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# are Ideal in SEA Cuisines!

Whole grains are an essential food group in our daily diet. One excellent example of whole grains is oat. Being a whole grain, oat provides the best source of carbohydrates for our daily energy needs. It is also a great source of micronutrients and phytonutrients that are vital for various body functions, and rich in dietary fibre that are important for our digestive health. Incorporating our diet with more oats and whole grains is a major leap forward in our healthy eating journey.

The great thing is, oat is a versatile ingredient that can be simply adapted in all kinds of meals. From a fulfilling breakfast to a wholesome lunch and ending with a hearty dinner, oat can be used in meals throughout the day. It is also suitable for making delicious desserts or savoury snacks. Oat can also be easily incorporated in traditional cuisines of Southeast Asian (SEA) countries. This is one way to make oat more acceptable to the people in the region. Including more oats in our meals will not only be beneficial for our health, but will also make our food taste better and make us satisfied longer!

40 different recipes from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines are compiled in this cookbook to illustrate different ways of incorporating oat in our meals. Based on traditional dishes commonly offered in each country, these recipes include oat as one of the main ingredients to enrich their nutritional values. The variety of recipes presented here proves that oat is suitable for people of all ages, and not just for the elderlies and sick people. This cookbook also contains full-colour pictures and nutritional information of each dish to guide readers. You can use these recipes at home as a way to increase your family's whole grain intake. Let's start using oats in our meals!







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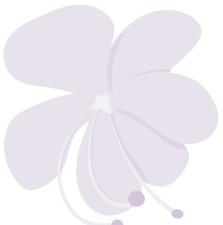
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## Message from Nutrition Society of Malaysia



It has been well-established that whole grains are more nutritious than refined grains. Whole grains are packed with nutrients such as fibre, protein, vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients. Numerous researches have demonstrated that adding whole grains to our diet can significantly lower our risk of chronic diseases and illnesses.

Grains serve as the main source of energy and nutrition for people in the Southeast Asian region. However, majority of the population prefer to consume polished or refined grains rather than whole grains. Even though whole grains provide a myriad of health benefits, the consumption of whole grains remain low in the region. This is probably due to insufficient understanding of the health benefits of whole grains and lack of promotion through official dietary guidelines.

In cognisance with the persistence of under-nutrition and an epidemic of non-communicable diseases related to over-nutrition in the region, there is a dire need to intensify the promotion of healthy diet, including greater consumption of whole grains. Toward this end, five professional bodies and academic institutions in SEA, namely the Nutrition Society of Malaysia (NSM), Institute of Nutrition Mahidol University, Nutrition Foundation of Philippines (NFP), Food and Nutrition Society of Indonesia (PERGIZI PANGAN Indonesia) and Vietnam Nutrition Association (VINUTAS) have teamed up and published a series of cookbook focusing on the promotion of healthier food ingredients and the use of healthier cooking methods.

The series of cookbook highlights the use of oats in local cuisines as an effort to increase whole grain intake. Besides being nutritious, oat is also a highly versatile ingredient. Apart from the usual oatmeal and oat drinks, oat could easily be incorporated into daily cooking to increase the nutritional content of the dishes. The recipes in these cookbooks have been selected from the diverse variety of traditional dishes and cuisines from the respective countries of the five professional bodies and institutions. Oats are incorporated into the dishes either by adding or replacing other ingredients so that the taste of these dishes can be easily accepted by the population. Through these dishes, it can be seen that oats is not just for the sick and elderly.

Volume 1 and 2 of the Healthy Cooking with Oats cookbooks have been published in 2017 and 2018 respectively. This year, we are pleased to present to you Volume 3, with recipes from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The cookbook also has a section on whole grains and oats to provide useful information to readers and encourage them to choose whole grains.

With the publication of the series of cookbook, we hope more people will gain understanding on the benefits of whole grains and discover the many ways to include more of this wholesome food in the diet. Hopefully, this cookbook, developed with an educational grant from the Pepsico Services Asia Ltd (Quaker), will inspire more to enjoy cooking and learn that healthy cooking is actually not difficult. Have fun trying out these oat-based recipes!

#### **Dr Tee E Siong**

Editor-in-Chief, Healthy Cooking with Oats Chairman, Editorial Committee – Malaysia President, Nutrition Society of Malaysia

## Messsage from PERGIZI PANGAN Indonesia



Indonesia, a developing country in the Southeast Asia region, is now facing a double burden of malnutrition, which results in an increasing problem of obesity, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, diabetes and other noncommunicable diseases. Malnutrition is mainly caused by imbalanced nutrient intake and unhealthy lifestyle.

A meta-analysis published in British Medical Journal (Ho HVT, 2016) concluded that whole grain intake reduced risk of coronary heart disease, cardiovascular disease, total cancer, and mortality from all causes. Further meta-analysis published in British Journal of Nutrition (Ho HVT, 2016) showed that consuming 3 g of oats  $\beta$ -glucan, a type of soluble dietary fibers, equal to 70 g of oats/day for more than three weeks has a lowering effect on LDL-cholesterol, non-HDL-cholesterol and apolipoprotein B. These evidences support one of the common dietary guidelines recommendations, namely increasing intake of whole grain and dietary fiber, to reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

This is the reason the Food and Nutrition Society of Indonesia (PERGIZI PANGAN Indonesia), Nutrition Society of Malaysia (NSM), Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines Inc. (NFP), Centre of Innovation and Reference on Food for Nutrition from the Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University (INMU), and Vietnam Nutrition Association (VINUTAS) have teamed up and are delighted to present this book entitled HEALTHY COOKING WITH OATS – Recipes from Southeast Asia Volume 3: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand & Vietnam. This book is a joint collaboration between nutrition professional organisations in Southeast Asia.

The cookbook encourages the consumption of healthier food ingredients and recipes as well as healthier cooking methods, which are an important step towards healthy eating. We enrich the Indonesian traditional recipes with oats appropriately. This whole grain can be easily found in stores and is a truly versatile food ingredient. It can be used either by itself, in addition to, or in place of, other ingredients. Our main aim is to promote healthy cooking practices and eating habits. The recipes have been carefully selected to feature the characteristic cuisine features of Indonesian traditional cuisines. In order to make it easier for readers, the recipes featured in this book have been categorized according to mealtimes that will accommodate the practical needs of your family.

It is hoped that this book, developed with an educational grant from the Pepsico Services Asia Ltd (Quaker), will inspire more people to enjoy a healthier Indonesian traditional cuisines cooking. Enjoy trying out these oat-based recipes and be healthier!

#### Prof Dr Ir Hardinsyah

Chairman, Editorial Committee – Indonesia President, Food and Nutrition Society Indonesia

## Message from Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines Inc.



The face of malnutrition has changed through the years. The double burden of malnutrition (undernutrition and overnutrition) has not only emerged as a health concern but also a social interest in the Philippines and all over the world. Proper

knowledge with regards to food choices and preparation is of equal importance as the quality and quantity of food consumed. Dietary fibre has been found to be beneficial in maintaining health through its association with the control of cholesterol, blood sugar levels and achieving a healthy weight.

Filipino cuisine remains underrepresented and understated in Asia. Being a fusion cuisine on its own, its identity can be considered a mesh of traditions and cultural influences from indigenous and colonial methods of cooking. It has slowly been getting recognition in the last few years; and its obscure uniqueness made it possible to be tweaked by adding familiar ingredients. The selection of recipes in this cookbook are not only nutritious but can be easily replicated in Filipino households.

Now for the second time, NFP extends our deepest thanks to SEAPHN and Pepsico for giving this opportunity to showcase authentic Filipino dishes, with a twist, to the rest of Southeast Asia. Mabuhay at Maraming Salamat po!

> **Dr Jesus Fernando B. Inciong** Chairman-President, Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines Inc.

### Message from Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand

After a fruitful collaboration on the book "Healthy Cooking with Oats Vol. 1", we were asked to take part in the creation of Vol. 3 of the cookbook and gratefully accepted the invitation because of the sound concept of the project aiming at promoting the usage of oats. The aim is in line with the fact that whole grains are rarely used

as ingredients in Thai cuisine and the cookbook can be a way to promote its consumption in Thailand. Furthermore, a creation of Thai food recipes with oat not only enhances health benefits of the foods by using a scientifically proven healthy ingredient, but also internationalises our traditional Thai cuisines.

In the first volume, we presented 15 food recipes comprising mainly main dishes, so we decided to select delicious recipes of two snacks and six desserts for this volume. All recipes here were created by researchers of the Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University with care and were tested to ensure their great taste. Different types, preparation method, and amount of oats are used in the recipes so that the addition of oats harmonises with the other ingredients and the way that the foods are cooked. Each recipe includes preparation and cooking time, a step-by-step cooking direction, and nutrition per serving i.e. energy, carbohydrate, protein, fat, and fibre content.

Again, we hope that you enjoy our cooking recipes. Try and modify the recipes to suit your taste; make them your own healthy and delicious recipes.



Assoc Prof Dr Ratchanee Kongkachuichai Director Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand

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### Message from Vietnam Nutrition Association



Vietnam has achieved remarkable improvement in the nutrition status of the population. However, there is a growing challenge presented by the double burden of malnutrition, with high prevalence of under-nutrition in mothers and children, combined with rising rates of overweight, obesity, and related chronic diseases.

There are usually cereal and fibre-rich vegetables in traditional Vietnamese meals. To continue to improve the diet of Vietnamese people, in terms of quantity and quality, VINUTAS would like to promote nutritious meals and healthy cooking practices to families. In Vietnam, 10 Proper Nutrition Recommendations (Food-based Guidelines) are important nutrition educational messages, in which diversified diet is of primary importance for the community. Adding oats into regular meals would be one of the solutions to increase food diversity, food sensory features and nutrition values.

Scientific research showed that oat is a potential healthy food. Oat is incredibly nutritious with essential vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. In addition, they're high in solute fibre and protein compared to other grains. Oat contains some unique components — in particular, the soluble fibre beta-glucan and antioxidants called avenanthramides that can help lower blood sugar and cholesterol levels, reduce the risk of heart disease. Oat is also very filling and should be a weight-loss friendly food.

Thus there is a need to promote the health benefits of oats to Vietnamese to contribute to the diversity of grains in daily diets. The VINUTAS is pleased to collaborate in the publishing of this cookbook to promote people using oats in their daily diets. We have selected 8 very popular traditional Vietnamese dishes to be modified by adding wholegrain oats. We hope this publication will be helpful so you will enjoy and love these dishes.

> **Prof Dr Le Thi Hop** Chairman, Editorial Committee – Vietnam President, Vietnam Nutrition Association

# Know Your Whole Grains & Oats

## Whole Grains in Our Diet

Since thousands of years ago, as human began cultivating crops, we also started to consume whole grains. Whole grains became the main source of energy and staple foods for many population groups all over the globe. However, as we progressed in agriculture and food technology in the last century, refined grains and products based on refined grains became more popular as staple diet, probably due to their longer shelf life and their supposed better taste and texture.

The main portion of diet for the population in most Southeast Asian countries is made up of grains and grain-based products. Indeed, the staple food in the region is rice, a type of grain. This follows the recommendation of most dietary guidelines, which specifies rice and other grains as the main source of energy by placing grains at the base of the food pyramid. Despite that, nowadays whole grains only make up a small percentage of our consumption, compared to our high intake of refined grains and their products.

Fortunately, the health movement in recent years has renewed the interest of the public in whole grains. Health authorities around the world are also beginning to put more emphasis on promoting the goodness of whole grains. The national dietary guidelines of Malaysia and Singapore recommend at least half of daily grain intake from whole grains as part of an effort to combat the increasing prevalence of diet-related illnesses in the region.

### What are Whole Grains?

Whole grains can be described as 'complete' grains as they contain all three parts of grains, the bran, endosperm and germ:

> **Bran:** the hard outer layer of cereal grains containing important phytonutrients, B vitamins, minerals, and dietary fibre

• Endosperm: the tissue produced inside the grains after seed fertilisation, which contains starchy carbohydrates, protein and phytonutrients

Germ: the reproductive part of the grains that can germinate into plants, containing B vitamins, vitamin E, phytonutrients, and unsaturated fatty acids

On the contrary, refined grains have

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gone through the milling process. This removes the bran and germ, thus losing the essential nutrients contained in both parts. Only the endosperm is left in refined grains, which now consist of mostly carbohydrates as well as some protein. Therefore, whole grains are more wholesome and nutritious than refined grains. They are richer in dietary fibre, micronutrients (vitamins and minerals), and phytonutrients (some with antioxidant properties). It is obvious that whole grains are the better option!

