

# Legal Regulation of Wild Animal Protection

## Abstract

The dissertation deals with the protection of wild animals and its legal regulation. Wild animals are protected within the biodiversity protection and nature and landscape conservation, which can be divided into territorial and species protection, while the dissertation focuses mainly on the species one. In addition to the explanation of basic terms, the dissertation consists of three main parts, which focus on the international, European Union and Czech legal regulation.

The first part on the international law analyzes the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.

The next part on the European Union law mentions pertinent conceptual tools and subsequently the relevant directives and regulations. These include, above all, the Birds Directive, the Habitats Directive, the Zoos Directive, the Regulation on the Protection of Species of Wild Fauna and Flora by Regulating Trade Therein, and the Regulation on Invasive Alien Species.

The third main part pays attention to the Czech legal regulation. First, representative conceptual tools are mentioned and the term “wild animal” and its difference from the terms “animal” and “game” are explained. Afterwards, the dissertation focuses on the protection of wild animals within a selected legislation, such as the Act on Nature and Landscape Protection, the Act on Compensation for Damage Caused by Selected Specially Protected Animals, the Act on Trade in Endangered Species, the Act on Conditions for the Operations of Zoological Gardens, the Act on Hunting and the Act on Fishing. Species protection is related to the protection of animals as individuals, which is covered by the Act on the Protection of Animals against Cruelty, which is also examined in one of the subchapters.

The main goal of the dissertation is to comprehensively describe and analyze the legal regulation in detail, including its current legislative development, and to process a complete set of the international, EU and Czech legal regulation in the field of wild animal protection. Another goal is to evaluate the legal regulation and propose its possible amendments. The contribution of the dissertation lies mainly in the study of a large number of relevant legal regulations, in their evaluation and in *de lege ferenda* amendments for its improvement.

**Keywords**

biodiversity protection, species protection, wildlife law, wildlife conservation, invasive alien species, wildlife trade