

## **Legal framework of the species protection in the Czech Republic**

### **Abstract**

The diploma thesis deals with the legal instruments for species protection of plants and animals applied in the Czech Republic. In the introduction, he defines species protection and its position in the framework of nature and biodiversity protection and addresses the issue of the concept of species in a biological and legal context. The following is a historical overview of the development of species protection in the Czech territory from the oldest legal regulations adopted in the 19th century to 1992, when the current legislation came in force. The general part of the work ends with an overview of current legal regulations relevant to species protection of plants and animals, namely international, European and Czech regulations. The key part of the work is devoted to the description and analysis of the instruments of general species protection and special species protection according to the Nature and Landscape Protection Act. The thesis first discusses the tools of general species protection, including the issue of invasive and non-native species. An integral part of the work is a brief excursion into the otherwise very comprehensive issue of import, export and trade in endangered species, which is regulated in particular by the Council Regulation (EC) on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein. Subsequently, attention is paid in particular to the basic and special protection conditions of specially protected plants and animals, their interpretation in relation to jurisprudence and published doctrine. Similarly, attention is paid to the protection of wild birds, which in this work is perceived as closer to special rather than general species protection. The final part of the work is devoted to security tools, such as proof of origin and seizing of individuals, as well as sanctioning tools, administrative and criminal ones. At the end of the work, as one of its results, *de lege ferenda* proposals are made across all existing legal instruments for species protection in the Czech Republic.

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