## More Whole Grains for **Health!**

Why choose whole grains? Numerous studies have found that whole grains are beneficial in improving our health and reducing the risk of various chronic diseases. Some of the benefits include:

- **Good for digestive health:** Whole grains are high in dietary fibre, which helps to promote healthy gut microbiota, reduce constipation, and control bowel movement.
- Healthy weight management: Dietary fibre in whole grains makes you feel satisfied or full longer after eating, hence preventing overeating. Making whole grains as part of your regular diet can help decrease the risk of obesity and weight gain.
- **Control of blood glucose:** Whole grains are digested slowly by the body, thereby reducing spikes in blood glucose. Thus, regular intake of whole grains can help manage blood glucose level.
- Reduce cancer risk: Research has indicated that a diet rich in whole grains may reduce the risk of certain cancers. The antioxidant properties of some phytonutrients, the presence of vital micronutrients,

and high fibre content may play a role in this.

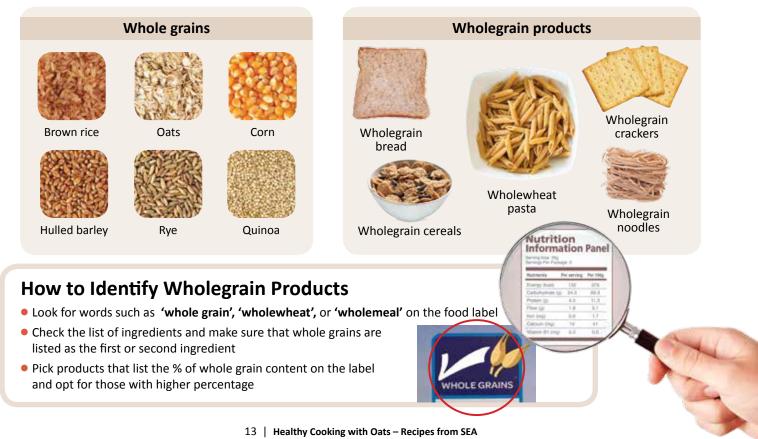
• Reduce risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVD): Consistent whole grain intake may help to lower the risk of CVD, as they contain a combination of important nutrients like phytonutrients, trace minerals, dietary fibre and vitamin E.

### Whole Grains: Nutrient-packed Goodness

A steady intake of whole grains are good for our health, all thanks to their rich content of essential nutrients, such as dietary fibre, several vitamins and minerals, phytonutrients, and unsaturated fatty acids.

- Dietary fibre: Originating from plants, dietary fibre is not digestible by our body, but vital for many digestive functions. However, we tend to neglect it in our diet.
- Micronutrients: Consisting of vitamins and minerals, a small yet optimum amount of micronutrients are essential for various body functions.
- Phytonutrients: Also found in plants, they are a group of biologically active components with different functions. Some of them act as antioxidants and can help reduce the risk of cancers and heart diseases.

### **Types of Whole Grains and Wholegrain Products**



## Get More Whole Grains, Choose Oat

One great example of whole grains is oat. Most oat products in the market are considered as whole grains as they still retain the bran and germ even after processing. This keeps the nutrient content intact. It is a multipurpose ingredient and can be prepared quickly and easily. It is also suitable for different kinds of dishes, from a hearty lunch to a light supper. No matter sweet or savoury, oat can be used in any recipes and is perfect to include in your daily diet to increase your intake of whole grains to the recommended portion.



### Old-Fashioned Oats: After

steaming or roasting whole oat groats, they are rolled into flakes. Oats will last longer after going through this process. Only ten to fifteen minutes are needed to cook this variety. Use it for a simple breakfast meal or to make granola bars, cookies, muffins and other treats.



**Quick-Cook Oats:** Oat flakes are cut into smaller pieces, steamed longer, and rolled thinner to produce quick-cook oats. Only around five minutes are needed to cook this variety, so it is suitable for a quick yet fulfilling meal. Old-fashioned oats can be replaced with quick-cook oats in any recipes.

## Variety of Oats in the Market

A wide variety of oats and oat products are available for you to choose in the market. There are the good oldfashioned oats, the chewier steel-cut oats, as well as the convenient quick oats and instant oatmeal, which are all whole grains. Different methods of processing are involved in producing these different varieties of oats, hence resulting in different textures and cooking times. Nevertheless, you will get equivalent nutritional values from all types of oats, as they are all made from whole oat.



### Steel-Cut Oats: Sharp

metal blades are used to cut oats into smaller pieces. Steel-cut oats are not rolled and take longer time to cook. They also have a tougher and chewier texture. Another name for this variety is Irish oatmeal. Use it for making porridge, meatloaf, savoury congee, and stuffing.

### **Instant Oatmeal:** Cut oat groats are precooked, dried, and then rolled to produce instant oatmeal. The taste and texture is almost similar to quick oats.

Instant oatmeal is quick and easy to prepare, and suitable as beverages.



There are also non-whole grain varieties such as oat bran – it only contains the bran without the endosperm and germ.





### **Oat-Based Products:** Various oat-based products are available, ranging from oat cookies, ready-toeat oat cereals, oat beverages, to oat snack bars. The variety offered in the market made oats more accessible and more interesting for everyone!



- Oat has a high content of dietary fibre, which is good for our digestive health. It can help regulate bowel movement, reduce the risk of constipation, and stimulate a feeling of fullness.
- It also contains a special type of dietary fibre, beta-glucan, which has been shown in studies to be able to lower blood cholesterol and control the rise of blood glucose level.
- Oat contains fair amounts of protein and unsaturated fatty acids. In fact, more protein and unsaturated fatty acids are found in oat compared to other grains.

## Oat: Healthy, Nutritious, Delicious

As a whole grain, oat is a great source of **essential nutrients** and good for health, in addition to being a tasty ingredient.

- A rich source of micronutrients, oats contains a variety of vitamins and minerals. Different types of vitamins such as vitamin B1, B2, B3, E and folate can be found in oat. Several key nutrients like iron, phosphorus, magnesium and zinc are also available. These micronutrients are vital for various functions in our body.
- Another type of nutrient found in oat is phytonutrients, consisting of a wide variety of biologically active plant components. Studies found that phytonutrients exhibit antioxidant and anti-inflammatory

properties which have the potential in lowering the risk of chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases and cancers.

With all these benefits, oat is clearly the ideal option to increase your family's whole grain intake. Together with a balanced diet and regular physical activities, these will be fruitful in your journey of healthy lifestyle.

In order to enjoy the health benefits of oat, sufficient amount of it need to be taken daily. This can be achieved by including oats into various meals throughout the day.

### Multipurpose Ingredient for Any Meals!

A healthy meal does not mean that it has to be bland and tasteless. Various ways are available to make a nutritious yet delicious dish. One way is by incorporating oats in your dish, making it healthier and tastier. Oat is a multipurpose ingredient that can be used in different meals throughout the day, either light or heavy, from sweet to savoury. Try these tips to include oat in your daily diet:

- Have breakfast with overnight oats (oats soaked in milk/ yoghurt overnight in fridge, served with fruits/nuts)
- Add oats in fruit smoothies or when baking cakes/muffins
- Add roasted oats to stir-fry dishes to add more crunch
- Coat fish/meat with rolled oats before grilling or roasting
- Top-up your bowl of oatmeal with savoury dishes like poached eggs or sautéed mushrooms

There are many more ways to include oat in your diet. This cookbook is published to introduce the benefits of oat as a whole grain, and to demonstrate its versatility as an ingredient. Using the recipes presented here, you and your family will be able to savour the goodness that wholegrain oats can offer to impart various benefits to health.

### Good to know...

In recognition of the beneficial effect of betaglucan on blood cholesterol, the Ministry of Health Malaysia has permitted a health claim that beta-glucan from oat may help lower blood cholesterol level.

### Useful tips!

Use oat to replace wheat in recipes for people with wheat allergy. Oat is gluten-free.



### NUTRITION and FOOD for HEALTHY and SMART GENERATION

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Food and Nutrition Society of Indonesia (PERGIZI PANGAN Indonesia) is an organization of food and nutrition experts, which was established on August 19th 1973 in Indonesia.

The main objective of PERGIZI PANGAN Indonesia is to build better communication and collaboration among nutrition food experts in the development and application of science and technology for improving nutrition and health status of Indonesians through professional, public, private and people partnership.

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## Adding oats into traditional Indonesian Cuisine for more goodness!

Indonesia, with more than 300 ethnic groups, has one of the most vibrant and colourful cuisines in the world. They are intensely flavourful too! Many regional cuisines exist, often based upon indigenous culture and foreign influences. Indonesia has about 5,000 traditional recipes, with 30 of them considered the most important. Indonesia's cuisine may include rice, noodle, meat, fish and soup dishes which are sold in modest local eateries to street-side snacks and top-dollar plates. A worldwide online poll in 2011 among 35,000 respondents held by CNN International had voted *rendang* (a semiwet curry meat) as the top favourite food, followed closely by *nasi goreng* (fried rice) in position two, and *sate* (satay) in position fourteen.

Indonesian cuisines often demonstrate rich and complex flavours, acquired from certain ingredients and mixture of spices. Throughout history, Indonesia's food ingredients and cuisines were influenced by India, China, the Middle East and European countries. The traders brought new ingredients and recipes even before the Dutch came to colonise most of the archipelago. Inversely, the Indonesian islands, which are famed as "the Spice Islands", also contributed to the introduction of spices, such as cloves and nutmeg, to Indonesian and global cuisines.

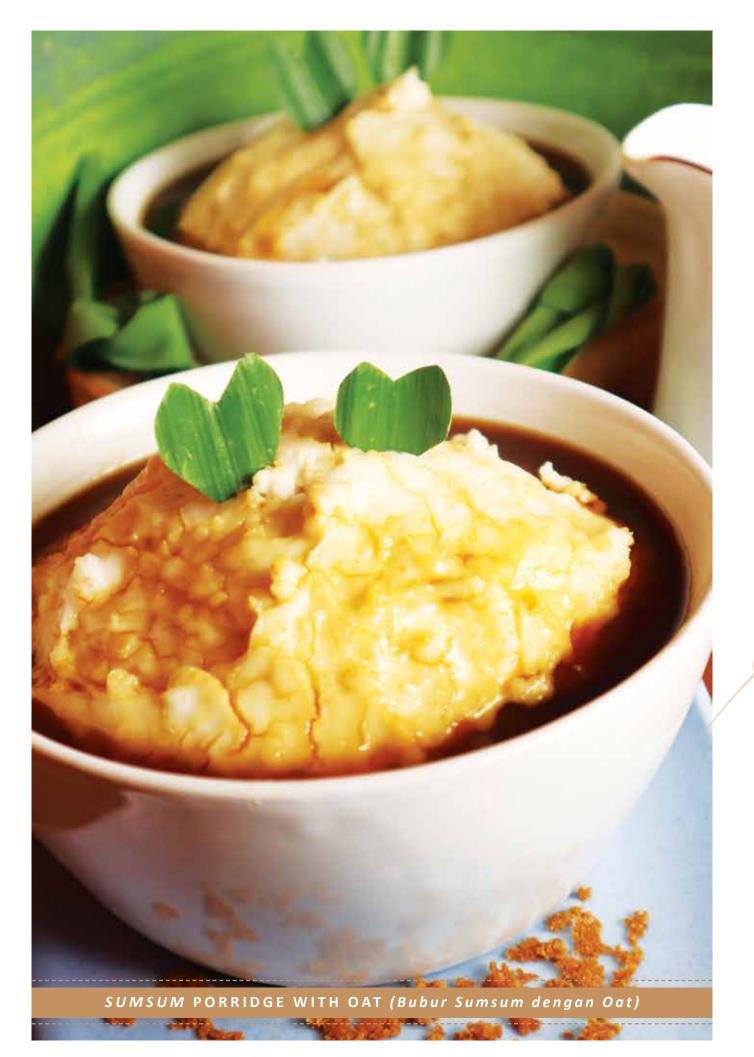
It is interesting to note that Indonesian cuisines vary greatly by region and has many different influences. Sumatran cuisine, for example, often has Middle Eastern and Indian influences, featuring curried meat and vegetables such as *gulai* or curry, while Javanese cuisine is mostly indigenous, with some hint of Chinese influence. The cuisines of Eastern Indonesia are similar to Polynesian and Melanesian cuisine. Elements of Chinese cuisine can be seen in Indonesian cuisine: foods such as noodles, meat balls, and spring rolls have been completely assimilated. The ways to cook Indonesian cuisine include frying, grilling, roasting, dry roasting, sautéing, boiling and steaming

Creatively, oats can be a more interesting alternative ingredient for preparing meals for breakfast, main dishes, snacks and desserts as well as drinks based on Indonesian traditional cuisine. This book has 15 recipes that make use of oats as a more healthful ingredient in selected Indonesian cuisines. There are numerous ways for you to include them in your family's meals and turn them into more nutritious choices. In this book, we combine oat into *Sumsum* Porridge with Oat, Chicken and Anchovy *Botok* with Oat, Grilled Rice with Chicken, Tempe and oat, Balinese Salad with Oat, Sticky Rice Ball Filled with Palm Sugar & Oat, Fried Cassava Ball with Oncom & Oat, Iced Selendang Mayang with Oat, and Mud Cake with Oat. Try these recipes and enjoy the great taste and extra goodness!









