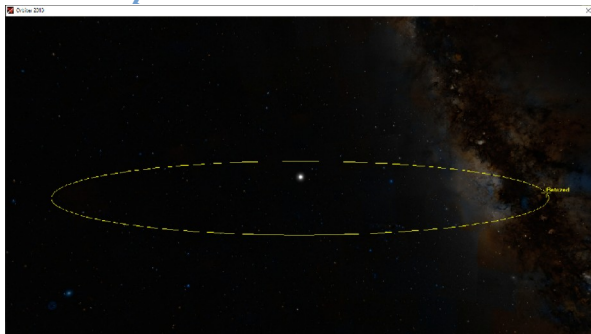


STPSP: BETAZED

Introduction

STPSP: Betazed is an auxiliary entry in the *Star Trek Planetary Systems Project* (STPSP). This is an attempt to accurately portray the major planetary systems in the *Star Trek* universe (with some conjecture, mostly in the form of some ideas of mine.) A fan of the series almost since birth, I wanted to recreate the planetary systems so that it would be possible to create scenarios in them. The Betazed system is home to one planet, one moon, and one surface base. You will require the STPSP: Bajor, *Galaxy-Nebula* family, Immense Starbase, and Spacedock 2010 add-ons for some of the scenarios. As for this system, I promise that you won't be disappointed. Enjoy!

The System

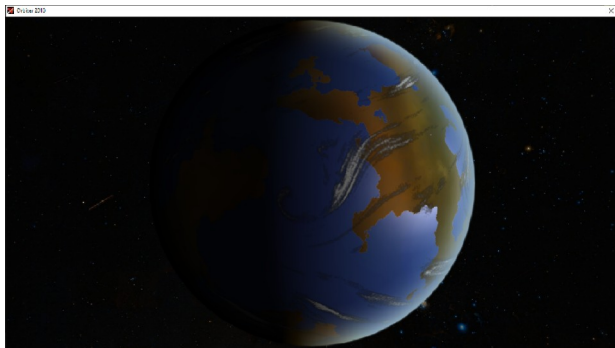


System viewed from 245 million KM

(Note: there are actually supposed be more planets in this system than shown.)

Primary Star: Beta Zeta (Class G2V)

Fifth Planet: Betazed (Class-M, one moon)



The Betazoids

The Betazoids are a humanoid species who are physically indistinguishable from humans with the exception of their characteristically black irises. Perhaps the defining characteristic of the Betazoids is their telepathic abilities, which enable them to sense other people's thoughts and emotions from long distances. These abilities usually first develop with the onset of puberty, although a small minority of Betazoids are born with fully functioning telepathy. Those who are often lack the ability to filter out the telepathic white noise of other people's thoughts, and therefore require extensive therapy to be able to function properly in

society. Conversely, Betazoids are unable to read the thoughts of members of certain species such as Ferengi, Breen, or Dopterians due to those species' four-lobed brain structure. An even smaller minority of Betazoids have extremely underdeveloped or no telepathic abilities, making them unable to sense even the strongest emotions or thoughts of others. The gestation period of a female Betazoid is usually ten months. In their middle age, Betazoid females undergo a process known only as the Phase, during which their sex drives increase by a factor of four or more. Betazoid weddings are conducted with all participants in the nude, to honour the act of love being commemorated. Betazoid society has a somewhat complex hereditary nobility, while their government has slight matriarchal elements. The Betazoids are members of the Federation, within which they are considered an important trading partner and hub of culture.

Notable Betazoids:

Lwaxana Troi: Noted ambassador and diplomat.

Deanna Troi: Daughter of Lwaxana and former councillor onboard the USS *Enterprise-D*, currently married to Capt. William T. Riker. (Technically half-human.)

Tam Elbrun: First contact specialist and delegate.

Lon Suder: Provisional officer onboard USS *Voyager* and convicted murderer.

Reittan Grax: Old friend of Lwaxana Troi's husband.

Sabin Genestra: Criminal investigator and aide to Adm. Norah Satie.

Andrus Hagan: Science officer onboard USS *Brattain* at the time of the vessel's encounter with Tyken's Rift.