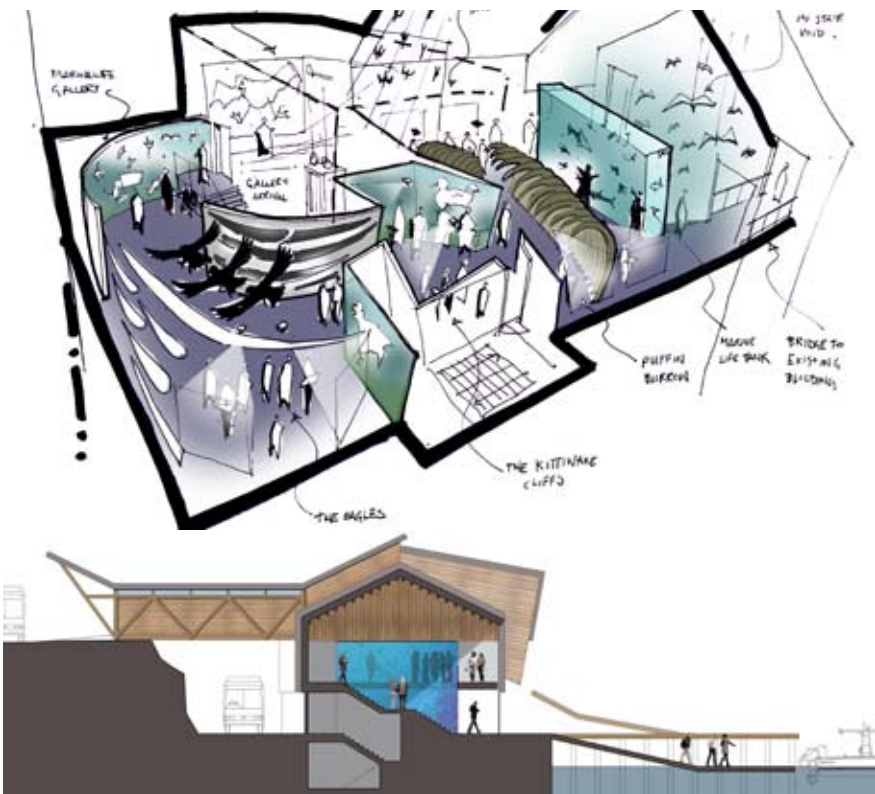
# National Marine Life Centre Gjesvær, Norway



Estimated project cost: £9 million

The project is currently securing funding

The National Marine Life Centre is a proposed new visitor centre located in Gjesvær on the Nordkapp peninsular of Norway. In the summer months the islands to the north of Gjesvær are home to millions of seabirds that come to this coast to breed. The new visitor centre will provide an exhibition, café and shop for tourists visiting the area wishing to experience these unique seabird and marine wildlife. The centre will also provide community amenities together with research facilities and accommodation throughout the year. The project is inspired by, and based on, the award winning Scottish Seabird Centre in North Berwick designed by Simpson & Brown.



The new visitor centre is located on the quayside adjacent to the oldest building in the village, a former fish warehouse. The old warehouse will be fully restored to provide accommodation and flexible exhibition space. The new centre will include a dramatic auditorium clad in black zinc cantilevering over the quay with screens that rise up after the introductory film to reveal the wonderful views across the bay to the islands. A two store aquarium rising up through the exhibition space and an outdoor cinema is proposed on the quayside in front of the cafe.