## Sumsum Porridge with Oat (Bubur Sumsum dengan Oat)

### Serves: 4

Preparation time: 20 min

Cooking time: 10 min

### Ingredients

220 g (2 bowl) rice flour 80 g (1 cup) instant oat 500 ml (2 cups) diluted coconut milk 100 ml water

Sugar sauce 127 g (2 pcs) brown sugar 3 g (1 pc) pandan leaf 3 g (1 tsp) sugar 100 ml (1 glass) water

### Instructions

Mix rice flour, instant oat and coconut milk and water in a bowl and mix well.

Sieve the mixture for a smooth, lump-free batter.

Bring the batter to a boil while constantly stirring until it thickens.

Let the mixture chill and cool down.

To make the sugar sauce, mix brown sugar, pandan leaf, sugar and water. Simmer over low heat.

Strain the sugar sauce to remove any crumbs.

Serve the *sumsum* porridge with sugar sauce.

Sumsum porridge is a typical Javanese food in the form of white porridge made from rice flour and eaten with sweet gravy (brown sugar sauce). Sumsum porridge has two distinct characteristics, namely white and sweet. The white colour of sumsum porridge has the meaning of purity of heart, body and mind while sweetness shows prosperity, gratitude, sweetness of life and happiness. Oat is added to the sumsum porridge to increase whole grain intake.



## Chicken & Anchovy Botok with Oat

### (Botok Ayam Teri dengan Oat)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 30 min

### Ingredients

380 g (4 pcs) chicken
300 g (1 bowl) grated coconut
25 g (½ small bowl) *petai*30 g (½ small bowl) anchovy
180 g (2 ¼ cup) quick cook oat
75 g (1 medium) egg
22 g (7 pcs) whole cayenne pepper
2 g (2 pcs) bay leaf
Banana leaf (to wrap)

### Ground spices

47 g (7 pcs) onion 11 g (3 cloves) garlic 13 g (4 pcs) cayenne pepper 5 g (3 cm) cutcherry *Botok* is a typical Javanese food made from young coconut, which has been extracted, seasoned and wrapped in banana leaves and steamed. Oat is mixed to *botok* to increase whole grain intake.

10 g (1 pc) leek 5 g (1 tsp) salt 3 g (½ tsp) sugar

### Instructions

Boil the chicken until cooked then drain the water.

Shred the chicken into small pieces.

Mix grated coconut, petai, anchovies, quick cook oat, egg with the shredded chicken and ground spices. Mix all ingredients evenly. Season to taste.



Add bay leaves and whole cayenne pepper to the mixture. You can squeeze the bay leaves to get its aroma out to the *botok*.

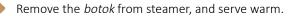


Wrap the *botok* mixture into a piece of banana leaf. Once wrapped, pin a toothpick into one part of the



wrapper to hold it in place for the *botok* to cook well.

Steam for about 30 minutes over medium heat.



**Nutrient Content per Serving** 

Protein 12.0 g



## Grilled Rice with Chicken, Tempe & Oat

(Nasi Bakar Ayam Tempe dengan Oat)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 25 min

### Ingredients

230 g (3 medium pcs) chicken 500 g (1 bowl) rice 100 g (1 ¼ cups) quick cook oat 5 g (1 tsp) salt 15 g (1 tsp) butter 3 g (3 pcs) lime leaves 40 g (2 pcs) lemongrass 3 g (3 pcs) bay leaf 5 g (3 cm) galangal 200 g (1 small bowl) thick coconut milk 15 g (1 ½ tbsp) tamarind water 28 g (1 pc) tempe 50 g (1 cup) peanuts 75 g (1 medium) egg Banana leaf (for wrap)

### Instructions



Boil the chicken until cooked and then drain the water.



Shred the chicken into small pieces.



Mix the rice with salt and butter and set aside.

Heat the oil, then add spices and fry until fragrant.



Add lemongrass, bay leaves, lime leaves and galangal into the spices.



Next add the coconut milk, then the chicken, quick cook oat and tamarind water. Cook until soaked, then lift and aside.



In a separate pan, saute tempe along with onion, garlic, salt and pepper until cooked, and set aside. Grilled rice is also called *buri* rice in Sundanese. Grilled rice is rice which is seasoned and wrapped in banana leaves and grilled over an open flame. Grilled rice usually contains chicken and other side dishes such as tempe which has been previously sauteed. Oat is mixed to grilled rice to increase whole grain intake.

### Ground spices

47 g (6 pcs) onion 11 g (3 cloves) garlic 18 g (6 pcs) red chilli pepper 22 g (6 pcs) curly red chilli 3 g (1 cm) roasted turmeric 1 g (1 tsp) shrimp paste 5 g (1 tsp) salt 5 g (1 tbsp) pepper powder 3 g (½ tsp) sugar



In another pan, fry the peanuts until it turns brown, and set aside.



Fry the eggs, cut into small pieces, and set aside.



To wrap the rice and other fillings together, use a banana leaf. Place the butter rice then spicy chicken, dried tempe, and fried egg in the middle and wrap it nicely. Seal using a toothpick.



Grill the wrapped rice over fire until fragrant and dry. Serve while warm with additional chilli on top.

Protein 20.6 g

Calories 690 kcal



## Balinese Salad with Oat (Jukut Urap Bali dengan Oat)

Serves: 3

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 30 min

### Ingredients

230 g (1 medium bowl) grated coconut
80 g (1 cup) instant oat
115 g (2 bunches) water spinach
100 g (1 medium bowl) bean sprouts
23 g (10 pcs) long beans

#### Ground spices

5 g (5 pcs) lime leaves 10 g (3 cloves) garlic 27 g (7 pcs) curly red chili 14 g (2 tbsp) fried onion 5 g (3 cm) cutcherry 5 g (1 tsp) salt 5 g (1 tsp) sugar 1 g (¼ small pc) shrimp paste

### Instructions

Mix grated coconut, instant oat and ground spices. Stir well.

Steam spice mixture for 30 minutes until done and set aside.



Blanch water spinach, long beans, and bean sprouts. Once vegetables are soft, remove from the water. Drain well.



Combine vegetables and spice mixture. Mix well and serve immediately.

from Bali that is the same as Javanese cuisine (Urap, Urab, Gudangan, Kluban). Urap is a salad dish in the form of boiled vegetables mixed with seasoned grated coconut. Oat is added to Jukut Urap to increase whole grain intake.

Calories 300 kcal

Fat 14.7 g

Protein 14.6 g



## Sticky Rice Ball Filled with Palm Sugar & Oat (Klepon dengan Oat)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 30 min

from sticky rice flour which is

in boiling water. The cooked *Klepon* is given a coating of grated

Klepon filling and dough while

cooking to increase whole grain

shaped like small balls and filled

### Ingredients

308 g (1 bowl) glutinous rice flour
150 g (2 cup) instant oat
30 g (2 tbsp) natural pandan colouring
30 g (2 tbsp) natural beetroot colouring
30 g (2 tbsp) natural carrot colouring
Sufficient water

Content 40 g (½ cup) instant oat 130 g (2 pcs) brown sugar

Complementary 100 g (½ medium bowl) grated coconut, steamed 6 g (2 pcs) pandan leaves Salt to taste

### Instructions



Mix glutinous rice flour, instant oat, water and salt. Stir mixture until smooth.



Separate dough into three parts: beetroot colour for one, pandan green colour for another, and carrot orange colour for the last.



Combine brown sugar and instant oat. Mix well and set aside.

Take a little dough, fill it with brown sugar mixture. Roll dough



into a ball and repeat until the dough is finished.



Boil water with pandan leaves.



Place dough in the water to cook. When it floats, quickly remove and set aside.



Coat the cooked dough *klepon* with the grated steamed coconut.



Klepon is ready to be served.

**Nutrient Content per Serving** 

Protein 9.4 g



## Fried Cassava Ball with Oncom & Oat (Combro dengan Oat)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 25 min

### Ingredients

500 g (1 bowl) grated cassava 20 g (2 tbsp) sago flour 30 g (½ cup) instant oat 125 g (½ bowl) grated coconut 30 g (3 tbsp) cooking oil

### Ground spices

7 g (2 cloves) garlic 9 g (3 pcs) Cayenne pepper 12 g (1 ½ tsp) salt 5 g (1 tsp) pepper powder 7 g (1 ½ tsp) sugar 47 g (6 pcs) onion 10 g (1 tbsp) cooking oil *Combro* is a typical West Java or Sundanese fried food. It is made from grated cassava which is rounded and filled with *oncom* sauce and then fried. The name *Combro* is a synergy of *"Oncom do Jero"* (Oncom inside). Oat is added in *Combro* to increase whole grain intake.

#### <u>Filling</u>

83 g (1 cup) quick cook oat 117 g (½ bowl) oncom 42 g (3 pcs) leek 9 g (3 pcs) celery 10 g (1 tsp) sweet soya sauce 10 g (1 tbsp) water

### Instructions



Mix grated cassava, instant oat, grated coconut, sago flour, salt and sugar. Set aside.



Saute ground spices, add oncom, quick cook oat, salt, pepper, sweet soya sauce, flavouring, chives, and celery. Set aside as a filling mixture.



Take 1 tablespoon of dough, flatten it and place filling mixture in the centre. Fold and roll into an oval shape.

Repeat until the dough is finished. Fry the dough in hot oil.



Combro is ready to be served warm.



## Iced Selendang Mayang with Oat

### (Es Selendang Mayang dengan Oat)

Serves: 5

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 25 min

### Ingredients

100 g (½ medium bowl) *hunkwe* (mung bean) flour
50 g (¼ medium bowl) rice flour
3 g (2 pcs) pandan leaves
2 g (½ tsp) vanilla powder
5 g (½ tsp) salt
80 g (1 cup) instant oat
30 g (3 tbsp) natural pandan colouring
30 g (3 tbsp) natural beetroot colouring
1 liter of water to boil

Sauce 150 g (2 pcs) brown sugar 50 g (4 tbsp) sugar

200 ml (1 glass) water 500 ml (1 bowl) coconut milk

### Instructions



Mix water, *hunkwe* flour, instant oat, vanilla powder, pandan leaves, rice flour, and salt and then simmer over medium heat. Stir regularly and wait for the mixture to come to a boil.



Divide the mixture into 3 parts. One part is added with beetroot colouring and stir it well. Another part is added with green pandan coloring and stir well. Leave the rest of the mixture white.



Pour the green mixture into an oil-coated pan and even it on the pan. Next pour the white mixture on top and pour the red mixture over it again. Cool it down. Cut into small pieces about 2 cm and set aside. Iced Selendang Mayang is one of Indonesia's traditional drinks from Jakarta or Betawi. In addition to being refreshing, this drink can reduce hunger because it is made with the basic ingredients of rice flour or with hunkwe flour. Oat is mixed into the iced Selendang Mayang to increase whole grain intake.

6 g (2 pcs) pandan leaves 5 g (½ tsp) salt

Additional side ingredient Sufficient ice cube



To make the sauce, boil brown sugar, sugar, and pandan leaves with water while stirring occasionally. Cool and set aside.

