

Abstract

The topic of this thesis is Large-area protected areas of nature in western Bohemia and eastern Bavaria. Within this topic, the thesis focuses mainly on less strict categories of these areas, i.e. on Czech landscape protected areas (“*chráněná krajinná oblast*”) and Bavarian nature parks (“*Naturpark*”). From each of these two categories, I chose one particular representative area to deal more in detail with. These representative areas are Český les Landscape Protected Area and the neighbouring Bavarian Nördlicher Oberpfälzer Wald (Northern Upper Palatinate Forest) Nature Park. The aim of this thesis is to describe, analyse and compare the aforementioned protected areas, and – as the result - to evaluate the level of protection of these on both sides of the Czech-Bavarian border, as well as to potentially find inspirations for improving the relevant Czech legislation.

The thesis is composed of seven Parts, whereas Parts Three to Six are further divided into chapters and (except Part Six) subchapters. The first – introductory – Part is followed by Part Two, geographically determining the region subject to survey. Part Three contains a general treatise on legal regulation of large-area protected areas of nature in the Czech Republic and in the Federal Republic of Germany, including the Free State of Bavaria. Within this Part, detailed treatise is focused on German (Bavarian) categories of protected areas. This is followed by Part Four, which deals with the Český les mountain range as a whole (including its areas outside the homonymous landscape protected area), among legal point of view also from geographic, natural scientific and partially historic perspective. Parts Five and Six of the thesis are concentrated on particular protected areas from legal point of view – Part Five deals with Český les Landscape Protected Area, Part Six deals with Nördlicher Oberpfälzer Wald Nature Park. Among general characteristic of these protected areas, historical description of their declaration, and analysis of their founding regulations, these Parts also include treatises on small-area protected areas and Natura 2000 areas within their borders. The conclusion of the thesis is drawn in Part Seven, which contains – among general evaluation and comparison of the level of protection of the aforementioned protected areas – also some particular observations and suggestions, both of legal and factual nature.