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Nicolás was born in the middle of Santiago, Chile. However, his observant spirit and interest in nature led him to get involved with the natural world, at first through timid raids in the backyard of his house in search of small insects, or on vacations to the coast with elusive crabs. It was not until he decided to study Engineering in Renewable Natural Resources that his life focused completely on nature.

While at University, he was aware of the existence of the Andean cat, this strange and unknown feline. It wasn't until 2007, when he began his work as a member of the Andean Cat Alliance, that he began to know it firsthand. Ever since then, he has visited different corners of the Andes working for the conservation of this feline. In parallel, Nicolás has worked on various conservation and research projects for other mammals in different regions of Chile, both in private institutions and in the public sector. Lately, his interest has turned to the dissemination of science, participating in initiatives that seek to raise awareness and teach others about the Andean cat, its threats and conservation.