

## **Abstract**

The thesis deals with the possible role of ombudsmen in environmental protection. The work starts by the description of the establishment of this institution in the world and subsequently in the Czech Republic. A crucial role played the Act No. 349/1999 Coll., the Ombudsman Act, which has been implemented into national law of the Czech Republic after many discussions on December 30, 1999. This act provides for activities of the ombudsman and the way how to lodge a complaint with the ombudsman. This treatise on the ombudsman activities in general creates also the basis for his/her procedure in specific cases concerning the environment. The part of this thesis forms case studies serving as the example how the ombudsman can participate in the environmental protection in practise.