

## Activities

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Environmental degradation caused by offences against nature is related to both social and economic measurable losses. The main goals of the project LIFE15 GIE / PL / 000758 pn. You have right to effective protection of nature is to:

- Inform and educate in the field of legal nature protection
- Maximize the benefits through better implementation of environmental legislation

Public awareness plays a very important role in environmental protection.

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**The body of case law pertaining to the nature conservation law.** One of the key issues of concern related to nature conservation is the failure of the law enforcement authorities to refer the cases to judicial authorities, followed by issuing light sentences and frequent dismissals. This exposes the Polish nature to losses caused by committed environmental crimes and offences. During the implementation of the LIFE 15 GIE/PL/000758 project “You have right to effective protection of nature”, we attempted to monitor the sentences issued by the Polish courts in the area of nature protection. This body of case law presents the cases, in which the collected evidence allowed punishing for environmental crimes and offences. We are aware of the vital role of social awareness in environmental protection and hope that the presented sentences will result in increasing the level of knowledge in the field of the legal protection of nature.

**We protect wild nature together.** This is the message of the educational campaign: You have right to the effective protection of nature, prepared by the General Directorate for Environmental Protection. The main goal is to build social awareness about the most common situations where nature protection is not obeyed and to educate people on how to react when they notice violations. The campaign spreads awareness about nature protection law and how its breaking is punished. The educational video spots will be broadcasted online on social media and inside of public transport vehicles in Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz, Wroclaw, Poznan and Trojmiasto. The spots present the most common situations of non-compliance with nature protection law that happen during renovation, construction and conservation work, such as cutting down trees and insulating buildings. The campaign will last till the end of November 2020.

The project, realized since 2016, includes pieces of training for law enforcement, judicial authorities and non-governmental organizations that have environmental protection in their statute. The pieces of training concern the provisions of nature protection. There are also e-learning courses and materials promoting knowledge of nature protection law published, including the pieces of information about Nature2000. All of those activities goal is to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement in the field of crimes and offences.

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