

**MSc. Alejandra Rocío Torrez Tarqui / Active Member**

Her first steps related to nature were taken as a biology student, during zoology and ecology classes, which helped her develop her interest in the conservation of wildlife. In 2006, during the development of her undergraduate thesis, she learned about the activities developed by AGA and was interested in being part of the team. Initially she has supported research projects on the distribution of the Andean cat, but her main interest was to coordinate the dissemination and education activities. She has completed a Master's Degree in Environmental Education at the University of Málaga, Spain with the support of AGA and Wildlife Conservation Network.

She has led projects focused on strengthening the knowledge of local people (children and adults) about the Andean cat, its habitat and the threats that affect it, inside and outside protected areas. Through the use of environmental education tools, she helped strengthen the research and conservation projects of the Andean cat. In Bolivia, her main interest focuses on developing a medium-term environmental education program in areas where the Andean cat is present, mainly protected areas. In the following years she will be focused on developing educational tools that allow AGA to achieve a greater impact in the local communities where the Andean cat is present.