

## **Abstract**

The offered thesis focuses on the legal regulation of specially protected areas in the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation. The thesis' objective is to present an explicit overview of the two countries' national systems comprising protected areas from the legal point of view. The thesis includes an explanation of the basic concepts related to specially protected areas in terms of nature and landscape preservation. The author starts with a concise introduction to the issue's background, and then dwells upon constitutional principles for nature conservation, related legislation and a range of categories of specially protected areas in the two countries. The basic legislation concerning specially protected areas in the Czech Republic is the Nature and Landscape Protection Act, while in the Russian Federation that function is played by Specially Protected Natural Areas Act. The thesis includes an analysis of selected legal issues, namely issues related to legal proclamation and cancellation of the status of specially protected areas, special protection regime, state administration functions, implementation of ownership and other rights. The analysis is followed by a comparison of legal regulations concerning specially protected areas and the conclusion where the author summarizes the most important findings obtained from the analysis.

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