



## NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

### Section 1: Applicant Details:

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**Nominated position:** Board of Directors (2 x Positions)

**Professional affiliations:** Sea Turtle Program Officer at the French National Museum of Natural History  
President of the Network of Sea Turtle Actors in Central Africa, RASTOMA

**Country of residence:** France

**Geographic area of work:** France, Europe, Atlantic Africa and Mediterranean sea

### Section 2: Applicant Response:

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

Sea turtle actors' network leader, applied researcher specialised in sea turtle state and pressure indicators, sea turtle assessments within environmental policy framework (European Union and OSPAR convention).

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

23 years

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

I participated to 12 international Sea Turtle Symposia: Loreto, Mexico, 2008; Goa, India, 2010; Huatulco, Mexico, 2012; Baltimore, USA, 2013; New Orleans, LA, USA, 2014; Dalaman, Turkey, 2015; Lima, Peru, 2016; Las Vegas, USA, 2017; Kobé, Japan 2018, Charleston, Etats Unis 2019 ; Perth, Australie 2022 (virtual) ; Carthagena, Columbia 2023.

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

I committed in Student evaluation, I organized ISTS Workshops (IGA Workshop, ISTS Japan), many posters and oral presentation, took part in many Workshops and regular presentation during the Africa Regional Workshop.

**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?**

To take part in the board would be an important step to get to learn about the ISTS internal organisation and thus envision the organisation of an ISTS in France in the coming years.

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

I'm willing to join the Board of ISTS with the objective of promoting a better representation of African actors and enhance exchanges and connections with actors from french speaking countries within ISTS: including the sea turtle project leaders acting in Central, West and North Africa, and sea turtle actors from all French speaking 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?**

Reinforce the ISTS by ensuring better visibility and participation of underrepresented sea turtle communities and actors. Promote transboundaries and transcultural collaborations and partnerships. Address and improve understanding of differences in conservation perceptions according to the cultural and language communities. Create

bridges between institutional policy makers, conservation science community and civil society organisations.

**Please include a 250-word bio**

Alexandre (DVM, PhD) worked in marine turtle conservation for 23 years. He started as cofounder of Renatura an NGO protecting sea turtle along the coasts of the Republic of Congo (central Africa). Since 2012, Alexandre is leading the Rastoma network gathering 10 NGOs working on sea turtle conservation in 6 countries of West-Central Africa. Under Alexandre lead, Rastoma organized Congresses in Central Africa (Sao Tome 2016, Cameroun 2017), and then associated with its brother networks WASTCON (West Africa Sea Turtle Conservation Network) and NastNet (North Africa Sea Turtle Network) to organize joint network African congress (Lomé, Togo, 2020 and Cotonou, Benin, 2022).

Alexandre coordinated the data collection for Central Africa and participate actively to the SWOT Report Vol.12 (2017) dedicated to Africa. He is committed in MTSG (Burning issues) and involved as co-editor of the West Central Africa regional reporting.

Alexandre developed research activities bridging field conservation and scientific approaches. Within the laboratory “Ecology, Systematic and Evolution” in Paris-Saclay University, under the supervision of Pr. Marc Girondot, Alexandre developed specific areas of expertise, including sea turtle indicators (pressure and state), fibro papillomatosis epidemiology, by-catch evaluation in coastal waters (in West-Central Africa and Tunisia), artisanal fisheries impact assessment and mitigation solutions.

Alexandre integrated the French National Museum of Natural History in France in 2022. As Sea Turtle Program Officer, he currently oversees National Sea turtle evaluation in the framework of the European Union Environmental Policy and is also leading the Sea turtle Expert Group hosted by the OSPAR Convention.

**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.***

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