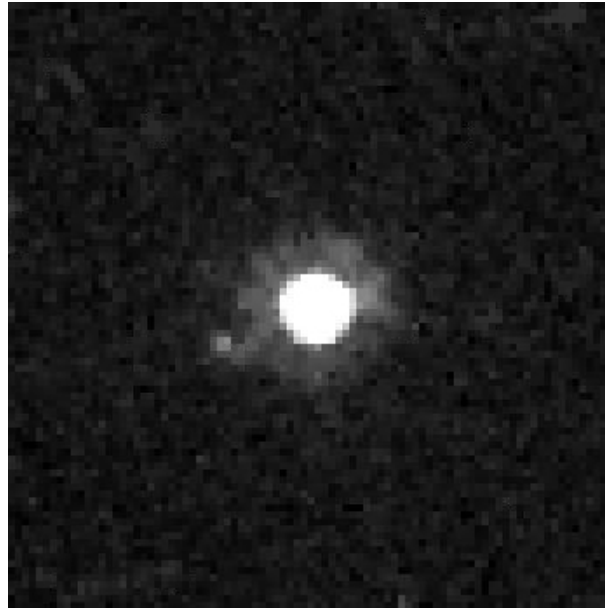


# Dwarf Planet Candidate Quaoar



Picture (Quaoar with his moon Weywot):

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The candidate was named Quaoar after the creator power from the creation myth of the North American Tongva Indians who live in the Los Angeles area. Quaoar orbits the sun in a nearly perfect circular path. It is classified as a Cubewano/CKBO or Distant Object. Crystalline water ice and ammonia hydrate have been detected on its surface. The existence of crystalline ice requires temperatures higher than 110 Kelvin. Radioactive decay processes in its interior are required to reach this temperature. Quaoar has a small moon named Weywot.

## Important data of Quaoar:

Semi-major axis:	43.69 AU (about 6,555 mio. km)
Eccentricity:	0.04
Perihelion – Aphelion:	41.964 AU – 45.42 AU
Ecliptic inclination:	8°
Sidereal orbit period:	288 a 9,7 M
Average orbital speed:	4.47 km/s
Mean diameter:	1,111 km
Mass:	about 0.0002 Earth masses ( $1.3 \cdot 10^{21}$ kg)
Mean density:	2.01 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Sidereal rotation period:	8.8400 h

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