

HOŠEK, Michael (Czech Republic)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Deputy Director, Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic
Head of Division of Nature and Landscape Documentation

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

At European level, Michael is a representative of the Czech Republic as a Member State of the European Union in nature conservation (Nature Directors Meeting, Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature, Habitats Committee). Because the Nature Conservation Agency is a member of the European Topic Centre on Biodiversity, Michael coordinates participation in this consortium and he is also involved in selected scientific tasks within the framework of this activity. Since 2011, Michael has been leading the Czech section of the EUROPARC Federation as an elected president.

At national level, Michael is responsible for the creation of the Natura 2000 network at scientific and technical level as well as for the monitoring and evaluation of status of habitats and species under Directive 92/43/EHS (monitoring under Art. 11, reporting under Art. 17). Doing this, he also leads development and maintenance of the content of the Nature Conservancy Information System (including physical and electronic documentation of the national nature conservation). Michael is also responsible for the CITES Scientific Authority Office and for coordination of all scientific programmes within the Nature Conservation Agency including international projects. He also participates in developing strategies in nature conservation in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Michael graduated as a Bachelor at Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague and completed his Master of Science studies in Applied Ecology at the University of Jan Evangelista Purkyně. In the period 2004–2005 he was a leader of the Regional Office of the Nature Conservation Agency in two regions – Kralovohradecký and Pardubický coordinating all aspects of activities in nature conservation as a State body (administration and management of State property in specially protected areas, nature conservation subsidies, preparation of regional strategies). Since 2005 he has been active at European level as an expert. He has been leading research projects focused on nature conservation at national level and also some international project activities (e.g. project 'Integration of Nature and Biodiversity and Land Use Data' awarded by the European Commission).

In general, Michael has a good knowledge about biodiversity issues at a practical level in the field and he is also experienced in international negotiations at the EU, Europe as well as global levels (due to representation of the Czech Republic within the multilateral agreements in the field of biodiversity conservation) and as an expert in analyzing national legislation in light of the EU Nature Directives requirements, also teaching and lecturing various target groups.