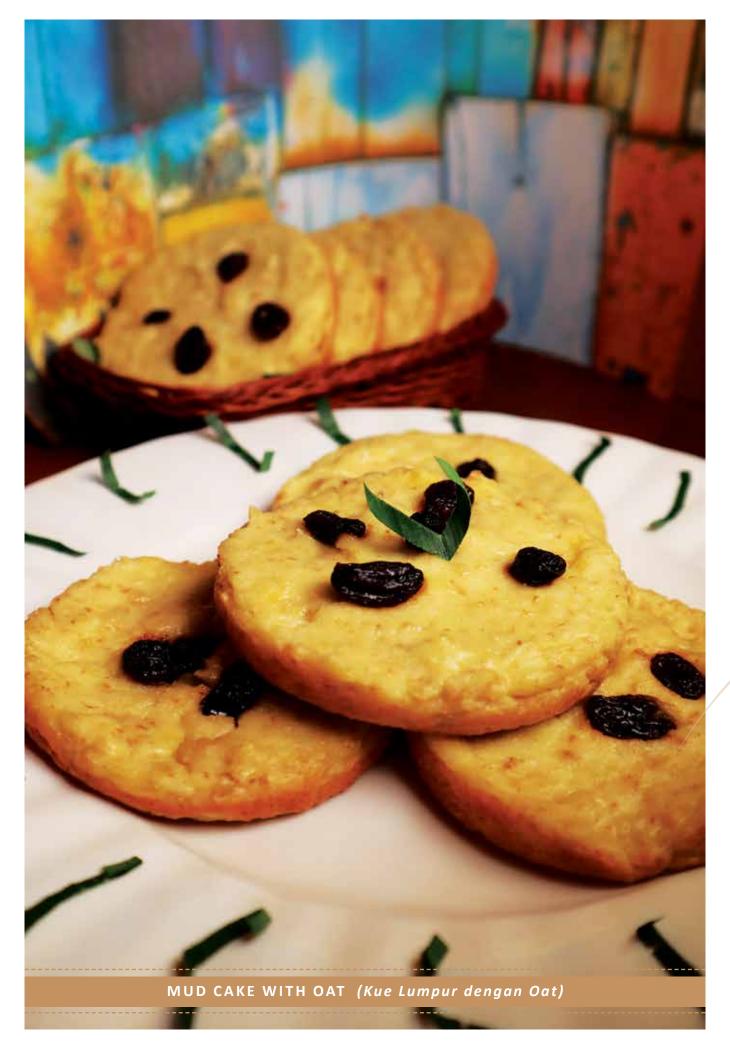


In a different pot, boil coconut milk, salt and pandan leaves, stirring until the mixture boils. Remove the pot from the stove and allow to cool.



Serve large pieces of *Selendang Mayang* ice with a splash of coconut milk, sauce and add ice cubes.

Protein 6.4 g



## Mud Cake with Oat (Kue Lumpur dengan Oat)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 35 min

### Ingredients

75 g (½ medium bowl) wheat flour
80 g (1 cup) instant oat
10 g (2 tsp) baking powder
2.5 g (½ tsp) vanilla powder
300 ml (1 medium bowl) thick coconut milk
36 g (3 tbsp) margarine
108 g (2 medium) eggs
12 g (1 tbsp) sugar
5 g (½ tsp) salt
200 ml (1 glass) diluted coconut milk
Sufficient raisins for topping

### Mud Cake is a traditional Indonesian snack originating from Sidoarjo and is popular because of its soft texture and sweet taste. Oat is mixed into Mud Cake to increase whole grain intake.

### Instructions

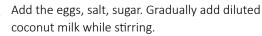


Mix flour, instant oat and baking powder and vanilla powder. Set it aside.



Cook the thick coconut milk and margarine until it melts. Stir until well mixed.

Add sifted flour mixture, stir until well mixed.





Coat mud cake mold well with margarine then heat it. Add 2 table spoon of dough to each mold.



Add raisin topping, and bake with medium heat until done and serve.

Calories 345 kcal



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# Incorporating versatile oats in the diverse Malaysian Cuisine

The diverse multi-ethnic population of Malaysia, comprising the Malay, Chinese, Indian, and various indigenous ethnics in the Peninsula, Sabah, and Sarawak, is reflected in the rich and wide-ranging cuisines. Malaysians are proud of the wealth of their dishes with various styles from different cultures. Malaysian dishes are also famous for using numerous combinations of exotic herbs and spices, such as turmeric, ginger, coriander, lemon grass, kaffir lime, curry leaf, and others, which are sure to bring excitement to your taste buds.

Being a versatile ingredient, oat can be adapted to most Malaysian dishes with ease. For example, oat can be used to replace flour as gravy thickener such as in our Mee Bandung recipe. It is also suitable as additional ingredients as shown in our Chicken Masala with Oats and Bubur Lambuk Oat recipes. You can also use oat to replace similarly-textured ingredients such as grated coconuts (such as in the Solok Lada) or bread crumbs (example the Sweet & Sour Chicken), to give you that extra crunch!

With these small yet significant changes, your meals will be more fulfilling and you can get the benefits of whole grain from oat. The adaptability of oat means that you can use it in any kinds of meals, from main meals to savoury Wonton soup and Masala Vadai. These recipes are sure to attract people of all ages – from kids to adults – to try oat and make them realise that it is not only for sick people. Try these recipes and taste for yourself how oat can be added in the diverse dishes of Malaysia.









### Lambok Spiced Porridge with Oat (Bubur Lambok dengan Oat)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 45 min

Cooking time: 45 min

### Ingredients

225 g (1 ½ cup) uncooked rice 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil 70 g (7 whole) red shallot, chopped finely 50 g (10 cloves) garlic, chopped finely 50 g (2 ½ inches) ginger, chopped finely 3-5 g each mixed herbs [10 pcs clove, 1 cinnamon, 5 pcs cardamom, 5 pcs star anise] 20 g (4 tsp) kurma powder/soup herb powder 1 pc pandan leaf 150 g (¾ cup) beef, minced 70 g (½ cup) carrot, diced 1000 ml (4 cups) water 100 g (1 cup) quick cook oat 150 ml (½ cup) fresh milk Salt to taste Black pepper to taste

Bubur lambok is a quintessential Malay porridge usually cooked with assorted spices. This is a tasty rice porridge that is popularly served during the fasting month and is also considered a comfort food. Oat blends well into the dish and its addition can increase whole grain intake.

### Garnishing

70 g (¼ cup) fried shallot 30 g (½ cup) coriander leaves

30 g (½ cup) Chinese celery leaf

Note: You may wish to replace beef with chicken for this recipe. For vegetarians, you can replace beef with tofu and use diluted coconut milk in place of milk.

### Instructions



Rinse the rice and let it soak for 15 minutes in a small bowl (this step is to help reduce cooking time of the rice).



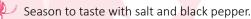
In another bigger pot, add oil and sauté the shallot, garlic, ginger, mixed herbs, kurma powder, pandan leaf until fragrant. Add minced beef, carrot, salt and black pepper and continue to sauté for 1 minute.



Put in the rice and sauté together for about another minute.

Add water and bring to boil the rice mixture until the rice is properly cooked.

Stir in quick cook oat and milk and simmer until it is well-cooked and reaches porridge consistency.



🕫 Garnish the dish with less-oil fried shallot, coriander and Chinese celery leaf.

Calories 345 kcal

Carbohydrate 51.9 g



### Bandung Noodles in Spicy Mixed Gravy with Oat (Mee bandung dengan oat)

Serves: 5

Preparation time: 60 min

Cooking time: 45 min

Mee bandung is a Malay noodle dish

originated from Muar in the Southern state of Johor. The dish combines yellow noodles

with a thick, spicy gravy. The dried shrimp

thicken the gravy while serving to increase

Note: You may replace beef in the recipe with chicken.

For vegetarians, you may replace seafood and any meat with tofu and use vegetable stock instead of

and ground peanut provide the special

taste to Mee bandung. Oat is added to

the amount of whole grain in the dish.

Garnishing

beef stock.

Thinly sliced beef (1 part)

20 g (1 tbsp) fried shallots

30 g (2 tbsp) Chinese celery 20 g (2 pcs) red chillies, sliced

2 pcs calamansi lime, halved

Optional: hard boiled egg, sliced

2 pcs hard bean curd, fried and sliced

### Ingredients

300 g (2 cups) yellow noodles
60 g (1 ½ cups) mustard leaves
200 g (¾ cup) beef, boiled until tender (keep the stock)

### For gravy

Item A 30 ml (2 tbsp) oil 40 g (4 tbsp) onion, chopped 50 g (5 cloves) garlic, chopped 50 g (50 pcs) dried chilli, boiled and blended 80 g (½ cup) dried shrimp, soaked and chopped coarsely 40 g (3 tbsp) ground peanut, roasted and pounded

### <u>ltem B</u>

120 g (3 small) fresh squid, cleaned and sliced into rings
200 g (10 medium) fresh prawn, de-shelled
300 ml (1 ¼ cups) beef stock (stock prepared by boiling the beef)
50 g (½ cup) quick cook oat
2 egg whites

Salt, pepper and sugar to taste

### Instructions



In a pot of boiling water, blanch the noodles and mustard leaves for about 3 minutes, strain and put aside.



In a separate pot, boil the beef until tender. Once cool, slice the beef thinly and put it aside. Keep the stock to make the gravy.

7 To prepare the gravy, sauté Item A until the chilli is cooked and fragrant.

Stir in the squid, prawn, sliced beef (leave some for garnishing) and the beef stock and cook for 2-3 minutes. Season with salt, sugar, pepper to taste.

Add oat to thicken the gravy and stir well so that the oats do not clump.

Add the egg whites and stir gently.

To serve, put the noodle in a bowl, blanched mustard leaves on top, and pour the gravy. Add garnish ingredients and serve immediately.

**Nutrient Content Per Serving** 

Calories 470 kcal

Carbohydrate 45.5 g

Fat 14.0 g

Protein 41.3 g



### Stuffed Chilli with Fish & Oat (Solok Lada dengan Oat)

Makes: 12 pcs

Preparation time: 45 min

Cooking time: 30 min

### Ingredients

500 g (5 medium size) sardine fish, head removed and deboned
40 g (4 whole) red shallot
40 g (2 inches) ginger
30 g (3 cloves) garlic
10 g (3 ¼ tsp) black pepper crust
1 whole egg
125 ml (¼ cup) fresh milk
120 g (1 ¼ cups) rolled oat
30 g (⅓ cup) grated coconut
Salt to taste
Pepper to taste
6 big green chillies
6 big red chillies Solok lada is a traditional Malay cuisine. It is a popular and special dish in Kelantan and Terengganu. Solok lada is made from green peppers that are split and stuffed with a core made of grated coconut, fish fillets, and coconut milk. Oat is added to reduce the amount of grated coconut and increase whole grain intake.

### <u>Gravy</u>

125 ml (½ cup) low fat milk100 ml (¼ cup) coconut milk2 sticks lemongrassSalt to taste

### Instructions

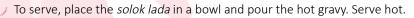
- - Place the deboned fish together with ginger, garlic, black pepper, egg and milk in a food processor. Blend at moderate speed until it becomes smooth in texture for stuffing.
  - Transfer the mixture into a mixing bowl and add rolled oat, grated coconut and mix well. Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Chill in the fridge for about 15 minutes.



Cut one side of the chilli and remove the seeds. Stuff the chilli with the blended sardine and steam the stuffed chilli or *solok lada* in a steamer for about 15-20 minutes.



To prepare the gravy, put all the ingredients in a small pot and heat up at low heat until boil. Add salt to taste.



Protein 12.5 g



# Sweet & Sour Chicken

Serves: 5

Preparation time: 45 min

Cooking time: 25 min

Sweet and sour chicken is a

popular Chinese dish. It is basically fried chicken pieces coated with

a crispy batter and stir-fried with

mouth-watering sweet and sour

sauce. Oat can be used to replace

the traditional flour as batter and

is a convenient way to introduce

whole grain into the dish.

### Ingredients

400 g (1 ½ cups) chicken breast, sliced to finger size
Salt and pepper to taste
40 g (¼ cup) wheat flour
3 egg white
100 g (1 cup) rolled oat

#### <u>Sauce</u>

1 big onion 125 ml (½ cup) chilli sauce 125 ml (½ cup) tomato ketchup 45 ml (3 tbsp) pineapple juice 50 g (½ cup) pineapple, cubed 40 g (¼) red bell pepper 40 g (¼) green bell pepper 40 g (¼) yellow pepper Sugar and salt to taste

### Instructions



Season the chicken pieces with salt and pepper and coat them with a thin layer of flour.

Roll the chicken pieces in egg white and immediately coat them with oat.

Press and ensure that the oat sticks onto the chicken pieces.

Heat up oil in a wok and fry the chicken pieces till golden and set aside in a serving dish bowl.

