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The Dublin Aquarium, or Irish National Aquarium, proposed in 1996, stands in the heart of the ancient City, near the Custom House and the International Financial Service Center, where the River Liffey flows by the docklands to the sea. A new landmark is proposed, a crystal structure rising from the water place historically known as George's Dock. Inside the crystal is a presentation of diverse life in a multilevel tour of terrestrial habitats, including a tropical rain forest. Underneath the water place is a presentation of diverse marine life, including mammals, fishes, birds, and invertebrates from the open ocean, and from reefs and sea coasts around the world. Through the underground entrance, shops, restaurants and aquatic exhibits transform a gloomy warehouse into a year round festival. The crystal project will introduce a major public attraction and educational center to all of Europe, a celebration of the global environment, a bold statement by, of, and for Ireland at the start of the Millennium.