

The ING High-Quality CCD Image Collection

Our recent experience shows that there exists a big demand for high-quality astronomical images. In particular the press and the general public show a strong interest in images highlighting the scientific results from our telescopes and the beauty of the night sky above La Palma.

ING is in the favourable position in that it possesses world-class CCD imaging instruments capable of providing deep-sky and wide-field views of galaxies, star clusters, nebulae, comets, etc. Furthermore ING's on-line scientific data archive facilitates the easy selection and production of interesting images.

With the help of ING staff and in close collaboration with the experienced amateur astronomer Nik Szymanek we are building up a collection of high-quality true-colour CCD images for public use. All images will become available on-line through ING's Public Information web pages.

The two images on this page are a good example of what has already been generated. M15 globular cluster is shown on the right and M95 galaxy is shown below. Both images were taken using a CCD camera on the JKT. □

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