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Pescado a la Veracruzana (Veracruz-Style Fish)

45 min · Serves 4 · 431 kcal a serve · Video 6:35 · Zelecisne Recetas

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

Lean white fish in a tomato, olive and caper sauce: with the rice, each serve gives about 36 g protein for about 430 kcal, plus olive oil for healthy fat and tomatoes that make it rich in vitamin C.

Diet notes: Low carb (44 g net carbs) but not keto: 34% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

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Ingredients

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- [ ] 4 **white fish fillets** (tilapia, snapper or similar; about 680 g)
- [ ] 3–4 **tomatoes**, diced
- [ ] ¼ **onion**, diced
- [ ] 2–3 cloves **garlic**, sliced
- [ ] **olive oil**, enough to coat the base of the pan (about 2 tbsp)
- [ ] 2 **bay leaves**
- [ ] ½ tsp **dried thyme**
- [ ] ½ tsp **Mexican oregano**
- [ ] a pinch of **paprika**
- [ ] 120 ml **water or fish stock**
- [ ] 1 tbsp **capers**
- [ ] 15 **green olives**, sliced or whole
- [ ] chopped **fresh parsley** (optional)
- [ ] 4 **pickled güero chillies** (1 per fillet)
- [ ] a splash of the **chilli pickling liquid**
- [ ] **salt** to taste
- [ ] **pepper** to taste
- [ ] 710 ml cooked **white rice** (about 240 ml uncooked), to serve (optional)

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Dice the tomatoes, cut the onion into small squares, slice the garlic, and chop the parsley and olives. 0:30
2. Coat the base of a wide pan with olive oil and cook the onion until soft and translucent, then add the garlic and the tomatoes. 1:04
3. When the tomatoes start to break down, season with salt, pepper, bay leaves, thyme, paprika and oregano. Lower the heat to medium, add the water or stock and simmer 5 minutes. 1:46
4. Stir in the capers, olives and parsley, then the pickled güero chillies and a splash of their liquid. Taste before adding more salt – the olives and capers are briny. 2:40
5. Lay the fillets on the sauce, season them lightly, cover and cook on medium-low for 15–20 minutes until the fish is cooked through. Spoon the sauce over and serve with white rice. 3:57

> **Tip** Serves 4 (one fillet each, our estimate). Any firm white fish works, or a whole snapper as is traditional in Veracruz. If you can't find güero chillies, use pickled jalapeños or mild banana peppers.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE
431 kcal	36 g	47 g
1,800 kJ	73% of a day	44 g net · 4.1 g sugars
		17% of a day

FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
3.2 g	10 g	640 mg
12% of a day	1.5 g saturated	28% of a day
	13% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 43% · protein 35% · fat 22%

High in (20%+ of a day) Selenium 114% · Vitamin B12 62% · Vitamin C 43% · Vitamin K 43% · Vitamin B6 38% · Vitamin E 25% · Omega-3 23% · Magnesium 22%

Source of (10–19%) Zinc 17% · Potassium 15% · Iron 12% · Folate 11%

Recipe and video: Zelecisne Recetas (@ZelecisneRecetas) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=PcmvcrZksxg, published 19 March 2021. 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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