



## **NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM**

### **Section 1: Applicant Details:**

**Name:** Mustapha Aksissou  
**Date:** 16/12/2024 17:28:34  
**Email address:** aksissou@yahoo.fr  
**Nominated position:** Nominations Committee (2 x Regular Positions)  
**Professional affiliations:** University Abdelmalek Essaadi  
**Country of residence:** Morocco  
**Geographic area of work:** Mediterranean and Atlantic

### **Section 2: Applicant Response:**

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

Researcher

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

24

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

2001, 2002, 2006, 2015, 2023

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

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?**

We hope to improve International Sea Turtle Society work

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

Attract more people from Africa to 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?**

Attract more young people from Africa to ISTS

**Please include a 250-word bio**

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 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:**

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-qKiGc-fCNI1XPY7ALBsKiXNAQluIBUA>

### **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 a Board member physically attending a minimum of three mid year retreats during their 4-year Board term, attending online Board meetings consistently, serving annually on multiple Committees, completing assigned tasks, and being responsive to online communications and requests.***

***The 2025 Board retreat is 10th to 15th August 2025 in Washington DC.***

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