

## Daphne Fautin and her times down-under with the NIWA Team

*Kia ora koutou*

*We acknowledge your partner and sister Daphne Fautin.*

*Daphne was a great woman scientist and contributed significantly to describing New Zealand's anemone fauna – thus contributing to our knowledge of the region's biodiversity.*

*Daphne made a significant impact on our anemone collection in the NIWA Invertebrate Collection. In 2011 she described the stunning *Corallimorphus niwa* [Critter of the Week: Corallimorphus niwa | NIWA](#)*

*and helped us to identify a large number of specimens in our anemone collection. In 2007 Daphne ran an anemone identification workshop for us and we learned just how difficult it is to be an anemone taxonomist!*

*We recognize the work she did and the generosity she had in helping people who were interested in anemones, especially people at NIWA seeking help with identification.*

*Globally Daphne had a major impact on the field of Actiniarian taxonomy and systematics, she was extremely productive, her publications and database impressive.*

*She is a big loss to us and to our community. We are grateful to have known her.*

*As a friend we hosted her in our homes, had fun with her at conferences, and loved how she had such wide-ranging interests and a love of life.*

*Ka kite*

*Di Tracey, Sadie Mills, Kareen Schnabel, Wendy Nelson, Dennis Gordon, Malcolm Clark, Ashley Rowden, Rob Stewart, Serena Cox, and many others.*

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***Corallimorphus niwa* Fautin, 2011** – The anemone-like corallimorpharian described by Daphne from Chatham Rise and found from 926–1773 m deep around New Zealand. Plus Daphne hard at work at NIWA in 2017.



**Anemone Workshop NIWA 2017:** Left to Right: Dennis Gordon, Sheryl Miller, Steve Parker, Roberta D'Archino, Sadie Mills, Daphne (centre stage with her famous earrings and smile), Kerstin Kroeger, Serena Cox, Karen Schnabel (seated), Andrew Hosie, Di Tracey, Shane Ah Yong, Rob Stewart.



A selection of NIWA's deep-sea anemones that kept Daphne busy!