EAST AFRICAN · LUNCH · DINNER

Kamba (Swahili Spiced Prawns with Peppers)

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30 min · Serves 4 · 221 kcal a serve · Video 3:04 in Swahili · Shuna's Kitchen

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

24 g protein and 3 g net carbs a serve: prawns cooked first in their own juices with peppers and spices, then finished with olive oil and lemon.

Diet notes: Low carb (3.2 g net carbs) but not keto: 51% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

12 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 2¼ lb whole **raw prawns**, shell on (kamba)
- [ ] ½ cup diced mixed **capsicum** (red, green and yellow)
- [ ] a few **curry leaves** (optional)
- [ ] about 3 cloves **garlic**, for 1 tbsp fresh garlic-ginger paste
- [ ] a ¾ inch piece **fresh ginger**, for the garlic-ginger paste
- [ ] 1 tsp **curry powder**
- [ ] ½ tbsp **ground cumin**
- [ ] ½ tbsp **ground black pepper**
- [ ] **salt**, to taste
- [ ] 3–4 tbsp **olive oil**
- [ ] chopped **hot chilli** (optional)
- [ ] **Lemon juice**: juice of 1 lemon or lime

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Clean the whole raw prawns (head and shell on) and drain them well. 0:30
2. Put the prawns in a wide pan and add everything except the oil, chilli and lemon: the capsicum, curry leaves, garlic-ginger paste, curry powder, cumin, black pepper and salt. Mix well. 1:14
3. Cover and cook over medium heat without any water for 5 minutes — the prawns release their own juices. 1:32
4. Uncover, stir and cook for another 7–10 minutes, until the liquid has dried up. 1:40
5. Once the pan is dry, add the olive oil (and the chilli if using) and fry, stirring, until the prawns are coated and lightly browned. 1:58
6. Squeeze in the lemon or lime juice, leave on the heat for 1–2 minutes more and serve. 2:24

> **Tip** Serves 4 (our estimate). Peel the prawns at the table. Good with a tomato and onion kachumbari salad; in East Africa it is also eaten with rice, chapati or ugali.

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

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
221 kcal 920 kJ	**24** g 48% of a day	**4.4** g 3.2 g net · 1.2 g sugars 2% of a day	**1.2** g 4% of a day	**12** g 1.8 g saturated 16% of a day	**500** mg 22% of a day

Energy from net carbs 6% · protein 44% · fat 50% — very low carb (under 10% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 89% · Vitamin B12 69% · Vitamin C 35% · Omega-3 25% · Vitamin E 24%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 16% · Vitamin B6 15% · Magnesium 12%

Recipe and video: Shuna's Kitchen (@ShunasKitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=boRdQKMBD1Y, published 12 November 2018. 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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