

## BOOK REVIEW

### ***What Can Animal Law Learn From Environmental Law***

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The book *What Can Animal Law Learn From Environmental Law*, edited by Professor Randall S. Abate, has just been published in September 2015 by the Environmental Law Institute. The book is composed of 17 chapters, written in English, which originate from professors and practitioners in the fields of environmental and animal law.

The field of animal law is still very much one that demands creativity in using the patchwork of laws available to those seeking to increase protection for animals, particularly since, unlike those environmental law field, we do not have enough specific laws to work with (yet). Thus, a book like this can arguably be considered a necessity for those who need tools to work with in the here and now.

I have to disagree with the argument made in the Introduction that it is often difficult to build bridges between the two movements. Perhaps because I focus on wildlife protection, my experience has been that animal protection has a lot in common with conservation, in particular. Regardless, it is an interesting Introduction for a book that then offers specific ways that animal advocates can learn from the environmental law movement and certain environmental laws. The chapters cover general overlap between the two movements and areas; farm animal issues; fisheries management; obtaining standing in court; international trade of wildlife; whaling; invasive species; and more.

This book is a unique and much needed contribution to the field of animal law. It provides an important vehicle for practitioners, advocates, and professors to share the variety of tools and knowledge that has worked to further animal protection with the broader community.

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