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## Actor Dave Bautista offers \$20,000 in case of manatee scraped with word 'TRUMP'



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Bautista announced the reward on his Twitter account.

**(CNN)** There is [already a reward](#) for information leading to the person or people responsible for writing "TRUMP" on a manatee in Florida, but actor Dave Bautista is taking it a step further.

The "Guardians of the Galaxy" star announced an additional reward on his Twitter account on Monday.

"If there's not already a reward for the arrest and conviction of the low life scummy MAGATs that did this I'll throw in \$20,000. And I promise there will be bonuses to that reward!" [he said.](#)

The manatee was discovered on January 10 in Florida's Homosassa River with the President's name scraped on its back, according to a news release from the Center for Biological Diversity.

It's not clear what was used to mark the animal.

The Center has already announced a \$5,000 reward for information leading to a conviction of the person responsible, according to a news release.

Officials with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Florida's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are investigating. Anyone with information can call the commission hotline at (888) 404-3922.