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We surveyed 45 km of line transects within the national park. Unfortunately, we found very few traces of the species and even less individuals. A new field season will now focus on thoroughly surveying areas where we expect to find the species to characterize those habitats and to have an estimate of the species abundance within the national park. Preliminary observations suggest that the presence of cattle is a big threat to the species. We also conducted a poll among tourists visiting to the park, revealing a severe ignorance about basic aspects of the species diet, habitat requirements, behaviour, conservation status and threats. Most of them ignore the fact that it is illegal to buy specimens of the species. We presented preliminary results on the XV Argentinean Congress for Herpetology. Finally, to inform citizens about the species vulnerable conservation status, we prepared posters (below) to be shown on public places.



Información básica de la Biología de la tortuga Chelonoidis chilensis



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