From a very young age, Omar loved nature and felt a great connection with nature and wildlife. As a biologist, he worked in the field of conservation and the study of wildlife, working with a wide variety of animal groups, from ants to jaguars, turtles, owls and carnivores, all in the different ecosystems of his native country, Peru. Although he really enjoyed working with these animals, the felines were the ones that caught his attention the most, not only because of their charisma, but also because of the great ecological importance that these animals represent. Because of this and his astonishment towards the Andes, Omar dedicated his master thesis efforts on high Andean carnivores in southern Peru. For him, the Andean cat is the most emblematic feline of the mountains and to study and understand it is to understand the heart of the Andes.