



© AGA Chile

NOT EVALUATED	DATA DEFICIENT	LEAST CONCERN	NEAR THREATENED	VULNERABLE	< ENDANGERED >	CRITICALLY ENDANGERED	EXTINCT IN THE WILD	EXTINCT
NE	DD	LC	NT	VU	EN	CR	EW	EX



Geographical range

Amazing Species: Andean Cat

The **Andean Cat**, *Leopardus jacobita*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is a highly specialized carnivore only found in the cold and arid regions of the Andes, from the highest peaks of Peru to the Patagonian steppes of central Argentina, throughout the High Andes of Chile and Bolivia.

Andean Cats are elusive and patchily distributed across their range. They exist in low numbers below the density levels of their potential competitor, the Pampas Cat. Of the two felids, Andean Cats show the most specialized diet selecting the Southern Mountain Viscacha as their preferred prey. Due to this habitat and dietary specificity, Andean Cats are particularly vulnerable to changes in prey populations, habitat loss and climate change. The intensification of mining activities also increasingly threatens key areas of their distribution.

International trade of this species is prohibited by CITES and national legislation protects the Andean Cat throughout its range. In 2010, members of the Andean Cat Alliance-AGA evaluated the population status of this species and identified priority actions for research and conservation.

www.iucnredlist.org
www.catsg.org
 Help Save Species
www.arkive.org



The production of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ is made possible through the IUCN Red List Partnership: IUCN (including the Species Survival Commission), BirdLife International, Conservation International, NatureServe and Zoological Society of London.