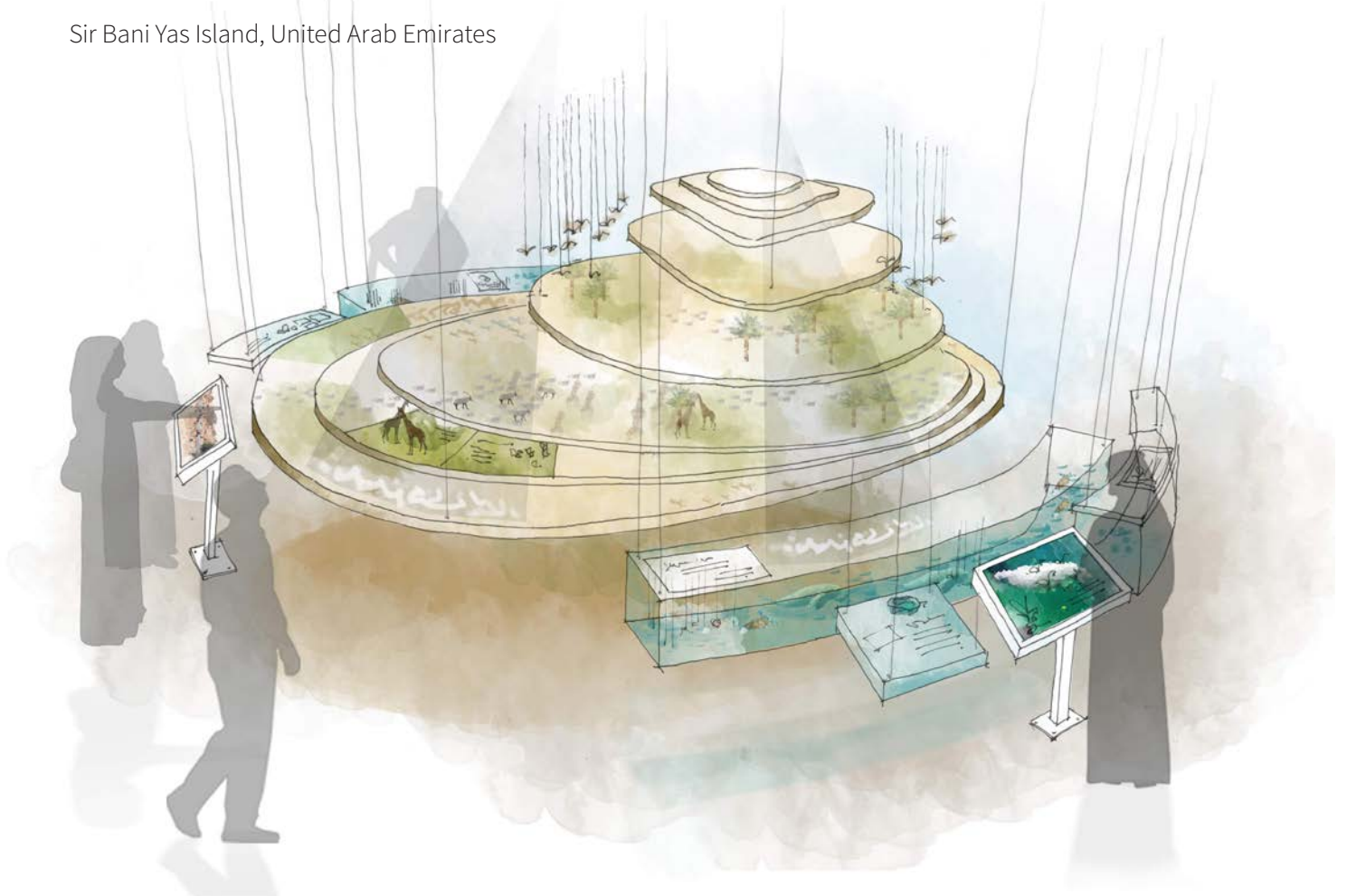


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Many Stories, One Island

Formed by an ascending salt diapir, Sir Bani Yas Island is home to some of the oldest exposed rocks in the UAE. The island also has a long history of human habitation and has been a meeting place of historical forces. Now, the island stands as the UAE's first articulation of Emirati conservation principles—Sheikh Zayed established the island as a wildlife sanctuary in 1971.

APA developed a site-wide concept for Sir Bani Yas, weaving together the island's multifaceted history. The concept drew connections between the island's geological, natural, cultural and environmental history to create a cohesive storyline. Indoor and outdoor experiences inspire wonder in the natural world, conveying and interpreting the island's significance to the nation's conservation movement.

