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Since he was a child he has lived with cats. This triggered in him a great interest in the care of nature and wildlife, especially towards felines. Due to this, he graduated as an Engineer in Natural Resources Renewable at the University of Chile.

Since 2010, he has worked continuously with felines, mainly with Andean cat and mountain lions. His research areas have been ecology through the use of trap cameras, diet, habitat use and conflict with livestock. He is a member of the IUCN Cat Specialist Group. On the other hand, he dedicates himself to photography and nature documentaries and also big cats observation tourism.

Among his main professional achievements is the discovery of the first population of Andean cats in the Central Chile zone, after 123 years without records.

Currently he is a member of the Conflicts Mitigation Program which promote the coexistence between humans and carnivores through the use of guard dogs, work with local communities and artistic interventions, as well as the monitoring of Andean cats with camera traps.