## **PROTEUS**<sup>™</sup>

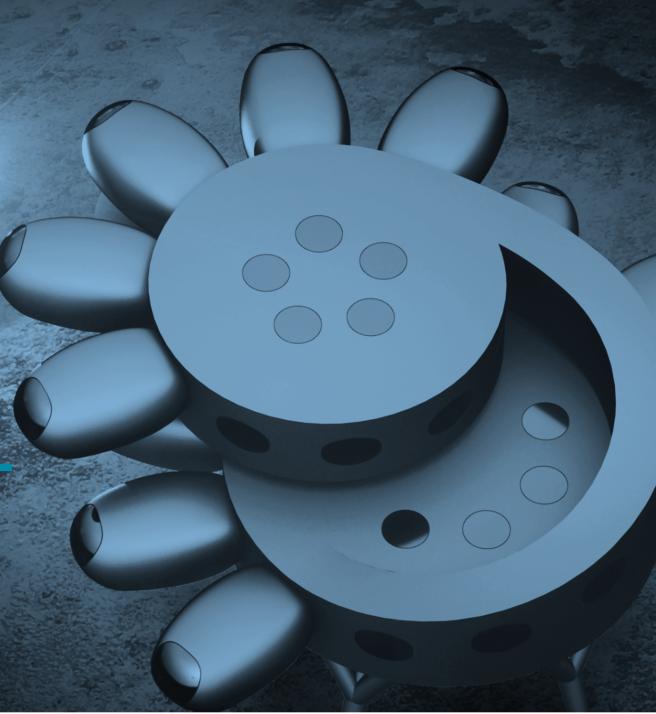
The International Space Station of the Ocean

# OCEAN SHOT PROPOSAL



<u>Video</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOgeCfRRXJE&ab\_channel=Forbes





### INTRODUCTION: PROTEUS

### The first state-of-the-art modular ocean habitat and lab facility

Proteus is envisioned as the ocean's 'International Space Station' - the largest and most technologically advanced marine station ever built, a platform for global collaboration to advance science and to inspire and engage the public.

#### The vision for Proteus is to create:

- 1) Inspiration and awareness through engaging the greater public and deepening the human-ocean connection
- 2) A persistent presence at depth that will allow humans to observe and study, in real time for extended periods of time
- 3) Intentional collaboration among public and private entities to advance these goals.

### **EXPERTISE**

Fabien Cousteau

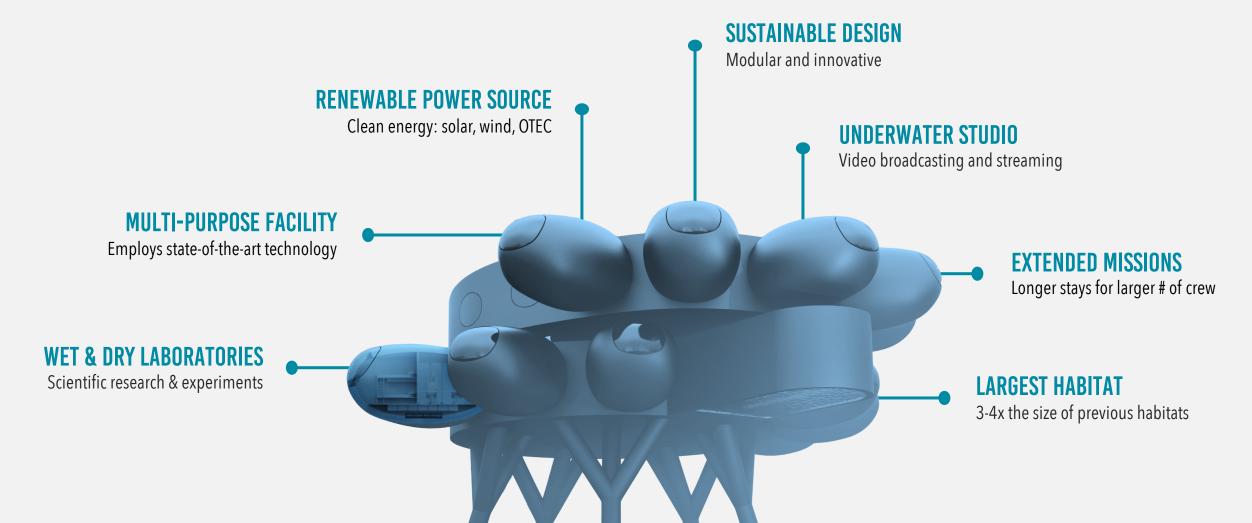
Aquanaut, oceanographic explorer, environmental advocate and Founder of the Fabien Cousteau Ocean Learning Center

With ocean explorers and advocates including Jean-Michele Cousteau, Sylvia Earl, and notable marine scientists/academics from institutions such as Northeastern University, Rutgers University, Harvard University, the Curaçaoan government and CARMABI (responsible for overseeing perhaps the oldest known Marine Protected Area in existence) Proteus is well positioned with the expertise to undertake and advance this theory of change and create impact.



### **PROTEUS**

- 1st in a network of habitats
- Favored Jurisdiction Curação



# KEY EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ✓ Focus on bringing the ocean into greater focus in the social narrative through live video feeds, storytelling and greater access to the underwater world
- ✓ Increase access to a diverse and broader audience
- ✓ Facilitate diversity within the ocean community writ large
- ✓ Engage and empower local communities (Curação in the first instance) in the operation and development of Proteus
- ✓ Promote technological advancement and innovation in the design and development of Proteus itself as well as ancillary innovation as a result of studies/testing/R&D on Proteus
- ✓ Create a platform for collaboration among scientists, researchers, public and private sector organizations to explore and expand our knowledge of the ocean
- ✓ Enhance and add to the repertoire of tools available to scientists to study the ocean

