

**MSc. Sandra Rivera / Collaborator Member**

As a child, Sandra was president of the science club of the San Calixto school in La Paz. She discovered that biology was her true passion because it allowed her to be in touch with nature. Sandra graduated from university with a specialty in Ecology and Environmental Management from the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés. Currently, her work focuses on conservation and environmental functions, sustainable management programs, and monitoring of environmental quality in protected areas. She has worked with Wildlife Conservation Society, Amazon Conservation, and public institutions such as the National Protected Areas Service. During her work monitoring the Apolobamba protected area, she discovered the importance of Andean cat conservation and began installing camera traps and holding workshops with park rangers. She also supports the Andean Cat Alliance by teaching children the value of Andean cats through artistic and recreational activities. In addition, she promotes the implementation of good practices for biodiversity conservation by miners operating in the area.