Tip: You also can use the air frying cooking method. Place the coated chicken pieces with a bit of oil for about 20 - 25 minutes at 160 degrees.



For sauce, saute the onions in a small pot until soft and mix in the sauces and pineapple juice. Stir until the sauce thickens. You may add water to dilute if it is too thick. Add sugar and salt to taste.



Add the pineapple and bell peppers and cook until slightly soft, and pour the sauce on top of the chicken.

utrient Content Per Serving

Calories 282 kcal

Carbohydrate 24.8 g



# Steamed Yam Cake with Oat

Serves: 6

Preparation time: 60 min

Cooking time: 60 min

Steamed yam cake is a favourite

in many Asian countries such

as Malaysia especially among

the Chinese population. It is a

breakfast or even as an afternoon snack. In this recipe, oat is used to

replace part of the flour needed,

content of the yam cake.

thereby increasing the whole grain

### Ingredients

60 g (6 pcs) shallot, sliced 60 g (6 pcs) dried shrimp, rinsed and chopped 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil 300 g (1 ½ cups) yam, diced into small cubes (1cm x 1cm) 80 g (½ cup) rice flour 40 g (¼ cup) tapioca flour 10 g (1 ½ tbsp) five spices powder 50 g (½ cup) quick cook oat 1000 ml (4 cups) water

For topping / garnishing 60 g (6 pcs) shallots, sliced 30 g (3 tbsp) dried shrimps 15 g (1 tbsp) sugar 20 g (1 stalk) spring onion, thinly sliced 30 g (2 pcs) red chillies, seedless and julienne cut

### Instructions



Sauté shallot and dried shrimps for a few minutes then add in the cubed yam and fry together until the mixture is brown and the yam is half cooked.



In a separate bowl, mix the rice flour, tapioca flour, spice powder, oat and water, then stir until the mixture is smooth.



Pour the flour mixture into the pan gently. Stir and cook until the mixture thickens to form a thick paste.



Add salt, pepper and season to taste.



Pour the mixture into a steaming tray and steam for about 50 minutes or until it is cooked. Once cooked, let it cool before serving.



For topping, fry the sliced shallots until golden brown and fragrant. Drain the oil and sprinkle on top of the steamed yam cake.



In a separate pan, caramelise the dried shrimps with some sugar and sprinkle on top as well.



Then, garnish with some spring onions and red chilli. To serve, cut the dish into rectangular shapes.

Carbohydrate 24.6 g

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Protein 9.4 g



# Chicken & Oat Wonton in Soup

Serves: 5 (Makes 20 pcs)

Preparation time: 45 min

Cooking time: 25 min

### Ingredients

#### <u>Filling</u>

300 g (1 ¼ cups) chicken breast, minced 20 g (2 inches) ginger, blended 20 g (4 cloves) garlic, finely blended 40 g (4 tbsp) green onion, chopped 100 g (1 cup) quick cook oat 1 egg 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame oil

20 pcs wonton skin

10 g (1 tbsp) corn starch

120 g (2 cups) baby *bok choi,* blanched for 3-4 minutes in hot water Chicken *wonton* soup is an authentic Chinese cuisine that has silky and flavourful *wonton* fillings. It is cooked in a delicious broth for a light and healthy soup. In this modified recipe, oat is mixed into the chicken filling to increase the whole grain content.

<u>Chicken soup</u> 750 ml (3 cups) water 200 g chicken, bony parts/carcass 30 g (3 cloves) garlic 20 g (2 inches) ginger Salt

### Instructions



In a mixing bowl, mix together minced chicken, ginger, green onion, oat, garlic, egg, and soya sauce. Add a bit of sesame oil for flavour.



Scoop the mixture using a teaspoon (20-25g/each), wrap small balls of the mixture into individual *wonton* skins and seal with wet corn starch.



Boil the dumplings in hot water for about 15 minutes.

To prepare the soup, boil the chicken with garlic and ginger. Season to taste with salt.



Serve the *wonton* and *bok choi* in the hot chicken soup.

Carbohydrate 34.0 g

Protein 27.5 g



# Chicken Masala with Oat

Serves: 6

Preparation time: 45 min

Cooking time: 20 min

### Ingredients

500 g chicken breast, medium size cut

#### <u>Item A</u>

20 g (2 tbsp) turmeric 30 g (3 tbsp) cumin powder 30 g (3 tbsp) coriander powder 15 g (3 ½ tbsp) cardamom 15 g ( 2 ½ tbsp) fennel seed 1 tsp salt 1 tsp pepper 2 tbsp water

#### <u>Item B</u>

60 g (4 tbsp) tomato paste 20 g (1 tbsp) tomato, chopped 10 g (1 stalk) curry leaf 80 g (8 pcs) red onion, sliced thinly 30 g (3 pcs) garlic, blended 30 g (3 inches) ginger, blended 25 g (5 sticks) cinnamon 40 g (7 whole) red chillies, thinly sliced 10 g (1 tbsp) mustard seed 60 g (2 ½ whole) tomatoes, cut into wedges 15 g (15 pcs) dried chillies, blended 30 g (2 tbsp) chilli powder Chicken *masala*, a famous traditional Indian dish of tender chicken with a delectable blend of aromatic spices. It can be served with rice, butter naan or capati, and is perfect for special occasions. Oat is added as a thickener and also serves to increase whole grain intake.

100 g (1 cup) rolled oat 80 g (⅓ cup) yoghurt Salt and pepper to taste

Note: For a vegetarian version of the masala, you can use the same recipe and omit the chicken and replace it with potatoes and cauliflower.

### Instructions



Place the chicken in a bowl, mix in items (A) with water and marinade the chicken for 20 minutes.



In a hot pan, sauté items (B) for about 5 minutes, add in the marinated chicken and continue to stir well.



Next, add in the oats, pour the yoghurt and continue to stir well until the gravy thickens.



Season to taste and garnish with fried curry leaves.

Nutrient Content Per Serving

Calories 313 kcal

Carbohydrate 34.2 g

Protein 23.7 g



### Lentils & Oat Fritters (Masala Vadai)

Makes: 20 pcs

Preparation time: 2.5 hrs

Cooking time: 25 min

### Ingredients

200 g (1 ¼ cups) yellow lentils, dhal
30 g (5 whole) red chillies, chopped
50 g (½) red onion, chopped
15 g coriander leaves, chopped
20 g (4 tsp) chilli flakes
20 g (1 tbsp) curry powder
15 g (7 ½ tsp) fennel seed
8 g (¾ tsp) cumin
10 pcs curry leaves
90 g (1 cup) quick cook oat
Salt and pepper to taste

Masala vadai is a famous Indian snack or street food. It is a type of spicy, crunchy fritter made with dhal, which has a soft texture inside. In this modified recipe, oat is mixed into masala vadai to increase the whole grain content.

### Instructions



After washing the lentils until water runs clear, soak them in good amount of water for 2 hours. Once soft, drain the lentils in a colander. Next, blend the lentils into a rough mixture.



Put the mixture into a mixing bowl and add in other ingredients including the oat. Mix well and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Take a handful of mixture and shape it into a small ball and flatten it a bit. Repeat for the remaining mixture. Noted: If needed, add a small amount of water to help shape the



Heat a deep pan with oil and fry the *vadai* at medium heat until it is golden brown and crispy on the outside. Do not flip it too fast as the *vadai* may break.

mixture.

Calories 129 kcal

Carbohydrate 10.9 g

Protein 3.1 g



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### HISTORY

The Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (NFP) is a private, non-stock, non-profit organization engaged in improving the nutritional status of the Filipino community. It is located at 107 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Blvd., Quezon City. It was founded in 1960 by National Scientist and former Secretary of Health, Dr. Juan Salcedo, Jr.

In 1950, Dr. Juan Salcedo Jr. was appointed as the first Director of the newly created Institute of Nutrition. NFP served as the "clearing house of information relevant to human nutrition". Later, the Institute was developed into a Research Center, the Food and Nutrition Research Center. Thus, arose the need for an agency that would translate the findings of the Center into practical terms for the improvement of the nutrition of the people.

The slogan at that time was "Nutrition is everybody's concern". It was felt that a private organization that would support the government efforts in order to give meaning to the slogan is needed. Thus, the Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. was founded in December 28, 1959. On January 18, 1960, it was registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission, and formally started its operation on July 15, 1960. Its principal office was at Dr. Juan Salcedo, Jr. Building, located along E. Rodriguez, Sr. Avenue, Quezon City.

The Foundation's goal is to promote nutrition awareness in the Philippines, as an important factor in improving the health of the people and ultimately the welfare and economic life of the community. During the early years, NFP's thrust was the provision of direct technical field service to individuals and groups, particularly in low income communities where malnutrition was prevalent; organization of nutrition councils (the forerunner of today's nutrition committees) which serve as the organizational structure for the delivery of coordinated nutrition services in the communities; and the provision of grants-in-aid to institution and individuals for study and research purposes.

Through the years, direct field services occupied a significant part of NFP's regular activities. In the 80s, the NFP shifted its efforts from directly carrying out specific field projects to conduct training programs, development of IEC materials for community use, the maintenance of its library facilities and provision of consultation services on nutrition.









# Filipino Cuisine: "Oats for the Future"

The Philippine archipelago is known for adopting different varieties of spices around the world since the time of Spanish colonization. Because of this, new kinds and combinations of flavours were created. Filipinos are known for being creative, innovative and authentic in making new dishes. In recipe cookbook volume 3, the Philippines would like to showcase the following dishes which are mostly indigenous in nature. These are *Piaya, Embotido, Ginataang Mais, Oatmeal Palitaw, Oatmeal Bukayo, Ube Halaya, Goby Fritters, and Carioca.* 

These recipes were initially developed with the thought of catering as well those who are suffering from lifestyle health concerns, like diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension.

All recipes in this cookbook represent the rich flavor and history of Filipino cuisine with some added twist. Just like the recipes in cookbook volume 1, all dishes were tried and tested and were evaluated through a series of sensory evaluation. Aroma, appearance, texture, taste and nutritional value were part of the considerations in developing these dishes. Majority of these are all-time favorite snacks and desserts, sometimes served during special occasions and/or readily available in local food stalls in markets and food courts.

The importance of developing and innovating the flavors of traditional food and methods of cooking can also help address the increasing prevalence of lifestyle diseases due to unhealthy snacking, insufficient awareness when it comes to food choices, stress, emerging mental health issues like depression, and other related factors. A holistic approach when it comes to food hand in hand with immediate action could not only elevate the cuisine but also help solve these emerging problems. It is possible that in the near future, oats can be a key ingredient in the management and/or prevention of certain lifestyle diseases.









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### Sweet Corn & Oat Porridge in Coconut Milk (Ginataang Mais)

Serves: 12 (⅔ cup per serving)

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 35-45 min

### Ingredients

3 pcs matured coconut 1000 ml (4 cups) of water 105 g (½ cup) glutinous rice 225 g (1 cup) corn kernels 90 g (1 cup) oatmeal, quick cook or instant 210 g (1 cup) granulated sugar

*Ginataang mais* means, "corn cooked in coconut milk" in Filipino. It is a common merienda or afternoon snack that is also sometimes served as breakfast, or a dessert. It is composed of rice gruel, coconut milk and corn, and is usually served or eaten warm during the colder months of the year. On some occasions, this can be also be served cold during summertime. Rice gruel is substituted with oat in this modern and twisted version of a traditional classic, increasing its whole grain content.

### Instructions

	Grate	coconut	: meat. Ex	tract 2 cu	ips (at	oout 500	) ml) of	pure co	oconut
5	– milk.								

Add 4 cups (1000 ml) of water to grated coconut for second extraction of coconut milk.

Wash the glutinous rice.

In a saucepan, put the coconut milk from the second extraction, the glutinous rice and the corn kernels and cook on medium fire.

After 10 minutes, add the oatmeal.

