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Australian, Madagascan, Swiss and US scientists were documenting [bats](#) in the former French colony when they came across the new species, which originates from nearby [Madagascar](#), the museum said in a statement.

The mammal has been named "Miniopterus aelleni" in honour of the late Villy Aellen, a former head of the Geneva museum and a major bat specialist.

Some 10 new species of mammal have been identified every year since 2000, the museum said.

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