



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Board of Directors (2 x Positions)

Professional affiliations: Head of the Kelonia Care Center

Country of residence: Reunion Island

Geographic area of work: South-West Indian Ocean

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

As a manager of the Kelonia Care Center, my work focuses on the rehabilitation of injured turtles. My role is multifaceted :

- I ensure the cohesion of the team and ensure that the carers have access to the theoretical and practical knowledge and the new stakes of the conservation of marine turtles.
- I'm the link between the veterinary and the team members.
- I have legal obligation to I participate in the development of veterinary medicine and scientific missions, in particular by carrying out sampling on turtles.

- I must know the regulations in force and interact with the French authorities.
- In 2018, in consultation with the scientific researcher and the director of Kelonia, I contributed to the renewal of the museographic path and visitor circuit signage.
- I participate in public awareness, particularly through sponsorship
- I lead the partnership initiated by the longline fishermen of Reunion Island.

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

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

2017

2022 (online)

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

Member of the GTMF (Groupe Tortues Marines France), I participated in the organization of the 4th GTMF conference which took place from 14 to 18 November 2022 in La Grande Motte (France - <https://gtmf.mnhn.fr/category/colloques/>). I was also co-animator of the workshop Pathologies and Care Center.

I will continue my investment in the GTMF for the years to come.

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?

I accomplish my missions with rigor and I like to take on new challenges.

I will contribute with my knowledge and that of Kelonia which has been working for over 30 years for sea turtles.

I try to keep an open mind and consider all new opportunities for collaboration.

I will make myself available for discussion with other BoD members and I like to compile information to build a mature and thoughtful reflection.

How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

The Symposium can and should carry out the main lines of urgent work (recommendations), whether it is research or concrete actions of conservation, awareness raising.... Thus, should facilitate the exchange and support of experts in the recommendations

Also, the Symposium must bring together by proposing better communication so that the problems facing marine turtles are known by the greatest number of people.

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?

The ists is a unique chance to meet the greatest experts working on marine turtles and in an infinite number of fields. For that alone, the ists is fantastic. I remember my first ists (in 2017), I was like a fan in front of his favorite stars.

ISTS has the duty to continue the work started (this work will never end). The meetings allow new ideas and collaborations to emerge.

For the years to come, the ists must also allow emerging countries to participate in exchanges.

To have a better visibility on social networks is now a necessity.

Finally, to carry out a kind of "green" lobbying for the cause of the marine turtles and the environment in general; by inviting politicians, decision makers, CEOs of the most polluting multinationals. the turtle community must work on all fronts.

The ists must grow and allow more people to participate.

Please include a 250-word bio

I have a Master degree, and I did an internship of 7 months at Kelonia (<https://museesreunion.fr/kelonia/>) and I worked for 3 months on the field the incubation conditions of green turtle eggs in Glorioso Islands (TAAF). This is where my passion for sea turtles started, but for turtles in general, I have been passionate about them since my childhood thanks to the land turtles present in the family. The work at the care center allowed me to discover veterinary medicine but also the field of science, I participated in plenty of field missions. I speak English thanks to the year I spent there in 2012.

As head of the care center, I transfer and enrich my knowledge by participating in scientific missions and regional collaboration in the Indian Ocean (Moheli, Mayotte, Nosy Be, Nosy Iranja, French Scattered Islands). In France and abroad, I participate in seminars and workshops and make presentations to promote the actions led by the Kelonia Care Center. I have visited many care centers and initiated or consolidated partnerships with the people in charge of animal care.

My skills have expanded during my university studies, my experiences (training, travels...), meetings with passionate and exciting people and my professional experience, from trainee to manager of the Care Center, through the position of team leader. Mainly focused on care and pathologies, my skills extend to many areas

including administrative management, personnel management, regulations, pedagogy, maintenance, science and relationship building.

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 a Board member does not maintain their ISTS membership and demonstrate a high level of commitment to the ISTS as described in the Board members' TORs, they will be asked to resign from the Board. High level of commitment is defined as not missing two consecutive mid-year meetings, except under extenuating circumstances, and annually serving on 1-2 Board task forces, leadership roles, Committees, etc.

I do understand the workload