

# **Hunting and fishing in the light of selected environmental issues**

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis focuses on the hunting and fishing in the light of selected environmental issues. Both hunting and fishing are activities that may serve as freetime activities, but their main purpose is nature conservation and as such should respond to the changes in nature brought about by climate change.

The aim of this diploma thesis is to provide the reader with a basic insight into the legal regulation of hunting and fishing and to assess the current legal regulation in terms of preparedness for the changes in nature brought about by ongoing climate change. The second objective is pursued by answering three questions: "*Does the Czech legislation sufficiently care about biodiversity conservation?*", "*Does the Czech legislation effectively combat invasive and non-native species?*" and "*Is Czech legislation prepared for the changes in animal behaviour that will inevitably occur in the context of climate change?*".

The diploma thesis is divided into five chapters. The beginning of the diploma thesis focuses on the issue of climate change, where the emphasis is mainly placed on laying out the problems related to the loss of biodiversity, the introduction of non-native species and changes in animal behaviour. Next, the diploma thesis gives a brief account of both the factual and legal history of hunting and fishing and the sources of international law relevant to hunting and fishing. In more detail, the thesis deals with the subjects entitled to hunt, the fish and game to be hunted, the seasons for hunting game and fish, the territory in which hunting of fish and game can be carried out and the permitted methods of hunting game and fish. For both topics, the institutional arrangements for each activity are discussed and a brief comparison is made between the Czech regulation and the Slovak and Polish regulations.

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