



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

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Nominated position: Board of Directors (2 x Positions)

Professional affiliations: Monash University, Australia

Country of residence: Australia

Geographic area of work: Australia, Latin America, Western Pacific

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

Researcher and conservation advocate

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

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

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Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

I have been an elected member of the Board of Directors since 2018, symposium co-chair in 2000, session chair many times, student judge many times and keynote speaker in Turkey and Charleston symposia

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 would like to continue in my role as a Board Member to continue the process of growth and reform of the society and its governance. I think that the ISTS needs to become more streamlined and expert in its strategies for sea turtle research and conservation and to adopt new processes in the development of the society.

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

The symposium is the primary vehicle for the ISTS to engage with the wider community and I think that an approach that incorporates some elements of online attendance should be explored as a way of making the symposium more accessible and inclusive. Many of the conservation issues faced by sea turtles need to be addressed by grass-roots activities and therefore promoting social change is vital. I think that the standard and rigor of research and conservation work being presented has increased in recent years and I would like to see this trend continue. However, the inclusion of the more societal aspects of sea turtle conservation has been a great step to broadening the appeal of the symposium to a non-scientific audience. I envision the symposium increasing its contract with the broader community while still attracting the best sea turtle scientists and researchers from around the world.

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 important to me because it embodies many of the broad views I have on the integration of research and conservation action. I have made many great friends and collaborators through the society and each time I attend I feel further energized in the work that I do. My goal is that within the Board of the ISTS I can increase the opportunities for others to experience the same. I think that I can make a valuable contribution to the financial stability, good governance, global inclusion and public outreach of the society to achieve this goal. I would like to see the ISTS engage more fully with experts in other areas of marine science and conservation science, particularly

in the area of fisheries and fisheries impacts. There have been some great conservation and research advances by the marine mammal and fish communities that I would like to see more turtle people exposed to and learn from.

Please include a 250-word bio

I began working with sea turtles in 1993, when I started my PhD investigating sea turtle ecophysiology on the Great Barrier Reef. I attended my first sea turtle symposium in 1994. That experience inspired me to continue sea turtle research and protection, so I moved to Costa Rica in 1996 to lead the research team at Las Baulas National Park, working primarily with leatherbacks. I was actively involved in promotion of sea turtle conservation to the local community and liaised with researchers, management officials, students, guides, tourists and local school kids. After several years in a postdoctoral position in Philadelphia I returned to Australia in 2002 and was appointed as a research and teaching academic at Monash University, where I am now a professor. My research interests are in the ecophysiology of turtles, sharks and penguins and how we can use biological knowledge to design better management and protection programs. I work closely with the Australian government in these areas, am a member of the Marine Turtle Specialist Group and have published over 110 scientific papers on these topics. I have been an elected Board member since 2018 and have played a major role in guiding the society through the Covid pandemic and developing plans for a more professional model of governance of the Society. If re-elected I would bring talent, enthusiasm and experience to the Board of Directors role in order to continue these reforms.

Photo:

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Section 3: Declaration

Circle your response to the below statements:

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| 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.

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