

# **Legal regulation of alien species of plants and animals**

## **Abstract**

This thesis deals with the legal regulation of invasive non-native species of plants and animals, i.e., preventing their spread and minimizing the negative consequences that these species cause on individual ecosystems and biodiversity in general. The aim of this work is to analyse the related effective international, EU and Czech national legislation and to define the most significant changes concerning the relevant Czech laws in connection with the implementation of Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014 and Regulation (EC) No. 708/2007.

At the beginning, the work deals with the history of the spread of non-native species, as identifying the critical pathways of their spread is also an important knowledge necessary for creating effective legislation and also the definition of fundamental terms - non-native species, invasive non-native species, and biodiversity.

Furthermore, the work deals with the most important international treaties in this area, i.e., the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Convention on the Conservation of European Fauna and Flora and Habitats and the Madrid Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty, with the relevant European Union legislation, i.e., a network of protected areas Natura 2000 and Regulation (EC) No. 708/2007 as well as some EU conceptual instruments and from the Czech national legislation with the Act of Protection of Nature and Landscape and other relevant laws that have an added summary of the most significant changes in their forthcoming amendment and of the regulation concerning non-native species in them.

Subsequently, the work deals in a separate chapter with Regulation (EU) No. 1143/2014 and its Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 2016/1141, i.e., list of invasive alien species of Union concern and the additions made to it and forthcoming amendments to the Nature and Landscape Protection Act in connection with the implementation of this Regulation and Regulation (EC) No. 708/2007.

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