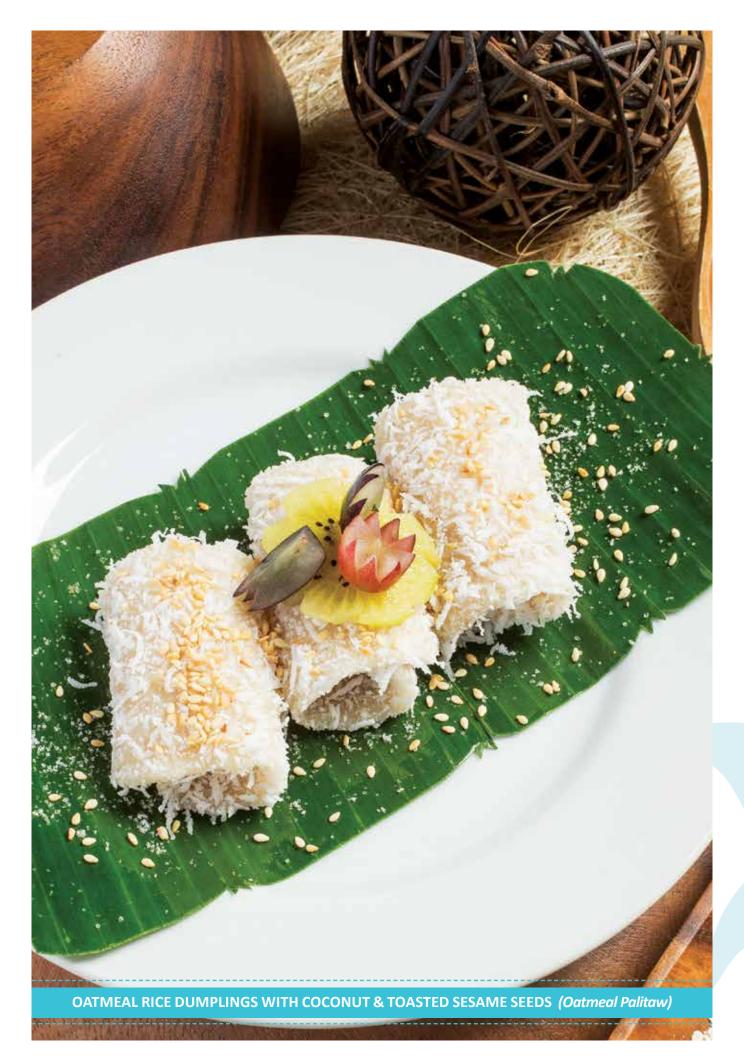
Cover and bring to a boil, stirring continuously to avoid scorching. Cook for about 20 minutes.

Add sugar to the boiling mixture, stirring until dissolved.

Add the pure coconut milk two minutes before removing from fire.

Serve the dish either hot or cold.

Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving	172 kcal	2.1 g	33.7 g	2.2 g	3.2 g	2.5 g	0 mg	6 mg



### Oatmeal Rice Dumplings with Coconut & Toasted Sesame Seeds (Oatmeal Palitaw)

Serves: 4 (3 pcs per serving)

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 25 min

### Ingredients

240 g (2 cups) glutinous rice flour
60 g (⅔ cup) oatmeal, quick cook or instant
250 ml (1 cup) water
105 g (⅔ cup) granulated sugar
60 g (⅔ cup) sesame seeds, toasted
250 g (1 cup) grated coconut (matured)

Palitaw means to "float or rise" and is considered a famous traditional merienda (snack) or kakanin (delicacy). Palitaw is a small, flat, sweet rice cake made from washed, soaked, and ground glutinous rice flour or galapong. Adding oat to the Palitaw gives it a different texture and an additional amount of whole grain.

### Instructions

- Combine glutinous rice flour and oatmeal with water. Mix until dough is formed.
  - Divide dough into balls, each roughly 2 tablespoon in size.
  - Flatten the ball-shaped dough using the palm of your hands.
  - Boil water in a cooking pot. Place flattened dough one by one into the pot, with not more than 8 pieces at a time.
  - Remove the flattened dough when it floats. Set aside and allow water to drip.
  - Combine sugar and toasted sesame seeds in a plate or bowl, mix well.
  - Roll the cooked dumplings in the grated coconut and then in the sugar-sesame seed mixture.
  - Arrange in a serving plate and then serve.

Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving	356 kcal	4.7 g	60.7 g	6.8 g	9.5 g	3.2 g	0 mg	2 mg



### Oatmeal Muscovado Flat Bread (Oatmeal Piaya)

Serves: 8 (1 pc per serving)

Preparation time: 40 min

Cooking time: 30 min

### Ingredients

#### <u>Dough</u>

120 g (1 cup) all-purpose flour
2.5 g (½ tsp) salt
45 g (3 tbsp) butter or shortening, chilled
75 ml (5 tbsp) water, icy cold

### <u>Filling</u>

70 g (½ cup) dark muscovado sugar 5 ml (1 tsp) glucose or honey syrup 30 g (⅓ cup) oatmeal, quick cook or instant 30 g (⅛ cup) sesame seeds, for coating

### Instructions

- Combine all-purpose flour and a pinch of salt in a bowl, mix well.
- Add chilled butter or shortening into the flour. Mix using the hands until mixture is crumbly.
- Add the icy cold water 1 tablespoon at a time to form the mixture into a dough.
- Place on a clean board and knead until smooth.
- Divide the dough into 8 equal portions (approximately 40-50g per piece). Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 15 minutes.
- For the filling, combine dark muscovado sugar and glucose syrup in a small bowl, and then add the oatmeal. Continue mixing until wellcombined.

*Piaya* is a local unleavened flat bread in the province of Negros Occidental, the sugar capital of the Philippines in the Visayas Region. It is locally made with flour, muscovado sugar, and sesame seeds. The dough is filled with muscovado sugar, shaped into a ball, and then flattened. It is then heated in a saucepan or griddle until it achieves its distinctive crispy crust. Adding oat in the recipe will lessen the sweetness and will create a distinct taste that you have never tasted before. At the same time, this modification results in more whole grain in this traditional bread.

To make the piaya, flatten a piece of dough using a rolling pin or the palm (until round in shape), making sure that the dough is equally flat.

Place about a tablespoon of the filling in the center. Fold the edges and pinch into the center to seal.

Carefully flatten the filled dough one at a time with a rolling pin until the desired thickness is achieved. Sprinkle sesame seeds on both sides of the flat bread.



Preheat a pan or a char griddle over medium heat. Cook the flat bread for 2-3 minutes on each side or until crisp with brown spots.

Per Serving         160 kcal         1 g         23.9 g         2.5 g         6.2 g         3.1 g         12 mg         203 mg	Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
	Per Serving	160 kcal	1 g	23.9 g	2.5 g	6.2 g	3.1 g	12 mg	203 mg



### Sweetened Coconut Strips with Oats (Bukayo)

Serves: 9 (2 pcs per serving)

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 40-50 min

### Ingredients

pc young coconut, grated into strips with reserved juice
 2-3 pcs pandan leaves, tied
 250 g (1 cup) brown sugar
 5 ml (½ tbsp) vanilla extract (optional)
 45 g (½ cup) oatmeal, quick cook or instant
 1.25 g (½ tsp) cornstarch (dissolved in 2 tablespoons water)
 15 ml (1 tbsp) cooking oil

*Bukayo* is a local coconut candy dessert in the Philippines made by simmering strips of young coconut, coconut juice and brown/ muscovado sugar or panutsa. Sometimes this is used as topping to some desserts, including *halohalo*. There are many variations of *bukayo*. It can be either soft, hard or chewy. Adding oat to *bukayo* subdues its sweetness, making it a little milder. This also results in the modified candy having some whole grain in it.

### Instructions



Heat oil in a pan and stir fry coconut strips until light brown. Set aside.



Boil coconut juice in a pot with pandan leaves and brown sugar, stirring constantly until dissolved and starts to thicken.

Remove pandan leaves, and then add vanilla extract. Stir until well blended.



Add coconut strips, oatmeal and dissolved cornstarch, stirring frequently until it thickens and caramelize.

While still hot, scoop the mixture into 1 tablespoon portions and place them on banana leaves or parchment paper.

Let them cool for a few hours to harden before serving.

Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving	128 kcal	2.4 g	12.6 g	1.6 g	8.2 g	6 g	0 mg	4 mg



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## Rolled Oats Ube Jam

Serves: 8 (3 tin molding dish) (¼ cup per serving) Cooking time: 40 min

### Preparation time: 15 min

### Ingredients

500 g boiled purple yam, grated/shredded/mashed
380 g (1 can) condensed milk
15 ml (½ tsp) vanilla extract (optional)
80 g (½ cup) rolled oats
125 ml (¼ cup) UHT milk
60 g (¼ cup) butter

*Ube halaya* or ube jam is a popular dessert and bread filling in the Philippines. It is also commonly used as flavoring for other desserts like cakes, ice cream and pastries. By popularity, *ube* is a staple topping of the summer dessert *halo-halo*. The purple yam is boiled, then mashed until it reaches the appropriate smoothness. Adding rolled oats in the mixture during cooking heightens the flavour of *ube halaya* while also providing some whole grain into the dessert.

### Instructions

Heat cooking pot. Add butter and let it melt.

Add the condensed milk while stirring constantly under low fire.

- Add the purple yam and rolled oats while continue stirring.
- Add vanilla extract. Continue stirring until the texture of the mixture becomes thick.
- Transfer the mixture to a mould or heat-proof container. Let it cool down.
- Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until set before serving.

Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving	346 kcal	3.1 g	49.9 g	8 g	12.8 g	7.6 g	39 mg	92 mg



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## **Goby & Oatmeal Fritters**

Serves: 9 (1 pc per serving)

Preparation time: 20 min

Cooking time: 10 min

### Ingredients

250 g lacustrine goby (dulong fish)
120 g (1 cup) all-purpose flour
187.5 ml (¼ cup) water
5 g (1 tsp) salt
2.5 g (½ tsp) ground black pepper
60 g (1 pc) beaten egg
45 g (2 tbsp) minced red onion
20 g (3 cloves) minced garlic
2.5 g (½ tsp) baking powder
45 g (½ cup) oatmeal, quick cook
125 ml (½ cup) cooking oil for frying

For the vinaigrette dipping sauce 125 ml (½ cup) vinegar 15 g (1 tbsp) chopped red onion 2.5 g (½ tsp) ground black pepper 5 g (1 tsp) sugar 1.25 g (½ tsp) iodised salt

### batter or wet breading filled with goby fish, vegetables, aromatics, herbs, and seasonings. Fritters in the Philippines can either be prepared as sweet or savoury, such as this variety. Oat increases the dietary fiber of this modified recipe, which helps reduce the slimy aftertaste of the fish. The oat also provides additional body to the dish.

appetizer and dish, consisting of a

### Instructions

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Place the goby fish on a strainer and wash under running water. Drain and set aside for a while.

Prepare the batter by mixing flour, baking powder, water, salt, ground black pepper, egg, onion, and garlic.

Add the goby fish and oatmeal to the batter and then mix.

Heat frying pan with oil. Scoop ¼ cup of the goby batter mix, spreading the mixture into the pan until forming a thin patty. Check the bottom of the patty after a minute or two. Once the bottom turns golden brown, flip it and cook the other side. Continue frying until all batter is cooked.

For the dipping sauce, mix all ingredients until well-combined.

Serve hot with dipping sauce.

Nutrient Content Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving 179 kcal	1.4 g	17.4 g	9.9 g	7.6 g	2.9 g	99 mg	307 mg



### Chicken with Oatmeal Meatloaf (Chicken with Oatmeal Embutido)

Serves: 22 (4 pcs per serving)

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 60 min

### Ingredients

500 g ground chicken 90 g (1 cup) oatmeal, quick cook or instant 120 g (2 pcs) raw eggs 60 g (½ cup) carrots, minced 60 g (1/2 cup) red bell pepper, minced 60 g (1/2 cup) green bell pepper, minced 80 g (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup) red onion, minced 45 g (6 cloves) garlic, minced 60 g (¼ cup) sweet pickled relish 220 g (1 cup) cheddar cheese, grated 50 g (½ cup) raisins 62.5 ml (¼ cup) tomato sauce 30 g (2 tbsp) iodised salt 22.5 g (1 ½ tbsp) ground pepper 100 g (8 pcs) Vienna sausage, cut in half lengthwise 180 g (3 pcs) hardboiled eggs, slice into 4

#### This special meatloaf is usually served during festivities like town fiestas, birthdays and Christmas get-togethers in the Philippines. It is made of ground pork, stuffed with hard-boiled eggs and sliced ham or various sausages. It is usually cooked using banana leaves, which adds flavour to the dish. In this modification to the traditional recipe, oat is added during mixing of the meat mixture as substitute extender, instead of using a fatty part of pork or chicken. This also results in the introduction of whole grain into the dish.

For fried version 120 g (2 pcs) raw eggs

### Instructions



Place the ground chicken in a large container. Add the oatmeal and raw eggs. Mix well.

