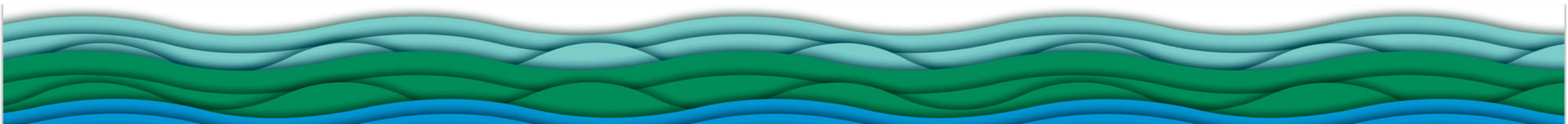


Access to Justice

Challenges and success

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Barriers

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Key challenges at standing

- judges' understanding of the importance of protecting the environmental rights of citizens and environment

Judicial reform

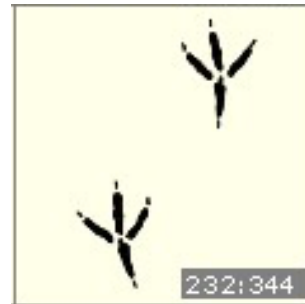
Online Course for judges
“Human Rightst and
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Modules on article 9 of
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Grand Chamber of the
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opened door to the
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Second instance
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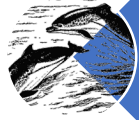
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Kyiv appeal administrative court
freed from court fees



7 conclusions of the first environmental decision of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court of Ukraine



1. Representatives of the public may complain against actions or omissions of the governmental authorities and private entities who violate the national environmental law



2. Operation without obtaining relevant permits, if required, even if there is no procedure in place for their issue, is prohibited



3. Article 19 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Red Data Book of Ukraine” prohibits special use of the objects of the Red Data Book of Ukraine for profit



4. The governmental authorities do not provide adequate protection of wild animals used in entertainment events



5. Disputes, in which an NGO substitutes a governmental authority, are within jurisdiction of the administrative courts



6. The role of NGOs is critical for building of the civil society



7. Animals are the object of the ownership right of the people of Ukraine to natural resources, which establishes a special procedure for their use, and for a fee



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