

### **Magdalena Bennet / Collaborator Member**

She has been interested in wildlife conservation since she was a child. Fascinated by the diversity of landscapes in Chile, especially the Atacama Desert and the Andes, she dedicated herself to supporting various conservation NGOs as a volunteer, at the same time as the environmental movement was emerging in the country. Later, she focused her studies on Geography and environmental conservation, with the aim of incorporating this new knowledge into research and protection of biodiversity through public and private management. She holds a PhD from the Wildlife Conservation Research Centre of the University of Oxford (WildCRU), a Master's degree in Conservation Biology with a specialty in Ecosystem and Zoological Management from the Complutense University of Madrid, and a Geographer's degree from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Her interests are centered in the area of Biogeography and Conservation Biology, focusing especially on the effects of climate change on high Andean ecosystems. She has worked in research and teaching at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, currently serving as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Institute of Geography. In addition, she has worked on several international projects, including the Darwin Initiative's Andean cat project, Transboundary Conservation Argentina-Bolivia-Chile and High Andean Ecosystem: Conservation without Borders.