

Diploma thesis on the Journey for values or the protection of nature beyond the frame of work deals with qualitative research made on small group of conservationists, who beside their regular employment in Administrations of Protected Landscape Areas (PLA), protect nature also in the frame of non-governmental organisation. The aim of the thesis is to uncover the motif of “doubled” protection of nature and to find out, how nature protection differs from other occupancies.

I apply the biographical method of research in the form of personal interview.

Revealed data are analysed according to the grounded theory method. For data collection I use triangulation method. Concerning the sampling methods, I combine the random sampling and the snowball sampling technique.

Motivation of conservationists to perform this “doubled“ protection of nature arises mainly from the lifelong personal relationship, and contact with nature and also from their interest in it. The protection of nature is at the same time their hobby. Another reason for respondents’ work in non-governmental organisation lies in continuing increase in administrative type of agenda in the Administrations, which decreases the amount of possible time spent in the field. The nature of work executed in the nongovernmental organisation is just in the field and is manual. The nature protection as an occupancy is characterised by personal assignment, lesser salary concern and more specifically the nature of nature. Nature as a partner in work does not expect anything, frees man from his social roles, so he can act naturally. Values of nature play significant role as well. The conservationists discover sources of values in nature. These include aesthetics of landscape, relaxation, inspiration and fascination.