

Abstract

This master's thesis deals with the topic of legal regime of the seabed beyond the limits of national jurisdiction in relation to the Czech Republic. It is still a relatively new area of human interest.

In the brief introduction, author suggests relevance of this topic and its attractiveness in the future. In the second chapter author describes historical development of the law of the sea, in which the legal regime of the seabed gets special attention. Author points out, especially, differences in historical development of the sea and the seabed. Next chapter deals with relevant sources of law. That goes with enumeration of the basic international treaties. Author also suggests the possibility of origin of international customary law. Author pays attention to case law and soft law of the Authority as international organization. Next chapter describes the structure of the Authority, activities in the Area, dispute resolution mechanisms and individual resources in the Area. Separate chapter is dedicated to prospecting, exploration and exploitation. Special attention is paid towards adaptation of these activities in regulations of the Authority and a future draft of mining regulation. Sixth chapter shows involvement of the Czech Republic in the whole system, which is significant considering the size and location of the Czech Republic. Penultimate chapter has a task to inform reader about some selected issues, whether from practice or theory.

Presented master's thesis has three main objectives. Firstly, to introduce the reader to the complex legal framework of the seabed beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. This includes historical digression, sources of law, and important subjects of the system and individual activities in the seabed. Second goal is to inform about the Czech Republic's involvement in the whole system with all the aspects. Author's hypothesis is that the involvement of the Czech Republic into the system of the law of the sea, in relation to the seabed and its exploitation is an asset. Third objective is to show some issues, which will have to be addressed in the future.