

**Alex Cruz/ Collaborator Member**

His interest in nature began in his youth when he supported his parents in agricultural work; however, it is during his university studies that he became interested in wildlife and, above all, in getting involved with conservation actions to recover endangered species. Since 2003 he has been working in different public and private institutions, always linked to the planning and management of biological diversity in Peru.

In 2006 he met some AGA members who were developing studies on the distribution of the Andean cat in southern Peru, starting as a field assistant. Later, he became an AGA member participating in several research projects, environmental education and the development of conservation strategies for the Andean cat, its habitat and the species with which it co-inhabits.