



## **Miguel Etchepare Behncke**

### **Biologist**

Miguel was born in Chile, where he is coursing his last year of Environmental Biology at the Universidad de Chile. With a wide experience in both field and laboratory research, Miguel fell in love with Antarctica when he first saw her three years ago. His passion for biology leads him into working with his teachers at his university. Some of the activities he was involved in were, taking samples from migratory birds working in the Molecular Vegetal Physiology Laboratory in 2007. In this laboratory he familiarized with basic microbiology techniques, which allow him to be a more complete professional. Between years 2007 and 2008 he worked his first Antarctic season, guiding and giving lectures in other tourism companies. In the past three years he has worked in the Antarctic Peninsula, watching the fauna and learning more about the continent in general. While taking pictures, he has travelled all over Chile and some parts of the world. In 2010 he joined the expedition staff of ANTARCTICA XXI. Thanks to his brilliant performance, he was expected to become Assistant Expedition Leader during Antarctic season 2011-12.