## Cymatoderma elegans



Cymatoderma elegans © Pat Leonard

**Cap:** cap deeply funnel-shaped; 50–250 mm; finely tomentose; radially folded, velvety to hairy when young, but may become almost smooth and wrinkled with age; margin wavy and scalloped to ragged; buff, tan, grey, to lilac, often becoming paler towards edge, lilac tints common in fresh fungi particularly at edge.

**Stipe:** cylindrical and centrally attached;  $50 - 200 \times 5 - 30$  mm; finely velvety to hairy, may become nearly smooth with age; buff or tan; very young specimens may have a very thick stem that merges into the flesh of the upper-surface.

**Lower surface:** smooth, but irregular; cream, grey to ochre, sometimes with a lilac tint.

**Flesh**: tough and leathery, pale brown.

**Spore print**: white. **Spores:** not observed. **Basidia:** not seen.

Habitat: common on rotten logs in rainforest.

Notes: the combination of the deeply depressed cap, wrinkled surface, leathery under

surface, central stem and growing on wood make this fungus unmistakable.

**Collections examined:**