

Abstract

This thesis comprehensively analyse the issue of legal protection of inanimate nature. The thesis analyses the legal protection of inanimate nature only by Czech law and the primary source of this thesis is the Act No 114/1992 Coll., on the Protection of Nature and Landscape. The thesis is divided into two parts. The first part of thesis focuses on the specific legal protection of particular elements of inanimate nature in the Czech Republic, such as caves, paleontological resources and mineral resources. In this part, thesis analysis how these elements are protected by the law and how effective this protection is in practice.

The second part of thesis focuses on territorial protection legal tools in the context of inanimate nature protection in terms of both general and special legal tools. It analysis legal protection of significant landscape elements and landscape character as well as inanimate nature protection through regulation of specially protected areas including Natura 2000 European protected areas. In this context the attention is also paid to protection of inanimate nature elements as protected habitats of animals and plants and their importance for the conservation of biodiversity. In addition to the comprehensive analysis of legal protection of inanimate nature in the Czech Republic the thesis also points out the deficiencies of the legislation and outlines possible solutions.