SRI LANKAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Dallo Themparaduwa (Sri Lankan Spicy Tempered Squid)

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40 min · Serves 2 · 357 kcal a serve · Video 10:11 in Sinhala · Apé Amma

Pescatarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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Squid cooked in its own juices with spices, chillies and goraka instead of coconut milk: about 31 g protein and 16 g net carbs a serve, with more than a day's selenium and a day's vitamin B12.

Ingredients 15 · SERVES 2

- [ ] 1 lb whole **squid or cuttlefish** (dallo), cleaned and cut in rings (about 13 oz cleaned)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **coconut oil**
- [ ] ¼ tsp **fenugreek seeds**
- [ ] a sprig of **curry leaves**
- [ ] a piece of **rampe** (pandan leaf)
- [ ] 4–5 **green chillies**, slit
- [ ] 1 small **onion**, sliced
- [ ] 6 **garlic** cloves, crushed to a paste
- [ ] a piece of **ginger**, crushed to a paste
- [ ] 3–4 pieces **goraka** (dried Garcinia souring fruit)
- [ ] 1 tbsp **chilli powder**
- [ ] 1 tsp **Sri Lankan curry powder**
- [ ] ½ tsp **ground turmeric**
- [ ] 1 tsp **ground black pepper**
- [ ] 1 tsp **salt**

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Molluscs. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Clean the squid: pull the head and tentacles out of the body, remove the clear quill and the innards, cut away the eyes and beak, and peel off the purple skin. 0:45
2. Cut the tubes into rings and the tentacles into pieces, then wash them well in a few changes of water and drain. 3:45
3. Heat the coconut oil in a clay pot or heavy pan, fry the garlic and ginger paste for a moment, then add the fenugreek seeds, curry leaves, rampe and green chillies. 6:40
4. Add the onion and the goraka pieces and fry until the onion softens. 7:25
5. Add the chilli powder, curry powder, turmeric, pepper and salt with the squid and stir to coat every piece. 7:45
6. Cover and cook on low heat, stirring now and then, until the squid is tender and the juices have cooked down to a thick, dark spicy coating. 7:55

Tip Serves 2 as a main (our estimate; 3–4 as one curry among several). Traditionally eaten with rice and other curries; cauliflower rice keeps it lower in carbs. Goraka is sold dried in Sri Lankan shops; tamarind works too.

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Sinhala) shows every step.

One serve gives you 1 OF 2 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
357 kcal	31 g	20 g	3.6 g	17 g	1,250 mg
1,490 kJ	63% of a day	16 g net · 4 g sugars	13% of a day	12 g saturated	55% of a day
		7% of a day		22% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 19% · protein 36% · fat 45% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 157% · Vitamin B12 100% · Omega-3 60% · Zinc 30% · Vitamin E 26% · Vitamin C 25% · Vitamin B6 23% · Magnesium 21%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 18% · Potassium 16% · Vitamin A 13%

⚠ One serve has about 55% of a day's sodium — less salt, stock or sauce (or reduced-salt versions) brings it down.

Recipe and video: Apé Amma (@ApeAmma) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=pYZsi9DUNMI, published 10 June 2022. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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