



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Nominations Committee (3 x Positions; 1 x ex Board of Director and 2 x Regular Member)

Professional affiliations: FACULTY OF SCIENCE TETOUAN

Country of residence: MOROCCO

Geographic area of work: ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

- President of Moroccan NGO (ASSOCIATION DE PROTECTION DES TORTUES MARINES AU MAROC_ATOMM) created in 2008, aiming to develop the capacities for environmental conservation in Morocco and establish cooperation with fishermen for better conservation of marine turtles.
- International expert on marine turtles from the Mediterranean Sea and the Eastern Atlantic
- Active member of the Mediterranean Conference on Sea turtles

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- Active member of the North African Sea Turtle Network (NASTNet)
- Coordinator of the National Action Plan for sea turtles in Morocco in 2021
- Elected President and organiser of the 7th Conference that will be held in Morocco in 2022
- Regional Editor of the African Sea Turtles Newsletter

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

21 YEARS

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

4 ISTS (Philadelphia_2001, Miami_2002, Crete_2006 and Dalaman_2015)

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

member of Nomination Committee and Chair Nomination Committee

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 constitutes for me a tool to better cooperate with the international community of researchers on the conservation of marine turtles. The ISTS also allows me to develop my personal and professional skills.
- My vision for the next 5 to 10 years is to develop a strategy of more and more membership in society and efficiency on the field for the conservation of marine turtles in the world

Please include a 250-word bio

Marine conservation Expert, Morocco

NASTNet Member of the executive committee

Active in research and conservation of sea turtles in Atlantic and Mediterranean Morocco, since 2001. Member of IUCN-SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group.

Coordinator of the National Action Plan for sea turtles in Morocco in 2021. Coordinator of the Marine Biodiversity Conservation Master since 2018. President of the Association

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de Protection des Tortues Marines au Maroc (ATOMM) since 2008, and Chair of Nominating Committee (International Sea Turtle Symposium 2022). Involved in several meetings, conferences and symposia on sea turtle biology and conservation, in Morocco, the mediterranean and in ISTS. Have published many publications with Wafae Benhardouze and Manjula Tiwari. Interested in awareness, bycatch mitigation, strandings, gut contents and use.

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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