



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Board of Directors (2 x Positions)
Professional affiliations: Florida State University
Country of residence: United States
Geographic area of work: United States, Brazil

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

Researcher

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

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Which Annual Sea Turtle Symposia, or Annual Workshops have you attended?

2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

chair, student evaluator, workshop organizer

What would you like the Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, and membership to know about you as a candidate for your nominated position? In what ways would you like to contribute to the Symposium/ International Sea Turtle Society? How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

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Why is the ISTS as an organization important to you, professionally and personally? What is your vision for the ISTS over the next 5 to 10 years?

ISTS has been pivotal on my development as a sea turtle biologist and I am eager to help the society to make a difference and enhance the contributions to the sea turtle community

Please include a 250-word bio

Dr. Fuentes is an Associate Professor at Florida State University where she leads the Marine Turtle Research, Ecology and Conservation Group, which focuses on developing science-based solutions to inform the management of marine turtles. She has been involved with marine turtle research and conservation for more than 20 years. Her expertise is in integrating field-based ecology with systematic conservation planning, decision-theory approaches, climate modelling and applied qualitative and geographic spatial analysis. She uses these tools to explore how marine turtles interact with environmental processes and how they are impacted by current and future threats. Her research has not only enhanced the scientific understanding of the ecology and biology of marine turtles, with over 80 peer-reviewed publications and several book chapters but has also directly informed the conservation and management of marine turtles at various levels. Broadly, the results from her research have allowed managers and decision makers to better anticipate and mitigate impacts to marine turtles, helped managers to identify stressors that if reduced will provide the most benefit to marine turtle persistence and has informed the design of conservation areas and implementation of conservation actions. As a result of the applied nature of her work she has worked closely with government, non-government organizations, and Indigenous agencies in Africa (e.g., Madagascar, Kenya), South and North America (e.g., Brazil, USA), the Caribbean (e.g., Barbados), Bahamas and Oceania (e.g., Australia, Vanuatu, Fiji) on interdisciplinary research topics and conservation issues.

Photo:

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Section 3: Declaration

Circle your response to the below statements:

I am a current member of ISTS Yes

I have read and understand the ISTS by-laws and constitution Yes

I have read and understand the terms of reference for the position which I am nominating for: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees, I understand that the Annual Board Retreat is usually in the 3rd week of August: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees: Please read the following statement and add your initials below to confirm you understand the workload involved:

The Board is a working Board. All members of the Board are expected to carry the workload, share the responsibility of assigned tasks, and respond to written communications – this can typically be 40+ hours per year in addition to the Board meeting at the Symposium and the Board Retreat. If Board members do not actively participate, they will be asked to resign.

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