

CULTURE COUNTS

References to the cultures that coexist with wild animals are becoming common in many zoo habitats. The designer of this gorilla habitat also designed one for Asian elephants that relates elephants' long relationship with people. This helps promote respect and familiarity with what we might only see as exotic creatures.

MEET THE DESIGNER

THE DUBLIN ZOO'S GORILLA RAINFOREST WAS DESIGNED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND ARCHITECT MARIO CAMPOS OF JONES & JONES ARCHITECTS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.



ANIMALS ARE HOME. PEOPLE ARE VISITORS.

Landscape architects who design zoos are working to immerse the animals in environments much like the ones they would have in nature. Old zoos consisted mainly of bare cages. These new animal enclosures put the animals' needs first. This gives visitors a better experience, too, because they can see how the animals interact with nature.



