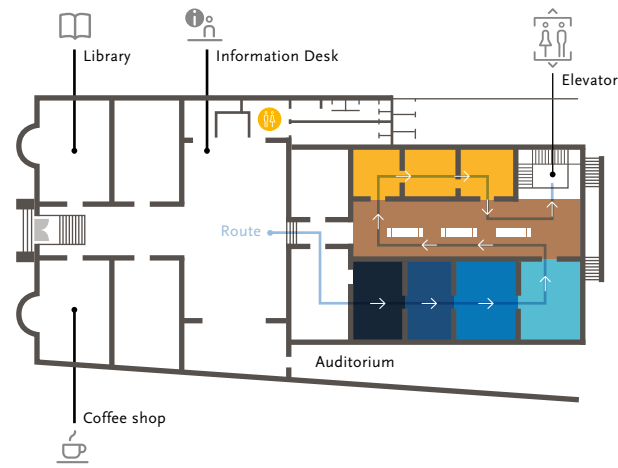
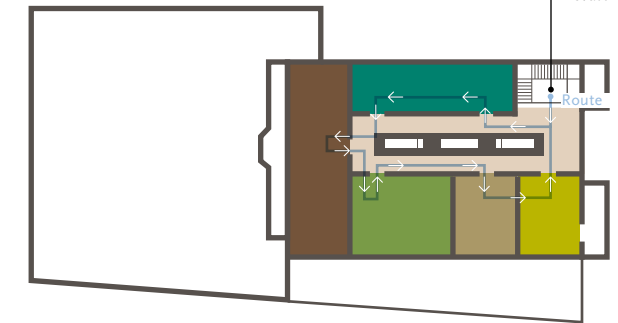


First floor



Second floor



HISTORY

Founded in 1878 by Mr. Eduardo de la Barra, whose futuristic vision led him to set aside two rooms of the Liceo de Hombres de Valparaíso for the purpose of creating a small museum. This would later become the second oldest institution of its kind in Chile and the first one in the V Region.

The 1906 earthquake and subsequent fire destroyed the original building, causing irreparable damage to the collections. Thanks to significant donations, the museum was rebuilt in 1914, appointing Mr. John Juger Silver as its Director. Lacking a building of its own, the museum had to use different locations until it established in 1988 at the Palacio Lyon, by virtue of a commodatum with the Municipality of Valparaíso.

The palace, a construction of the architect and builder Mr. Carlos Von Moltke, is a historic monument since 1979. It was first built as the Lyon-Santa María family's residence. More than fifty rooms are distributed in three levels set around a central axis in a hierarchical organization separating the common areas from the private ones.

COLLECTIONS

The new permanent exhibition has more than 700 objects (wet collections, taxidermic, collections, plastinated pieces and copies.)

The collections are a result of historic donations. In addition, the MHNV is the legal depository of the confiscations made by the Chilean Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Some of the museum's duties are governed by international conventions regarding protection and management of biodiversity to which Chile actively subscribes, guaranteeing the appropriate protection of our native and endemic flora and fauna.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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The museum opens Tuesday through Saturday between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Sundays and Holidays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Free entry.

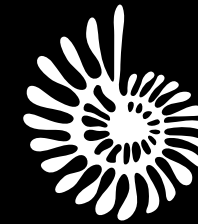
Access for wheelchairs through 1515 Aldunate Street.
Lockers and backpack custody available.

OTHER SERVICES

Coffee shop, Reading Lounge, Library, Auditorium, Temporary Exhibition halls.

