

Christian Osorio, Regional Representative – Chile

I was born in Santiago, Chile, in 1986; I am a happy husband and father of two, and chief conservation scientist at Proyecto Carnívoros Australes –*Southern Carnivores Project*, www.carnivorosaustales.org, where we work hard to protect wild carnivores with an across-discipline approach (including social sciences, arts, and politics) focused on scientific research, management, education and outreach (and science-based advocacy when needed). I became a member of the WFA in 2015. Since my youth, I was attracted to nature, especially wild cats, so I majored in Biology and then obtained an MS in Wildlife Management and Conservation. In 2021 I received my PhD in (Fisheries and) Wildlife Sciences, with a focus on wild cats, of course. I enjoy fieldwork, data analysis, scientific writing, teaching, and wildlife photography. I love all wild cats –I must acknowledge that I have a bias towards pumas and small wild felids such as the guigna (*Leopardus guigna*) and I am deeply committed to working for their conservation. When I am not working, I like to spend time with my family, reading and working out at the gym or at home.