

## **Cristian Sepulveda / Conflict Mitigation Program, Chile Field Coordinator**

He lived with cats since he was a child. This awakened a great interest in caring for nature and wildlife, especially cats. Because of this he graduated as an Engineer in Renewable Natural Resources at the University of Chile. Since 2010 he works continuously with cats, mainly with Andean cats and pumas. His areas of research have been ecology through the use of camera traps, diet, habitat use and conflict with livestock. She is part of the IUCN Cat Specialist Group. He also works in photography, nature documentaries, and cat watching tourism. Among his main professional achievements is the discovery of the first population of Andean cats in the Central Chile area after 123 years without records. He currently participates in the Conflict Mitigation Program which promotes the coexistence between humans and carnivores through the use of herd protection dogs, works with local communities and carries out artistic interventions, as well as monitoring Andean cats with camera traps.