

ABSTRACT

The main research objectives of this master thesis are the stakeholders and their opinions on the management of Tatra National Park in Slovakia. There are many stakeholders in the national park and each one has different interests. The objective is to find a compromise between the protection of the nature and the degree to which the national park would be used for human purposes. As a result, the area would also be managed in accordance with the national legislation and international guidelines (IUCN) category II and also provide human society with a variety of benefits. The goal of the thesis is to find out how this management will look like in practice. Qualitative interviews were used in order to obtain the opinions of the main stakeholders. Framework analysis has been applied to analyse all the interviews.

Key words: stakeholders, protected areas, national parks, management, IUCN categories, national legislation, tourism, nature protection, sustainable development, framework analysis