Add carrots, bell peppers, onion, pickle relish, and cheddar cheese. Mix thoroughly and then add the raisins, tomato sauce, salt, and pepper until well-blended.



Roll the foil to form a cylinder, locking the sausage and egg in the middle of the meat mixture. Once done, secure the edges of the foil by turning them like a candy wrapper.

Place in a steamer with boiling water and cook for 1 hour.

Set aside and let it cool. Refrigerate.

Best served with banana ketchup.

Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat 6.2 g	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving	160 kcal	1 g	23.9 g	2.5 g		3.1 g	12 mg	203 mg



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## Oatmeal Carioca Balls

Serves: 10 (3 pcs per serving)

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 20 min

#### Ingredients

For the carioca balls

240 g (2 cups) glutinous rice flour or glutinous rice powder
90 g (1 cup) oatmeal, quick cook or instant
187.5 ml (¾ cup) evaporated milk
125 ml (½ cup) UHT milk
1000 ml (4 cups) oil for deep-frying
10 pcs bamboo skewers

For the caramel coating 120 g (1 cup) dark brown sugar 250 ml (1 cup) coconut milk *Carioca* is a common street delicacy made from fried sweet rice balls. This is also known as *Tungi-Tungi* in the province of Pampanga in the Philippines. It can be served any time of the day, either as merienda or snack, a dessert or a side dish. The fried rice ball is made of glutinous rice flour, coated with some caramelized sugar. To introduce whole grain into the dish, oat is added to the glutinous rice flour in this modified version of the delicacy.

#### Instructions



In a bowl, combine glutinous rice flour, oatmeal, evaporated milk and UHT milk.

Stir until flour is well mixed. Add more UHT milk (if needed) to form a firm but smooth pliable dough. Dough should not feel dry or too sticky.



Scoop about 1 tablespoon of the dough and roll using the palm to form into balls. Using the sharp end of the bamboo skewer, poke holes through each dough ball.

Heat a pot filled with about 3-inches of oil over a medium fire. Gently add dough balls into oil and cook, stirring occasionally, for about 7 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Set all aside once cooked.

In a saucepan over low heat, dissolve dark brown sugar and coconut milk. Simmer for 40 minutes then set aside

Dip the *carioca* balls into the syrup to fully coat. Allow to cool and then skewer 3 to 4 pieces per bamboo sticks.

Nutrient Content	Calorie	Fiber	Carbohydrate	Protein	Total Fat	Saturated Fat	Cholesterol	Sodium
Per Serving	257 kcal	1.9 g	40.7 g	2.5 g	7.9 g	5.3 g	12 mg	47 mg



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## Let oat be the Dessert and Snack

In this Healthy Cooking with Oats: Volume 3, we present recipes for the cooking of six desserts and two snacks. In the past, Thai desserts were only eaten in auspicious ceremonies or served to treat important guests because the preparation of desserts was labour-intensive and time-consuming, let alone the costs of ingredients. The culture has been changing over time.

Nowadays, eating desserts is an undeniable ritual that Thai people perform daily after or between meals. Unlike desserts, in the past Thai snacks were eaten as a part of their usual meals, but mainly among rich nobles. Thai snacks serve more than one purpose. In addition to being eaten for joy, snacks may be eaten to satisfy hunger or be a part of drinking culture in Thailand (snacking while drinking). Typical ingredients used in Thai desserts and snacks are flour, rice, sugar, and coconut milk. Through trades, travels, and contact with other cultures, many ingredients from different countries, e.g. China, India, and European countries have been adopted into Thai cuisines nowadays. These ingredients, for example, are egg white and yolk, milk, and cream, as well as oat and other grains.

In this cookbook, we use oats to substitute or replace ingredients that are commonly used in the original recipes. Results from our laboratory kitchen showed that oats can be used perfectly in Thai desserts and snacks. Oats not only enhance fibre content and nutrients, but also provides nutty flavor and better texture or consistency to the foods. For example, roasted oat can wholly replace rice in the original recipe of Khao Tu (a Thai soft candy) to increase its fibre content and nutty flavor.

While some recipes are easy to cook, some may be more challenging. However, we are sure that "Healthy Cooking with Oats: Volume 3" will be a favorite item in your kitchen recipe book shelf.

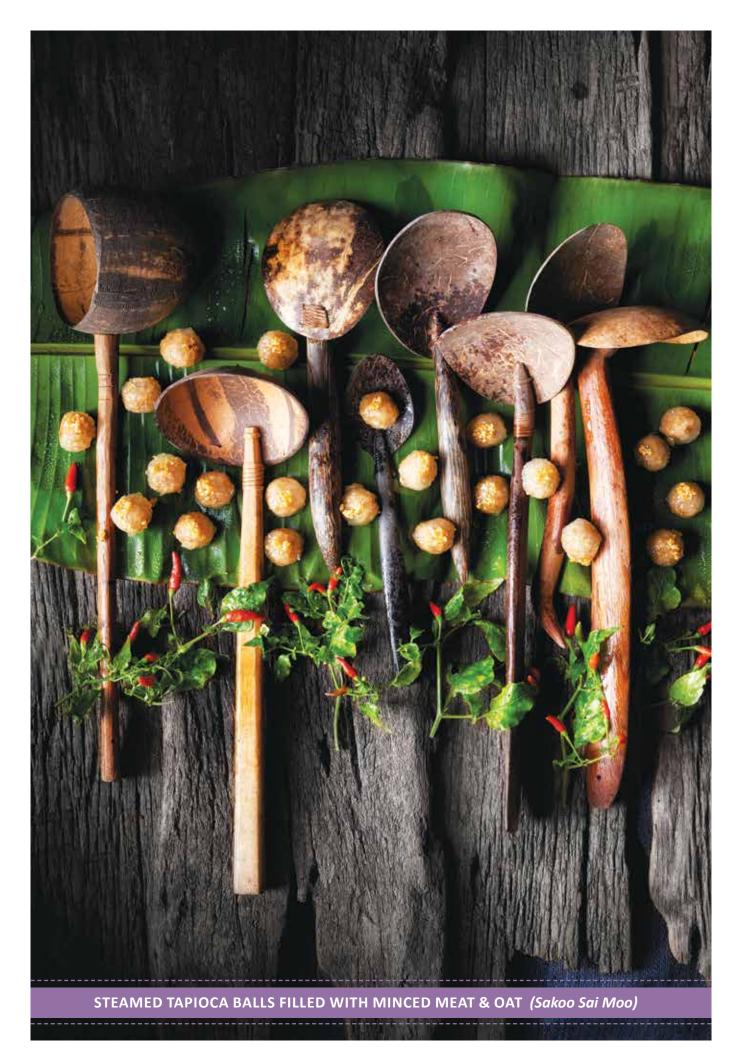
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## Steamed Tapioca Balls Filled with Minced Meat & Oat (Sakoo Sai Moo)

Serves: 5 (25 pcs)

Preparation time: 15 min

Cooking time: 25 min

#### Ingredients

2.5 g (1 tsp) garlic, peeled and finely chopped
56 g (5½ tbsp) white pearl tapioca
112 ml (½ cup) warm water
1.5 g (3 tsp) coriander root
0.3 g (little) white pepper
15 g (1 tbsp) minced meat
13 g (1 tbsp) salted preserved radish, finely chopped
5 g (1 tsp) onion, peeled and diced
10 g (3 tsp) roasted peanut, crushed
25 g (⅓ cup) quick cook oat, roasted
30 g (2 tbsp) palm sugar
12 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
3 ml (½ tsp) soybean oil

Sakoo Sai Moo is a popular snack eaten together with lettuce, coriander leaf, and bird's eye chilli. The wrapper of this snack, which is made with tapioca pearls, is remarkable for its fish-roe appearance. The name *"Sakoo"* supposedly comes from the Thai word for sago starch, which is used in its very original recipe. The roasted oat added in this modified recipe enhances the consistency and flavour of the filling, while increasing the whole grain content.

#### Instructions



Fry half of the chopped garlic in oil over low heat until it turns golden colour.



Knead pearl tapioca with warm water until it is soft and easy to shape. Take around one tablespoon of the pearl tapioca, roll it between your palms to form a round shape, and leave it on the side.



Pound coriander root, the other half of the chopped garlic and pepper into small crushed pieces and slowly fry the crushed spices in a pan until fragrant.



Cook minced meat in a pan and keep stirring until the meat gets tender; add chopped preserved radish, diced onion, crushed peanut and ground roasted oat. Season with palm sugar and soy sauce. Stir until all ingredients are evenly distributed. Remove from the heat.



Pick a pearl tapioca ball prepared from step 2.

and roll the ball till smooth in your hands.



Indent the pearl tapioca ball with your thumb and finger. Place the filling in the middle and gather up the edges to form a sealed ball



Steam for 15 mins and top with fried garlic. Serve with coriander leaves and chilli.

Allergen information: Contains peanut and traces or residues of soybean

Nutrient Content Per Serving         Calorie 89 kcal         Carbohydrate 15.5 g         Protein 2.3 g         Fat 2.0 g         Fiber 0.1 g
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CRISPY RICE CAKES WITH MEAT & PRAWN DRESSING WITH OAT (Khao Tung Nha Tang)

### Crispy Rice Cakes with Meat & Prawn Dressing with Oat (Khao Tung Nha Tang)

Serves: 2 Cooking time: 15 min Preparation time: 20 min (not including sun drying of cooked rice)

#### Ingredients

#### Dressing

15 g (¼ cup) quick cook oat, roasted 20 g (1½ tbsp) minced beef/chicken 20 g (1½ tbsp) minced tiger prawn 5 g (1 tsp) shallot, finely chopped 10 g (3 tsp) crushed roasted peanut 150 ml (⅔ cup) coconut milk 1 g (¼ tsp) coriander root 5 g (2 tsp) garlic 1 g (¼ tsp) ground white pepper 3 g (¾ tsp) ground dried chilli 1.3 g (¼ tsp) salt 20 g (5 tsp) sugar 6.5 ml (1 ½ tsp) fish sauce Khao Tung Nha Tang is a rice cracker commonly served with ground shrimp or meat coconut dipping sauce. The rice cracker is made from burnt rice stuck to the bottom of a rice cooker. The rice is formed into a round shape and sun dried for a couple of days and deep fried until crispy. Oat is used in this recipe to thicken the dipping sauce and increase the whole grain content.

#### <u>Rice cake</u>

Palm oil (for deep frying) Rice, cooked or using leftover cooked rice

#### Instructions

#### Dressing



Pound coriander roots, pepper and garlic in a mortar into small crushed pieces.



Boil coconut milk and add pounded ingredients, minced meat and prawn in the coconut cream. Bring the whole to a boil and season with sugar, fish sauce and salt. Bring them to a boil again. Add crushed roasted peanut, chopped shallot, and roasted oat.



Serve with crispy rice cake.

Crispy rice cake



Form the cooked rice into a thin round shape, approximately 2 inches in diameter using a round cookie mould.



Sun dry the rice cake until almost free of moisture.

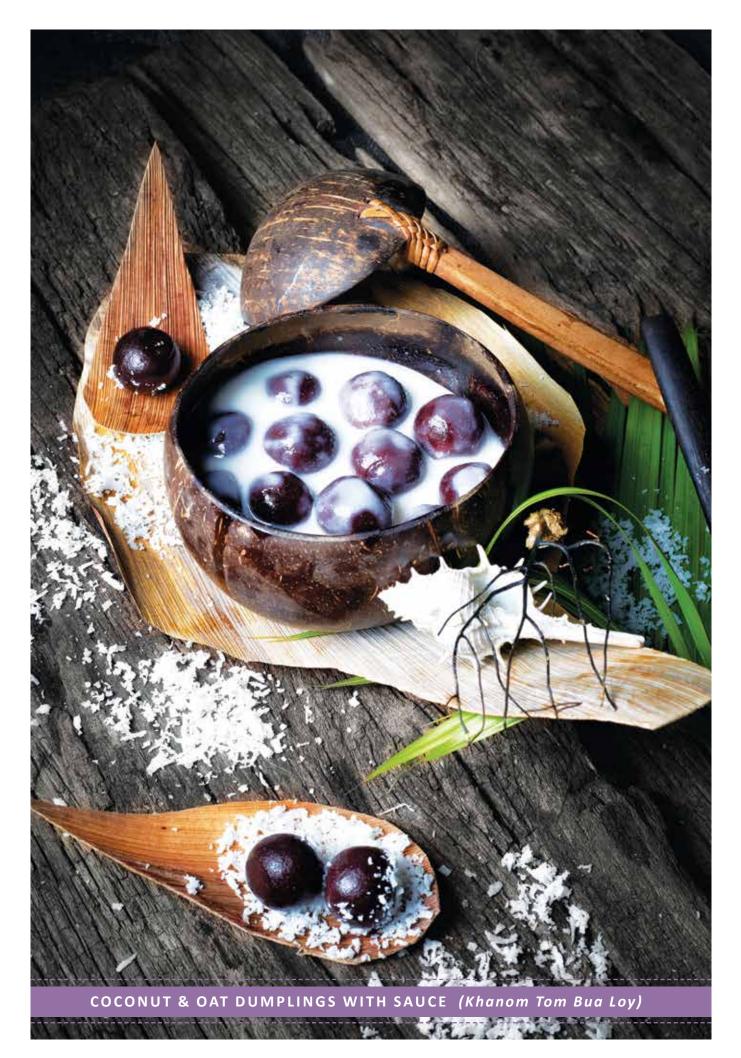


Deep fry the rice cake in hot palm oil until it reaches light brown

colour; place the rice cake on a sieve or tissue papers to cool down and drain the excess oil.

