

Seared Snapper with Mamey Sapote Chutney and Couscous, with Almonds, Mamey Sapote and Mint By Chef/Consultant Michelle Bernstein Serves 4

Ingredients: 4 (6 ounce) filets of Snapper

For the Chutney:

habanero or Scotch bonnet chili, seeded and minced
 cup apple cider vinegar
 teaspoon salt
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1½ cups brown sugar
4 mamey sapote, peeled & diced
2 small onions, finely chopped
1 tablespoon grated ginger
Juice of 1 lime
3 whole cloves
¼ teaspoon cinnamon

In a large, heavy bottom pot combine the peppers with the vinegar, salt, and sugar. Cook over medium heat until the sugar dissolves. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Simmer for 2 hours. Remove from heat, cover, and set aside for another 2 hours. Then, refrigerate overnight.

For the Mamey Sapote Couscous:

¼ cup olive oil
4 cups chopped onions
3 cups chicken broth
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cups couscous (about 12 ounces)
1/3 cup chopped fresh mint
1 cup small diced, peeled mamey sapote
½ cup slivered almonds, toasted

Heat oil in large, heavy pot over medium-high heat. Add onions and sauté until very tender and beginning to brown, about 15 minutes. Add broth and cinnamon and bring to boil. Mix in couscous. Cover pot; remove from heat. Let stand 15 minutes. Using a fork, fluff the couscous. Mix in mint, mamey and half of almonds. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Mound couscous in a bowl and sprinkle remaining almonds on top.

Season the snapper filet with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a fry pan. Sauté the snapper in olive oil for 4 minutes on each side. Serve over the couscous with a teaspoon full of chutney on top of the fish.