

Abstract

This thesis presents the view of two generations of gardeners in Aš region. In the theoretical part it deals with ecosystem services and their dual valuation. It also focuses on gardens and their development in history. It moreover describes gardens as an ecosystem and summarizes the ways in which the stability of this garden ecosystem can be promoted or reduced. It also looks at descriptions of Generation X and Y and their differences. The practical part of the thesis presents the main methods of the research, which is based on a qualitative method and data collection through semi-structured interviews and data analysis through framework analysis. In the empirical part, the interpretations of the statements of gardeners of two generations are presented in relation to the theoretical basis and compared. The results of the research describe which ecosystem services gardens provide to gardeners in the Aš region and the differences between the generations studied.

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