

Abstract

Legal Framework of Conditions for Game Hunting

The aim of this rigorosum thesis is to describe and compare the legal regulation of game hunting conditions in the Czech Republic.

It focuses especially on the legal regulation of the conditions for game hunting according to the Hunting Act and the legal regulation of the conditions for fishing according to the Fisheries Act. Generally, the thesis also analyses the common terms related to fishing and game hunting (eg. the terms fishing district or hunting ground). The attention is paid not only to the current legislation, but the work also covers the historical development of the legal regulation of conditions for game hunting and fishing. Hunting has been accompanying humans since time immemorial and its conditions have evolved over time as society has evolved. This thesis also deals with the rules of game hunting contained in the Act on the Protection of Animals against Cruelty and in the Act on the Protection of Nature and the Landscape. Both acts provide a general framework for the hunting of animals and fishes, which is further elaborated in the Hunting Act and in the Fisheries Act. The thesis accentuates the legal regulation of the conditions for game hunting, which is contained in the legislation of European Union and in different international treaties. The international law considerably influences the national legislation and in many cases it takes even precedence over the national legislation. One of the chapters concentrates on the regulatory offences caused by violation of the relevant legislation for game hunting or fishing, which has recently undergone quite substantial changes. The thesis also provides a closer look at the legal regulation of game hunting in the Slovak Republic and its comparison with the Czech legal regulation. A special attention is paid to the shortcomings of the current legislation, while proposing legislative amendments which would mitigate or even eliminate current deficiencies.