

## **Abstract**

The aim of this diploma thesis is the analysis of the connection between the protection of human rights to environment of the certain quality and the protection of the environment itself. The diploma thesis is divided into three chapters. The first chapter is focused on theoretical basis of the topic, especially the relation between two areas of law – international environmental law and human rights law, concerns advantages and disadvantages of the approaches to this topic, and definitions of the most important terms, including different use of these terms by the individual authors. The second chapter outlines the evolution of these rights in the hard law and soft law universal international agreements with the overlap into the regional systems of human rights protection. The first part of this chapter relates to the documents about substantive rights and the second part examines the procedural documents with special reference to the Aarhus Convention. The third chapter analyzes the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in detail; this chapter is divided into three parts. The first one contains the explanation of the common features of decisions connected to the protection of environmental human rights. The second one describes the evolution of environmental case law connected to the relevant substantive rights as the right to health, the right to family and private life and the right to protection of property. The last part of this chapter gives a brief idea of the evolution the case law of the procedural rights as the right to information, the right to participate in decision-making process and the right to access to justice and other remedies in environmental matters. In conclusion, the author evaluates the appropriateness of different human-rights based approaches to the protection of the environment and possibilities of further development of this topic.