



## **NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM**

### **Section 1: Applicant Details:**

**Name:** Andrea Phillott  
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**Email address:** andrea.phillott@gmail.com  
**Nominated position:** Board of Directors (2 x Positions)  
**Professional affiliations:** FLAME University  
**Country of residence:** India  
**Geographic area of work:** South Asia

### **Section 2: Applicant Response:**

**How would you describe your work with sea turtles?**

biologist, conservationist, educator

**How many years have you worked with sea turtles?**

31 years

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

Miami 2002, Crete 2006, Brisbane 2009, Goa 2010, San Diego 2011, Huatulco 2012, Baltimore 2013, New Orleans 2014, Dalaman 2015, Lima 2016, Las Vegas 2017, Kobe 2018, Charleston 2019

**Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?**

- Co-Chair of Archie Carr Student Awards since 2011
- Regional Travel Chair for South Asia since 2013
- Session Chair for Social, Economic and Cultural Studies 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, (2020), 2022
- Board of Directors 2015-202

**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?**

I think the ISTS can further promote networking opportunities and facilitate collaborations through the Symposium. Although born and educated in Australia, I now live and work in South Asia and am witness to the challenges facing students, biologists, conservationists, NGO's, and government officials in the region. The annual symposium provides a forum for the ISTS to assist participants in identifying priorities for future research and conservation and enabling the formation of collaborative groups. Diverse training and networking opportunities, as provided by the Regional Meetings, workshops, and Student events, are important in this regard and could be expanded upon.

**Please include a 250-word bio**

My involvement with sea turtles began as a first year undergraduate student at Mon Repos, Australia, in 1991. The experience inspired me to pursue a PhD in fungal invasion of sea turtle nests, which took me to sea turtle rookeries throughout the Great Barrier Reef. After successful completion of my PhD, I entered academia and have since worked in Australia, Bangladesh and India. My most recent research in South Asia includes assessment of sea turtle hatchery practices, establishing a target hatching

success for hatcheries, local fisher interactions with sea turtles, and the sociocultural drivers of outcomes from such interactions. This work involves collaborators from Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, UK and USA, and I specifically engage local undergraduate and graduate students as research assistants and translators where possible.

I have been a co-editor of Indian Ocean Turtle Newsletter since 2011 and Co-Vice Chair of the Middle East and South Asia section of the MTSG since 2017. While attending past ISTS symposia in the past as a PhD student, I relied heavily on travel support and have since been honored to contribute back to the ISTS as a Regional Travel Grant Chair, Co-Chair of the Archie Carr Student Awards, and Board member.

**Photo:**

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=16ZwLVj2TpxCk9rs84uFUjsu5RLop2Lz>

### **Section 3: Declaration**

**Circle your response to the below statements:**

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| <b>I am a current member of ISTS</b>   | Yes |
| <b>I have read and understand the ISTS by-laws and constitution</b>  | Yes |
| <b>I have read and understand the terms of reference for the position which I am nominating for:</b>                     | Yes |
| <b>For Board of Directors nominees, I understand that the Annual Board Retreat is usually in the 3rd week of August:</b> | 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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