



## NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

### Section 1: Applicant Details:

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**Nominated position:** Nominations Committee (1 x Regular Position)

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**Country of residence:** Hong Kong SAR, China

**Geographic area of work:** China and East Asia

### Section 2: Applicant Response:

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

Researcher and Wildlife Manager

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

Fifteen (for research and conservation); Twelve (for a tenure professional position of AFCD)

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

Three (2010, 2011 and 2018)

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

Besides being a participant in the ISTS in 2010, 2011 and 2018, I delivered oral presentations at the 31st ISTS in San Diego (2011) and the 38th ISTS (2018) in Kobe to share with scientists and policy makers worldwide the sea turtle conservation work in the China Region. I also assisted in co-hosting East Asia Regional Meeting and session on topic "Social, Economic and Cultural Studies" in the 38th ISTS. Through these occasions, I facilitated my connection with other researchers to enhance information sharing for better conserving the migratory sea turtle species. The experiences at the symposia build up my compelling dedication to the mission and vision of the global ISTS.

**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?**

With my professional involvement, multi-cultural experience, life-long motivation, extensive network in People's Republic of China and East Asia, and good command of written and oral English and Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese), I have devoted efforts in sea turtle research and conservation in the China Region since 2009 and served several professional services, including the Regional Co-Vice Chair for the East Asia Region of the Marine Turtle Specialist Group of the IUCN since 2016 and the Working Group on Indicators of Marine Plastic Pollution of the North Pacific Marine Science Organization since 2019. By serving on Nominating Committee, I pledge to work my hardest, applies my skills and knowledge I have to advance the mission and vision of ISTS.

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

I am dedicated to contribute to the Symposium/ International Sea Turtle Society by acting as a catalyst and bridge to introduce more focus to and understanding of sea turtle conservation and research in the relatively under-represented China and East

Asia region, which deserves concerted wisdoms and efforts from the diverse professionals in the global network at ISTS.

**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 is essential to me to bring peoples together for networking, which is vital to the continuous conservation, recovery and research of the migratory sea turtle species in each region and worldwide. My vision for the ISTS in the near future is to create new initiative in the undertakings of the Society, the Symposia and associated meetings, and to consistently promote the global identity of ISTS represented by peoples and cultures from all parts of the world.

**Please include a 250-word bio**

I am a communicative professional with 15-year experience in a range of disciplines, namely scientific research and conservation, cross-cultural network building and environmental impact assessment. My sea turtle research experience stemmed from studies on coral and macroalgal community during undergraduate and master degrees. I have devoted my efforts in sea turtle research and conservation in the China Region since 2009 and completed my PhD on multi-disciplinary Green Turtle study in the South China Region in 2015. Serving as Regional Co-Vice Chair for the East Asia Region of the Marine Turtle Specialist Group (MTSG) of the IUCN since 2016, I have actively fostered network and facilitated cross-cultural communication among stakeholders of various expertise from researchers, academia to wildlife managers and local conservationists in the East Asia Region and with other regions through science and communication. I authored several publications on habitat use and genetic connectivity of green turtles in the China Region, and jointly led with other scientists on the publications in the East Asia Region, including the MTSG Regional Report. I also contributed to multi-disciplinary networking by co-hosting regional meeting and section of oral presentations in the ISTS, and delivering workshops on sea turtles with local conservationists in the region. With my good command of communication and language skills (literate in English and Chinese), I am eager by serving on Nominating Committee to reinforce connection with existing and potential suitable people and expand the diversity and representation of the ISTS so as to advance its vision, mission and global identity.

**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: No

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.***