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From one pole to the other

On any given day you might find a National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research staff member under the ocean, on the ice, atop a mountain or deep in a lake or river.

It is these stunning environments, which form the backdrop for the vast array of environmental science undertaken by NIWA, that are celebrated each year in an annual photographic competition for staff.

The overall winner of this year's award was specialist diver Crispin Middleton, with his photo entitled Underwater Angel, taken near the Poor Knights Islands. Mr Middleton has been trying to capture photos of flying fish for years, but every time he tried they would simply dart away. This year he managed to get his shot by hovering above the fish where they would linger for a few seconds before darting away.

The work of award winners in other categories in the competition may be viewed at

https://www.niwa.co.nz/news/scientists%E2%80%99-stunning-images