

Bob Marley is Inspiration for Name of New Parasite Discovery

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Scientists discovered a new tiny blood-sucking parasite that infests fish on Caribbean coral reefs. The name: *Gnathia marlyi* – named after Bob Marley.

Some may view this a bit disturbing and maybe disrespectful, being that the famous reggae singer stood for love, peace and harmony. But marine biologist Paul Sikkel sees it as paying homage to the late great singer.

He said the name came from a deep place in his heart, out of “respect and admiration” for Marley. The creature is a new species within the family of gnathiids, parasites found on coral reefs, says the Associated Press.

Other celebs that have been honored with an insect include Stephen Colbert and Beyoncé.