

# A dream comes true

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**MULDRSDRIFT** – The Rhino and Lion Park in Muldersdrift recently made history with the release of seven white lions into one of their camps. The pride, consisting of two males and five females, is the result of years of hard work by conservationists countrywide. An emotional Mr Ed Hearn, owner of the park, helped to release the lions into a camp of 26 hectares. According to Marlene

Muir, spokesperson for the Rhino and Lion Park, it has been a lifelong dream of Hearn to be able to release the largest Pride of White Lion in the world into an environment where they will be able to lead a natural and safe life. She explained that it is extremely difficult for white lions to survive in the wild, because of their colour. They are not well camouflaged and can be seen by their prey. Upon their release, the lions immediately started to explore their new home. The pride will reach maturity within the next few months. The dominant male will then be identified and will stay with the females. The other male will be removed.

