

Abstract

Legal Regime of National Parks in the Czech Republic and the Kingdom of Spain

National parks as traditional instruments of in situ nature protection, which ensure the protection of the most valuable natural values of the state, have long been a socially debated topic that deserves repeated attention. The fact that this is a current and fundamental issue is proved by the fact that both legal regulations examined in this thesis have undergone extensive changes. The Czech regulation of national parks was amended completely in 2017 and the Kingdom of Spain adopted a new law on national parks in 2014, also in response to a long-standing dispute between the autonomous regions and the central government over jurisdiction over specially protected areas. The aim of this work is to present and analyze the basic legal concept of national parks in the Kingdom of Spain and the Czech Republic, sources of legislation, tools used for nature protection, their anchoring in legislation and institutions related to the administration of national parks. Based on the performed analysis, a comparison of individual institutes is performed, their identical and different elements are evaluated and some changes *de lege ferenda* are proposed. This thesis is divided into eight chapters. The first chapter describes the regulations of international and European law that affect the regulation of national parks due to the participation of both states in international organizations or international agreements, while NATURA 2000 plays a key role. The second chapter deals with the sources of national regulations. The third chapter focuses on the concept of a national park, which is based on the IUCN definition, and the process of declaring national parks. The fourth chapter discusses the administration of national parks and the institutions providing it. The subject of the fifth chapter is the conceptual tools, which occupy a key place in the Spanish legislation, and the sixth chapter division of the territory into individual zones the protective conditions and restrictions of activities in the territory of national parks. The seventh chapter is then devoted to the the protective conditions and restrictions of activities in the territory of national parks. Except for the first chapter, they are all designed to describe and analyze the Czech and Spanish regulations in the subchapters and to compare the two in following summary. In the end, the main findings and proposals *de lege ferenda* resulting from the comparison are summarized. The analytical and comparative method is used in the thesis.

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