

# **International Trade in Endangered Species and Its Legal Regulation (50 Years of CITES)**

## **Abstract**

This thesis focuses on the legal regulation of international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora. The main objective of this thesis is to perform a comprehensive analysis of the system of legal regulation of international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora, both at the international and European level, as well as its implementation into Czech legislation and to provide a fundamental comparison of these levels. The thesis should lead to reflection on the necessity and importance of the protection of endangered species, especially when they are subject to international trade.

The thesis is divided into four parts. The first part deals with the international trade in endangered species itself. It provides an explanation of the term international trade in endangered species, an analysis of its global scale, its impact on the planet's biodiversity, and the goals that regulation of this sector of international trade seeks to achieve. The second part discusses the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, primarily from the perspective of the historical development of this area and the gradual evolution of the Convention itself. It also outlines the established system of regulation of international trade based on the granting and issuance of appropriate permits and certificates, as well as a number of its exceptions and the institutions that implement this system at international and national level. The third part deals with the regulation of international trade in endangered species covered by the legislation of the European Union. As in the previous section, it presents the system that European regulation sets out, including their relationships and differences with the international regulation. The final fourth part provides an overview of Czech legislation. This is mainly a view in terms of the implementation of international and European legislation at the national level and the determination of the national authorities who participate in these systems.

## **Key words:**

CITES, international trade, endangered species