



BIOGRAPHY

Federico Pusani

Biologist, Big Wall Climber

Federico Pisani is a Venezuelan biologist and big wall climber with almost three decades exploring the Tepuis in the Guayana Shield.

Pisani has a master's in biological sciences from Universidad Simon Bolivar in Venezuela and combines his knowledge in exercise physiology with his passion for climbing. He is currently the technical director for the Venezuelan sport climbing national team, and a climbing and conservation instructor for Indigenous communities in Parque Nacional Canaima as a member of an NGO dedicated to education and development.

When Pisani started his biology studies at the age of 19, he climbed his first big wall in the east face of Kukenam Tepui and became mesmerized with the uniqueness and diversity of the biota and ecosystems of these tropical mountains. He immediately saw the potential of this sport as a tool for scientific research and conservation. He has been climbing and exploring the region ever since, visiting nine different tepuis in more than 20 expeditions.

Alongside his climbing career in the Tepuis, Pisani has also been climbing internationally in different continents and also completed the first human-powered winter circumnavigation of Lake Baikal in Siberia.