

Join the American Lory Society in supporting the Kuhl's Lorikeet Project



The Zoological Society of San Diego has teamed up with the Cook Islands Government, the Ornithological Society of Polynesia (MANU), the community of Rimatara, the Aronga Mana of 'Ātiu and BirdLife International to undertake a reintroduction program for the Kuhl's Lorikeet (*Vini kuhlii*).

The project involves translocating twenty of the approximately 900 Kuhl's Lorikeets from Rimatara to 'Ātiu, in the Cook Islands, to establish a back up population. This was accomplished in the spring of 2007. In 2008, the research will involve a field survey to determine the survivability of the population and to ascertain if there has been any breeding activity.

The American Lory Society is supporting this project by raising funds to help cover the estimated expenses. We are offering an original, framed painting of the Kuhl's Lory by noted artist Gamini Ratnavira. Tickets are one for \$10 or three for \$20. The drawing will be held on March 30th in Fredericksburg, VA. You do not have to be present to win.

Please consider supporting this worthwhile project either with the purchase of tickets or a donation in any amount. The ZSSD is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions, including the purchase of these tickets, will be tax deductible. Checks may be made out to ZSSD/CRES and please put "Rimatara Project" in the memo line. They can be mailed to ALS, PO Box 490302, Lawrenceville, GA 30049.

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