



**40th International
Sea Turtle Symposium**
PERTH, AUSTRALIA (ONLINE)

What is the 40th International Sea Turtle Symposium?

The International Sea Turtle Society (ISTS) has been hosting the annual International Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation since 1981. This event has grown from 35 attendees to over 800 hosted at the North Carolina meeting in 2019. The geographical scope has widened, from being a primarily US-based event in the early years to one that is now hosted by members of non-US countries approximately every second year. The background of participants has also diversified to include regulators, students, NGOs, community groups, biologists, researchers, veterinarians, policy-makers, and Indigenous groups, convening annually with the common goal of ensuring the survival of these globally endangered animals.

The advent of COVID caused the cancellation of the planned March 2020 event in Cartagena Colombia, and the March 2021 event in Perth, Australia. Consequently the 40th International Sea Turtle Symposium (ISTS40) will now be a four-day event held **online** and hosted by the Perth based ISTS President, Dr Kellie Pendoley, from Western Australia. The online platform contracted for ISTS40 is the highly interactive GatherTown program which will host a space specifically designed for the Symposium. At present we have around 500 registered participants from 64 different countries. Registered participants are from government, research institutions, NGOs, community groups, and Indigenous groups wanting to share their projects with an international audience.

ISTS40 will include keynote speakers, oral presentations, a poster session, regional meetings, workshop discussions, and special themed sessions. The plenary program will feature local West Australian representatives of industry, the State regulator (Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions), and Indigenous groups who will talk about the unique, collaborative and highly productive approach taken to marine turtle research, monitoring and regulation in Australia. Amongst the wide-ranging workshops being planned is a Light Pollution Workshop chaired by representatives of the Commonwealth Government Migratory Species Unit, the Department responsible for the Development of *National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife including marine turtles, seabirds and migratory shorebirds*.

Additional detail on the Symposium can be found at <https://www.ists40perth.com.au/>

Why should you sponsor the 40th International Sea Turtle Symposium?

Sponsoring ISTS40 will provide opportunities for you to:

- Contribute to support and education of young and upcoming biologists, and community groups in emerging economies where conservation is often challenging and poorly funded.
- Be part of a unique event showcasing regional efforts to manage and conserve sea turtles from a grassroots, local community, scale right through to federal and international programs.
- Publicly demonstrate your corporate environmental responsibility and commitment to preserving these iconic and charismatic species.

- Promote your organisation to local and international delegates, which include International, National and State regulators, scientists, students, and community members.

The ISTS is a highly diverse non-profit organisation supported wholly by memberships and the profits from the annual Symposium. Sponsorship is valued by the Society members as it contributes to the planning and operation of the Symposium, reducing the overall cost of managing and staging the (online and face to face) event and enabling a higher level of participation by delegates from all socio-economic backgrounds.

Society funds are typically used to support students attending the annual (face-to-face) Symposiums in the form of travel grants, free or heavily subsidised registrations and accommodation grants with priority given to low-income attendees or those from developing nations and minority groups. In previous years up to 30% of the attendees have received some form of travel grant allowing attendance by delegates from developing nations and minority groups, who would otherwise have no financial capacity to attend. Society funds are also used to support the Small Grants Program which awards up to \$1500 to community-based programs with a priority given to applicants from low-income countries (according to current World Bank listing). During the Symposium cash awards are also made to the best student presentations. Detail on the program is provided [here](#).

Options for Sponsorship are listed below. Please contact the Symposium host and ISTS President, Dr Kellie Pendoley, to discuss your options for Sponsorship further.

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Sponsorship Levels

All Sponsors will receive the following Customary Acknowledgements.

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- Your logo to be included on sponsorship signage within the virtual space.
- Your logo to be included on the ISTS40 website (www.ists40perth.com.au) with a link to your homepage.
- Acknowledgement in the ISTS40 program and abstract book.
- During the ISTS40, a power point slide will be shown at all breaks and prior to the commencement of all sessions showing your company or organisation as a sponsor (one slide for each sponsorship level)

The size and prominence of the company logo will vary to reflect the sponsorship level. All other levels of sponsorship attract those benefits shown under the following sponsorship levels.

1. Platinum Sponsor: AUD\$25,000 (1 available)

As the Platinum Sponsor you will be recognised as the top tier supporter of the ISTS40. You will have a high exposure throughout ISTS40 and will receive the following benefits:

All the customary acknowledgements PLUS:

- Exclusive naming rights to the Poster Room
- Your logo displayed within the main plenary room at the opening of the Symposium
- Sponsorship of one oral session of your choice
- Five complimentary ISTS40 registrations
- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor (with company logo) on all ISTS40 material
- A full-page space on the inside front cover of the ISTS40 program to promote your company/group (artwork to be supplied by the sponsor)
- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor (with company logo) on all ISTS40 material
- Acknowledgement by the International Sea Turtle Society President during the opening and closing addresses at ISTS40

2. Gold Sponsor: AUD\$15,000 (3 available)

Gold sponsorship includes the following benefits:

All the customary acknowledgements PLUS:

- Sponsorship of one oral session of your choice (subject to availability)
- Three complimentary ISTS40 registrations
- Recognition as Gold Sponsor (with company logo) on all ISTS40 material
- A half page space in the ISTS40 program to promote your company/group (artwork to be supplied by the sponsor)
- Acknowledgement by the International Sea Turtle Society President during the opening and closing addresses at ISTS40

3. Silver Sponsor: AUD\$7,500 (5 available)

Silver sponsorship includes the following benefits:

All the customary acknowledgements PLUS:

- Two complimentary ISTS40 registrations
- Recognition as Silver Sponsor (with company logo) on all ISTS40 material
- A quarter page space in the ISTS40 program to promote your company/group (artwork to be supplied by the sponsor)
- Acknowledgement by the International Sea Turtle Society President during the opening and closing addresses at ISTS40

4. Bronze Sponsor: AUD\$5000

Bronze sponsorship includes the following benefits:

All the customary acknowledgements PLUS:

- One complimentary ISTS40 registration
- Recognition as Bronze Sponsor (with company logo) on all ISTS40 material

5. All other Sponsorships of less than \$5000

Please contact us to discuss options.

Virtual Lounge Room Sponsor: AUD\$10,000 (1 available)

Symposium social events will be hosted in a designated Lounge Room within the virtual environment. This area will be the hub of activity during each day of ISTS40 and will feature regular Symposium events such as the pre-event Social, Student Mixer, and Speed Chatting with the Experts. It will also be a venue where people can connect and network with other participants. By sponsoring the Lounge Room, you will have exclusive naming rights to the room and your logo will be displayed prominently. In addition, you will also receive all customary acknowledgements.