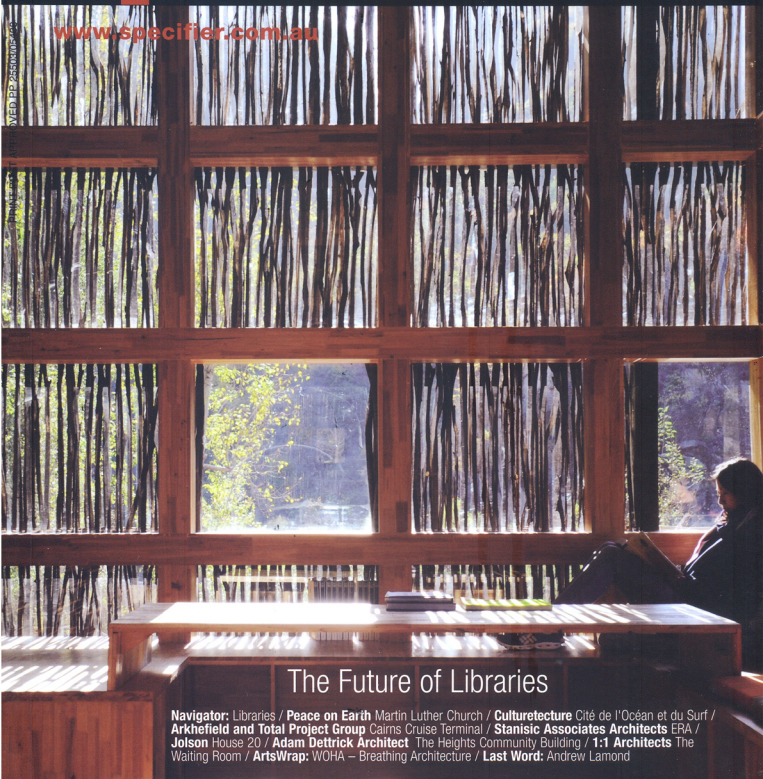


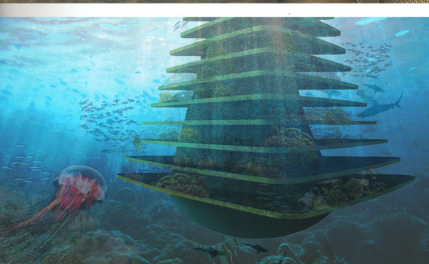
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Sea Tree

Overpopulation, housing crisis, congestion, and pollution: if you live or work in any of the world's major cities, these terms will be all too familiar. Where, in the face of an ever-increasing population, can we find the space to house the many urban animals that have been left stranded, their natural habitats destroyed?

Dutch architecture firm Waterstudio has come up with an ingenious plan. Recognising that land is expensive and coveted, they designed the planet's first floating wildlife world.

The "Sea Tree" is based on the design of oil storage towers, which are already widely used in the open sea. Moored to the seabed with cables, these towers stretch high into the sky and plunge into the depths of the ocean. Yet, far from being an environmental hazard, the multi-layered Sea Tree towers are designed to provide a sanctuary for airborne and aquatic wildlife. Furthermore, following on from such environmental disasters as the 2010 oil-spill, Waterstudio are offering oil companies a chance to bolster their reputation by sponsoring a Sea Tree in a major city. The Sea Tree can be constructed in almost any body of water, and its height and depth can be adjusted according to the area. Waterstudio would love to see a tree in New York or Mumbai, and the huge international response to their design suggests that one of these floating parks might very well come to an ocean near you in the future.

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