

### **Ursula Fajardo/ Collaborator Member**

During her undergraduate studies at the Faculty of Biology, Ursula was fascinated by the great biodiversity of her country. She turned her training towards the wildlife studies, becoming enamored with learning as much as she could about mammals, specifically carnivores..

Performing her internship in the mammalogyDepartment of the Museum of Natural History of the UNMSM, she participated in several research projects. Ursula was captivated by the snow-capped mountains, lagoons, pastures and bofedales of the Puna, as well as its characteristic fauna. Since then, she has traveled the mountains in search of the most mysterious of animals, the Andean cat, studying its distribution in areas never evaluated before. Her research also focuses on its food habits, and she initiates environmental education activities in schools.

Ursula has always involved local authorities and university students eager to learn and contribute to the conservation of carnivores. She has also given talks in state institutions, universities, and scientific conferences in order to highlight the Andean cat and its importance. To each place of the Puna where she goes, she always waits for the day when an Andean cat warms her heart.