



M57 or the Ring Nebula. This image of M57 planetary nebula, also known as the Ring Nebula, was obtained using the Wide Field Camera on the Isaac Newton Telescope, Roque de los Muchachos Observatory (La Palma, Spain). It is a three-colour composite made from data collected using filters to isolate the light emitted by hydrogen alpha (H-alpha), doubly ionised oxygen (OIII) and ionised sulfur (SII) atoms, and coded in the image as red, green and blue respectively. M57 planetary nebula is often regarded as the prototype of a planetary nebula, and it probably consists of a ring (torus) of bright light-emitting material surrounding its central star. Image credit: Daniel López (IAC).