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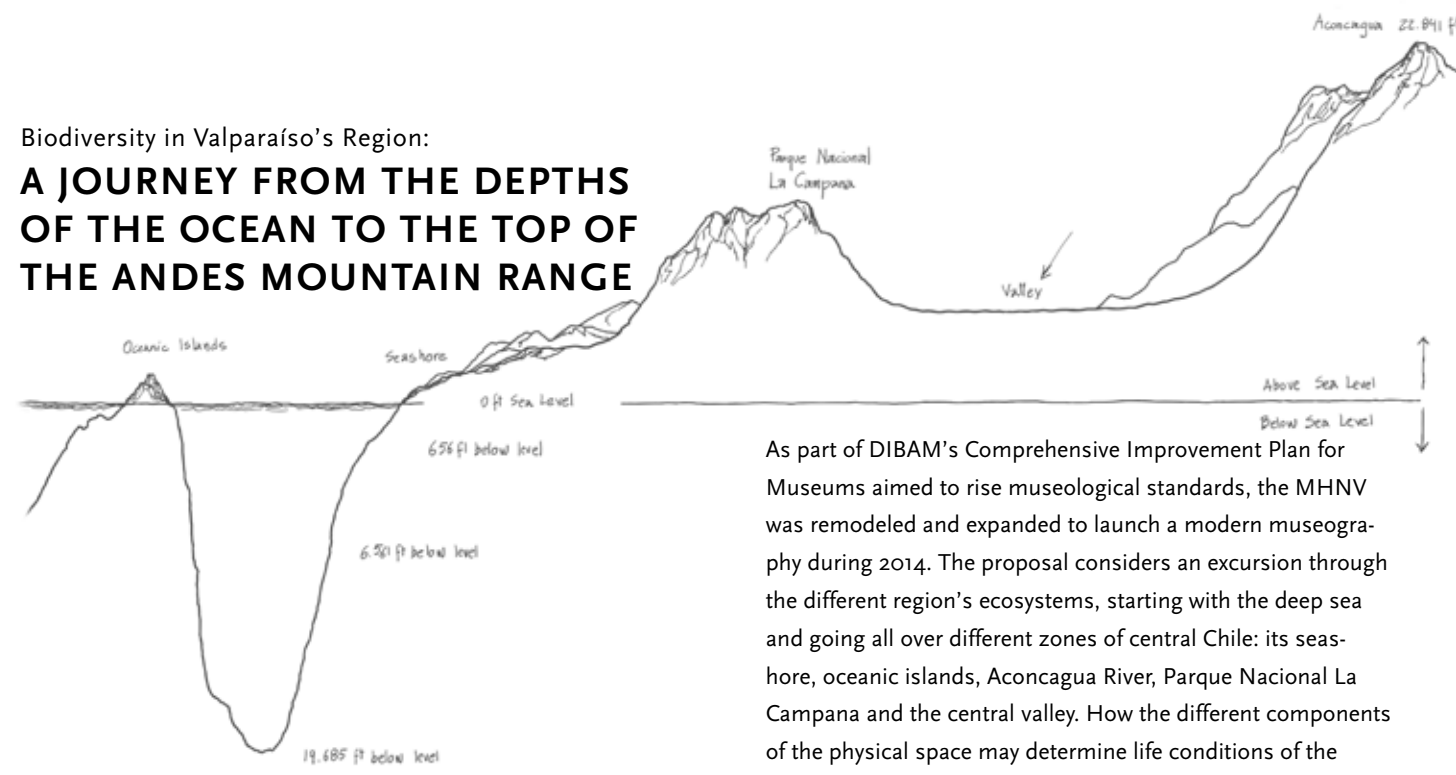
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The mission of Museo de Historia Natural de Valparaíso is to revive, preserve, research, and spread the natural and cultural heritage of the Valparaíso Region with the purpose of fostering positive changes in its perception, valuation and protection.



Biodiversity in Valparaíso's Region:
A JOURNEY FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE OCEAN TO THE TOP OF THE ANDES MOUNTAIN RANGE



As part of DIBAM's Comprehensive Improvement Plan for Museums aimed to rise museological standards, the MHNV was remodeled and expanded to launch a modern museography during 2014. The proposal considers an excursion through the different region's ecosystems, starting with the deep sea and going all over different zones of central Chile: its seashore, oceanic islands, Aconcagua River, Parque Nacional La Campana and the central valley. How the different components of the physical space may determine life conditions of the organisms is explained in a graphic and instructive way during the journey.



A trip from the seabed up to where the Aconcagua River rises.

Credit: Josefina López.



Sea urchin with big spikes adapts itself to the pressure in the deep-sea.

Credit: Josefina López.



Chilean seashore stars.

Credit: Josefina López.

Discover how the oceanic islands are formed.



Credit: Josefina López.

At night, different animals feed themselves from the wild valley.



Credit: Josefina López.

The seed is the origin of plants.



Credit: MHNV.

Mountain lions and guanacos are able to live in the peaks of Los Andes.



Credit: Josefina López.

National Park la Campana: discover why the palm isn't a tree.



Credit: Josefina López.