SOCIAL CONFLICTS ON NATURA 2000 AREAS IN POLAND

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Summary

In the years 2011-2013 Institute of Environmental Protection – National Research Institute (IEP-PIB) ran a research project “Models of social conflicts in protected areas within the Natura 2000 network in Poland.” Field studies conducted in the framework of the project covered all the provinces of our country. The intention of this article is to present the results of a project, including in particular the findings of the causes and factors enhancing the likelihood of conflict in Natura 2000 areas. The basic causes of social conflicts in Natura 2000 areas are linked with planning (planning inconsistencies, collision of strategic documents), investments, infrastructure and natural environment (e.g. damages caused by animals). Common causes of conflicts are also linked with the need to restrict some economic functions or contradictions of economic functions realized so far in particular Natura 2000 areas.