

Abstract

This thesis deals with the analysis of the specific instruments of international law applicable to the protection of the environment of indigenous peoples. The thesis consists of four chapters. The first chapter describes the specific relationship which binds indigenous people to their traditional territories and natural resources and the most important threats to these territories and resources. The second chapter focuses on the development of the relationship between the international community and indigenous peoples and analyses the term *indigenous peoples*. Furthermore, this chapter contains an overview of the international and regional sources of law relevant to the protection of the environment of indigenous peoples. The third chapter draws attention to the international and regional mechanisms of protection of indigenous rights. The fourth chapter contains an analysis of particular environmental rights and systemizes them into collective, minority, individual and procedural rights.