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Cerro Maa Kipa

Chile, Cordillera Darwin

On January 18, 2020, Marine Israel (France), Jeffrey Buckley, August Uribe, and Oscar Uribe (USA), and I departed via the maritime vessel Alakush from Caleta María (Azopardo Bay) in Chile, headed for the eastern Cordillera Darwin. We sailed southwest into Parry Fjord then veered into Cuevas Fjord and disembarked on the west shore at the mouth of Queen Isabel II valley. Our quintet trekked to Lake Queen Isabel II and continued on to the terminus of the glacier, where we set up base camp.

The initial objective was to ascend Cerro Tridente (1,324m), northwest of Monte Darwin (2,261m). However, foul weather punctuated by high winds, sleet and snow, forced a change of plans. We tried for a nearby peak, north of Tridente. As we climbed, we found a great couloir with perfect powder on the east face, and then made our way along the summit ridge to the top. We christened the mountain Cerro Maa Kipa, which translates to "progeny" in the indigenous Yagán language of southern Patagonia. By GPS, the elevation was 979m.

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Images



The 2020 route up the east face couloir and summit ridge on Cerro Maa Kipa (979m) in the Cordillera Darwin.



Ascending the east face couloir on Cerro Maa Kipa (979m) in the Cordillera Darwin.



On the summit of Cerro Maa Kipa (979m) in the Cordillera Darwin with a view to the south.

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