The CASUP is a unique conservation plan for Tetiaroa, which takes into account all of the various preservation and use needs by all stakeholders. The plan has been approved by scientists, the owners of the island, the Brando Resort, and the local community. It is now time to start implementation and the Tetiaroa Society is seeking funding to move forward with this exciting and innovative plan.

Priorities for the CASUP are

1. Rat eradication and invasive species control in order to allow bird, plant, and invertebrate populations to rebound.
2. Detailed surveys of biota and cultural sites along with the creation of precise maps using LIDAR and ground-based GPS.
3. Development of an education program with local school children and the construction of a Cultural Center for this program.
4. Creation of a database as the foundation of the Island Digital Ecosystem Avatar for Tetiaroa.

The Tetiaroa Society will need $2M over first 3 years to begin the CASUP implementation. Some of this is for badly needed infrastructure (cultural center, boats, housing, lab and field materials), but most of it is for the programs listed above.

Rat Eradication - $750,000

Biotic and Cultural Surveys - $55,000

Lidar Mapping – $80,000

Cultural Center – $400,000

Education Program Kickstart – $120,000

IDEA Database – $150,000

**$600K in facilities**- includes a Master Plan (commissioning an architect, consultation/envisioning activities) plus some of the facilities we know we need immediately (boats, housing, work spaces, equipment) to support the initial CASUP activities.

**$900K in programs**- $300K/year mainly for people and supplies split among:

1) Conservation Specialists to begin CASUP implementation in the different priority areas like birds, turtles, coral reef, invasive species control, etc. (there are a number of highly competent locals able to do this on consultancy basis). The specialists would work with Frank and Moana (Head Ranger) and their team but bring their expertise in different areas.

2) Scientists to collect the baseline data needed to plan and evaluate the actions being developed by the Conservation Specialists. Clearly this will be a close collaboration between the scientists and the specialists under guidance of SAB. This will also help establish the new Tetiaroa Observatory (which OA program is also contributing to).

3) Educators and Cultural Experts- to develop school programs, contribute to Master Plan (cultural center) and begin activities with local kids that draw on and contribute to the conservation and science. Guided by CAB.

Some of the funds would help ensure our core operations continue (overhead) but mostly they would go to hiring experts (short-contracts, not career employees). This would set us up wonderfully for future.