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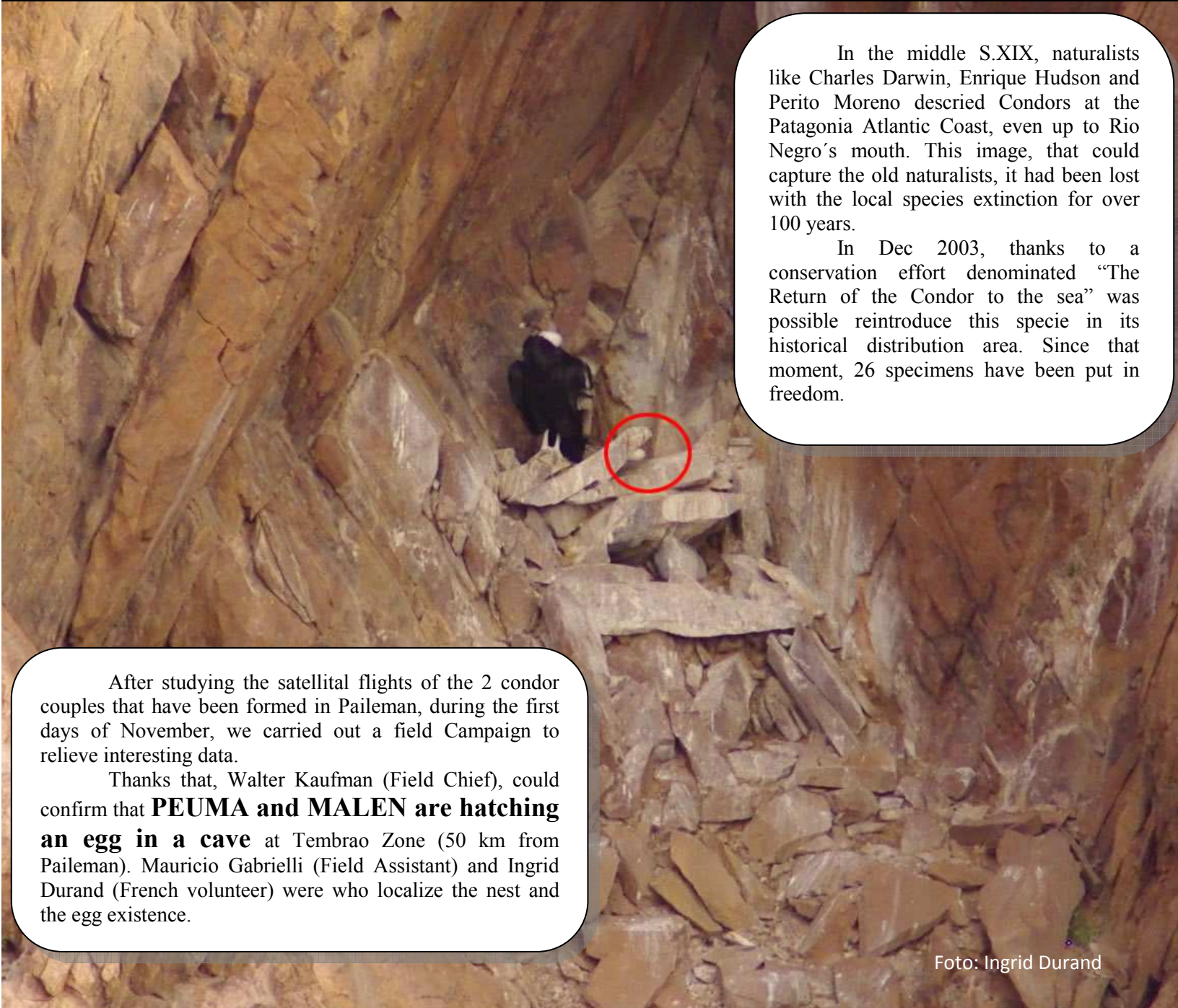
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Proyecto de Conservación Cóndor Andino (PCCA).

AFTER MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF EXTINCTION, CONDORS RETURN TO NEST IN PATAGONIAN ATLANTIC COAST.



In the middle S.XIX, naturalists like Charles Darwin, Enrique Hudson and Perito Moreno described Condors at the Patagonia Atlantic Coast, even up to Rio Negro's mouth. This image, that could capture the old naturalists, it had been lost with the local species extinction for over 100 years.

In Dec 2003, thanks to a conservation effort denominated "The Return of the Condor to the sea" was possible reintroduce this specie in its historical distribution area. Since that moment, 26 specimens have been put in freedom.

After studying the satellital flights of the 2 condor couples that have been formed in Paileman, during the first days of November, we carried out a field Campaign to relieve interesting data.

Thanks that, Walter Kaufman (Field Chief), could confirm that **PEUMA and MALEN are hatching an egg in a cave** at Tembrao Zone (50 km from Paileman). Mauricio Gabrielli (Field Assistant) and Ingrid Durand (French volunteer) were who localize the nest and the egg existence.

Foto: Ingrid Durand

PEUMA and MALEN were two of the first condors released in Paileman on Dec 12, 2003.

PEUMA comes from an egg laid at **Hurlingham Zoo** and **MALEN** from a couple of **La Plata Zoo**. Both were hatched in human isolation at Buenos Aires Zoo. Both are 9 years old.



From 2003, Bs As ZOO and the FBA began with "the Return of the Condor to the sea Programme", that counts with special support from CODEMA, the Dir. de Fauna Nación, the Dir. de Fauna de Río Negro, Jujuy, Salta, el ZOO de La Plata, el ZOO de Olavarría, la Fundación Zoológica ZCOG, Intergraph Registered Research Laboratory, el Bioparc Zoo Doué la Fontaine, Le Grand Parc du Puy du Fou, CEPA, el Centro de Estudios de Rapaces Ibéricas close to prestigious national and international institutions.

Buenos Aires Zoo and FBA develop since 1991 the **Andean Condor Conservation Project**, and since 2000 together with Chile Birds and Parque Metropolitano de Santiago, gave origin to the **Andean Condor Chile Argentina Binational Conservation Programme**.