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Lilian was born in La Paz, Bolivia. Surrounded by mountains, she learned to love the rocky landscape and was determined to study Biology. During her studies, she had the opportunity to travel to the altiplano and learn about threats to native fauna. This was what sealed his decision to focus on studying the mammals of the Altiplano region of Bolivia, of which little or nothing was known. She earned a master's degree in Wildlife Management at the Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica, to contribute to vicuñas conservation. After completing another master's degree in Oxford, she devoted herself to studying the most beautiful and elusive feline, the Andean cat. In 1999, she participated in the creation of what is now the Andean Cat Alliance. For 21 years, Lilian has been developing, participating, and collaborating in research projects, as well as educating others about the conservation of the Andean cat and its habitat.