## THE LARGEST UNDERWATER MUSEUM SOON TO WELCOME VISITORS



Protecting the coral reefs as well as inviting divers to experience the striking beauty of the marine world seems impossible to combine. The world's largest Subaquatic Sculpture Museum aims to do both and will open to the diving public in November.

Coral reefs in the Caribbean, and all over the world, as a matter of fact, are at the brink of extinction. The rough weather conditions, global warming, and also inexperienced or careless divers all contribute to their damage. However, there are still some who are fighting to stop this phenomenon. Soon, the largest underwater museum of sculpture will be introduced near the Mujeres Island, Mexico.

Jamie de Caires Taylor is not only an artist, but also a naturalist; he came up with the idea to create the **Subaquatic Sculpture Museum**, which will attract and hopefully divert attention from other diving sites and their coral reefs will thus get a chance to recover and regain their strength. **The park will eventually feature 400 statues, made out of PH-neutral concrete.** These statues will assist the growth of algae and will help preserve and protect the diverse marine life already present in these crystal clear waters.

The statues will represent traditional as well as modern Mexican narratives. 'The Silent Evolution' is a work of art expected to be the final addition to the Subaquatic Sculpture Museum. It will mix growing coral with the concrete to express the passage of time. Theme-based galleries featuring Mayan indigenous warriors or dream catchers will undoubtedly add to the popularity of this museum.

This noble idea will hopefully help protect the coral reefs from further damage. The Subaquatic Sculpture Museum will surely be a spectacular, ever changing dive that is likely to attract thousands of divers each year.

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