

Terra Del Fuoco

Results of literature survey of knowledge on mountain glaciers in six regions of southern hemisphere: Andes of South America (Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina), New Guinea, East Africa, Subantarctic Islands, New Zealand, and Antarctica. Includes discussions on distribution, extent, characteristics, and behavior of mountain glaciers as well as map and list of references for each regional discussion.

A beautiful trip from Buenos Aires to the Tierra del fuego.

The Selk'nam people, now virtually extinct, are a classic example of hunting societies. The book is based on the author's field work among the last surviving 'pure' Selk'nam, as well as an exhaustive review of the previous literature.

This book is the result of ten years' of scientific research carried out by the authors on Isla de los Estados. The research includes their doctoral thesis and many published scientific papers related to the island. The book is divided into two principal parts. The first part covers different social and natural aspects of this remote island and includes chapters on the scientific and historical background, physiography with topographical and hydrographical descriptions, climate and oceanographic circulation, vegetation and geology (including stratigraphy, structural geology and geological history). The second part comprises a reconstruction of the paleoenvironmental, paleoclimatic and paleogeographic history of the island from the Last Glacial Maximum to the present, correlating with other paleoecological records from the southern part of Isla Grande de Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia. This second part also includes a geomorphological chapter with a characterization of the principal erosive glacial landforms on Isla de los Estados constructed by means of morphometric analysis, inventories, maps, paleogeographic and glacial models, and a paleoecological chapter evaluating the palaeoenvironment and palaeoclimatic conditions that prevailed during the Late Pleistocene-Holocene times based on pollen and diatom analysis from three 14C-dated peat bogs and lakes. Finally, the book concludes with a review of the island's archaeology and the relationship between the palaeoenvironmental history and human occupation of this island.

«Francisco Coloane è il Jack London dei nostri tempi.» Alvaro Mutis «Con Coloane qualcosa di nuovo è entrato nella Casa della Letteratura: il rumore del mare in tempesta e le voci di migliaia di avventurieri sperduti nelle pianure della Patagonia.» Luis Sepúlveda Avidi cercatori d'oro, rivoluzionari in fuga, mandriani inseguiti dal vento, coloni che impazziscono nel tentativo di domare una terra selvaggia, marinai vittime di maledizioni, capitani coraggiosi e sfortunati: questi sono i personaggi che popolano le straordinarie storie dello scrittore cileno, cantore leggendario del «mondo alla fine del mondo». Ma è protagonista, accanto a loro, la natura stessa in tutta la sua inquietante grandezza, il paesaggio aspro delle estreme regioni meridionali del continente americano, quella Terra del Fuoco che diviene simbolo ideale e totale della elementare e incessante drammaticità delle passioni umane. Con una prefazione di Luis Sepúlveda.

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