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Jorge is a veterinarian dedicated to the conservation of wildlife. Since being an undergraduate his interest in wildlife has led him to participate as a volunteer in different conservation initiatives in Chile. In 2009 he joined the National Forestry Corporation (CONAF) as a park ranger in Lauca National Park. Here, he had the opportunity to meet members of AGA Chile with whom he participated in a project to determine the presence of the Andean cat in the Tarapacá region. In 2012 he was invited to join the Andean Cat Alliance and his position in CONAF has allowed him to coordinate different actions in favor of the conservation of the Andean Cat, among them, the coordination of the process of elaboration of the Andean Cat Conservation Plan in Chile. He is currently working as a biological conservation manager at CONAF Tarapacá in northern Chile.