Allergen information: Contains peanut and trace or residues of fish

Nutrient Content Per Serving Calorie 266 kcal	Carbohydrate 20 g	Protein 8.2 g	Fat 17.9 g	Fiber 0.4 g
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## Coconut & Oat Dumplings with Sauce (Khanom Tom Bua Loy)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 30 min

Cooking time: 20 min

#### Ingredients

#### <u>Dough</u>

25 g (¼ cup) black glutinous rice flour 25 g (¼ cup) white glutinous rice flour 50 ml (¼ cup) warm water

#### Coconut filling

20 g (4 tbsp) instant oatmeal, roasted 40 g (½ cup) fresh grated coconut 50 g (¼ cup) palm sugar 15 ml (1 tbsp) water

#### Coconut sauce

97 ml (7 tbsp) coconut milk 40 g (10 tsp) sugar 0.2 g (little) salt 22 ml (2 tbsp) water

#### Instructions

#### <u>Filling</u>



Place roasted oat, grated coconut and palm sugar in a pan; cook the mixture over low heat and keep stirring until it becomes sticky.

Take around one tablespoon of the filling in your hands and roll it between your palms into a ball. Smoke the filling balls with scented candle.

#### <u>Dough</u>



Mix well black and white glutinous flour; add warm water and knead the flour mixture into dough. Cover the dough with a thin damp cloth.



Take the dough, around the same size as the filling ball, and roll it between your palms into a ball.

Khanom Tom consists of rice flour dumplings stuffed with grated coconut that is cooked with palm sugar. Traditionally, the dumpling is coated with shredded coconut. In this recipe, the dumpling is put in creamy coconut sauce simply prepared from coconut milk, sugar and salt. This preparation is similar to a Thai traditional dessert soup *"Bua Loy"* (literally means floating lotus), in which glutinous rice flour pearls are boiled and put in the coconut sauce. A further modification to the recipe is the addition of roasted oat, which provides fragrance and nutty flavour to the dumpling as well as increasing the whole grain content.

#### Tips

Thai scented candle is horse shoe-shaped. It is commonly used to add a unique aroma to many traditional Thai desserts. To perfume foods with its smoke, the candle is placed in a glass jar or tight container with foods and lighted at both ends. When the lid is closed, the candle will go out on its own and release lots of smoke, giving a special and complex aroma to the foods.



Pat the ball into a small cake, place the filling in the middle and pinch edges together to enclose the filling.



Cook the coconut balls in boiling water until done (balls will float to the surface). Strain the balls out from the water and place in an individual dessert bowl.

#### Coconut sauce



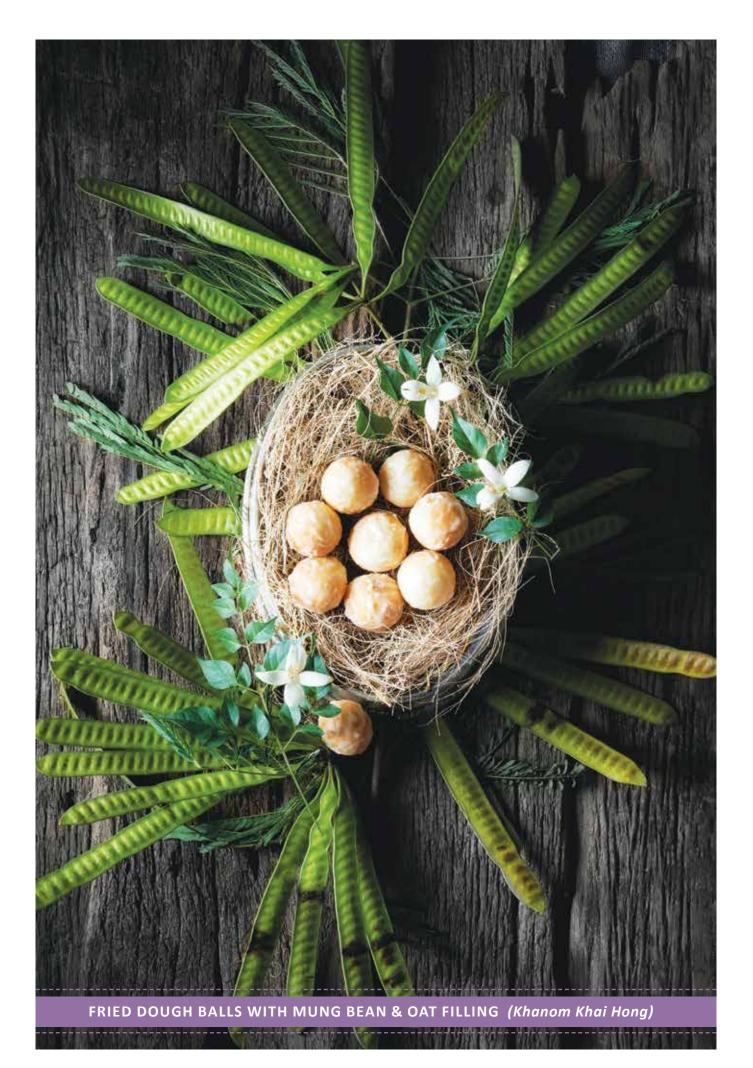
Mix coconut milk, sugar and salt together in a pot and bring the sauce to a boil over low heat.



Add the hot coconut sauce in the dessert bowl and serve warm.

Allergen information: Contains peanut and trace or residues of soybean

Nutrient Content Per Serving Calorie 212 kcal	Carbohydrate 75.5 g	Protein 2.3 g	Fat 6.1 g	Fiber 0.8 g	
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## Fried Dough Balls with Mung Bean & Oat Filling (Khanom Khai Hong)

Serves: 4 (12 pcs)

Preparation time: 30 min

Cooking time: 30 min

#### Ingredients

#### Dough

29.5 g (1/3 cup) white flour 5.9 g (1½ tsp) sugar 23.5 ml (2 tbsp) water

#### Filling

10 g (2 tbsp) instant oatmeal 11.2 g (1½ tbsp) mung bean, soaked, steamed, and mashed 2.5 g (1 tsp) shallot 0.6 g (little) white pepper 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cooking oil 12.5 g (1 tbsp) palm sugar 0.2 g (little) salt 5 ml (1 tsp) soy sauce 7.5 ml (½ tbsp) water

*Khanom Khai Hong* is a dessert made with rice flour dough. The dough is stuffed with seasoned mung bean, deep-fried, and coated with icing. The name literally means "swan-egg snack", because of its egg shape. The dessert has a perfect balance of tastes and textures: sweet and crispy outside, but salty and soft inside. In this modified recipe, oat is added to partly replace mung bean and to increase the whole grain content.

Sugar coat 45 g (3 tbsp) sugar 30 ml (6 tsp) water

#### Instructions

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Knead white flour with water; add sugar and knead the whole until it is well mixed and becomes dough. Cover the dough with a damp cloth for 15 mins.



Pound shallots and white pepper together, and mix them well with mashed mung bean.



Fry the mixture in a pan until fragrant. Add roasted oat, salt, soy sauce, and palm sugar. Stir all ingredients until well mixed. Take the mixture off the heat and allow it to cool down.



Take around a teaspoon of the filling mixture and roll it between your palms into a ball.



Take around a tablespoon of the dough and roll it between your palms into a ball. Pat the ball into a small cake, place the filling in the middle and pinch edges together to enclose the filling.

Deep-fry the stuffed balls in low heat until they become golden brown. Place the balls on a sieve or tissue papers to cool down and drain the excess oil.



Boil sugar and water over low heat until the mixture turns into a thick syrup. Coat the deep-fried balls with the syrup and allow them to cool down until the coating syrup turns into sugar flakes.



The balls should be kept in an air-tight container before serving to prevent sugar flakes from melting.

Allergen information: Contains gluten and traces or residues of soybean

rient Content Per Serving	Calorie 67 kcal	Carbohydrate 14.4 g	Protein 1.1 g	Fat 0.8 g	Fiber 0.2 g	



## Thai Coconut Rice Cake with Oat (Baa Bin)

Serves: 8 (16 pcs)

Preparation time: 20 min

Cooking time: 30 min

#### Ingredients

40 g (½ cup) quick cook oat, roasted 40 g (½ cup) coconut, freshly shredded 30 g (⅓ cup) glutinous flour 8 g (4 tsp) rice flour 80 ml (⅓ cup) coconut milk 92.5 g (½ cup) sugar 0.5 g (⅓ tsp) salt 30 ml (2 tbsp) water 0.5 ml (⅓ tsp) jasmine essence water Baa Bin is a traditional Thai dessert, but nowadays, it is not very popular among the young generations. Baa Bin is sold mainly in open local markets and at food stalls because it should be consumed freshly after being prepared. The main ingredients of Baa Bin are glutinous flour, shredded coconut, coconut milk and sugar. To enhance the fragrance and nutty flavour of the dessert, roasted oat is added in this modified recipe. In this way, the whole grain content of this traditional rice cake is also increased.

Tips • To make jasmine essence water: soak jasmines in a covered bowl of water and leave it overnight.

#### Instructions

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Evenly mix glutinous flour, rice flour, water and coconut milk together.



Simmer the mixture over low heat until half cooked; add grated coconut meat, sugar, roasted oat, and jasmine essence water. Keep stirring until all ingredients are well mixed.



Pour the mixture into a tray; bake it at 180 °C for 20 mins until the surface becomes golden brown.



Allow it to cool down and then cut into pieces before serving.

Allergen information: Contains peanut and trace or residues of soybean

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### Sweet Sticky Rice with Ground Dry Fish & Oat Topping (Khao Neow Pla Phon)

Serves: 4 Cooking time: 50 min

Preparation time: 20 min (not including soaking of sticky rice overnight)

#### Ingredients

#### Topping

10 g (2 tbsp) quick cook oat 18 g (2 tbsp) Thai anchovy, deep fried 12 g (1 tbsp) shallot, sliced 8 g (2 tsp) sugar

Coconut sticky rice 100 g (<sup>3</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup) sticky rice 35 g (2½ tbsp) coconut milk 3 g (1 tsp) sugar 0.3 g (little) salt

Sticky rice is a common ingredient in many Thai desserts. Typically, the sticky rice is cooked with coconut milk and sugar; the sweet creamy rice is then paired with ripe mangoes or durians, or topped with egg custard, ground dried shrimp or fish. In this modification to the recipe, roasted oat is added to the dried fish, thereby increasing the crispiness of the topping. This also increases the whole grain content of the very popular dish.

#### Instructions

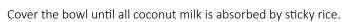
#### Sticky rice

Clean the rice with water and soak it overnight.

Drain the water and steam the rice until cooked.



Put the freshly steamed sticky rice into a bowl; add coconut milk with sugar and salt. Stir until well mixed.



#### Topping



Fry the shallot until it turns golden brown and crispy.

Put the ground anchovy, fried shallot, ground roasted oat and sugar

into a bowl. Stir gently until well mixed.

Grind the deep-fried anchovy.



Sprinkle the topping on top of the sticky rice before serving.

Allergen information: Contains fish

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Calorie 99 kcal	Carbohydrate 15.4 g	Protein 3.9 g	Fat 2.6 g	Fiber 0.4 g



## Rice Crepe with Mung Bean & Oat Filling (Thua Pab)

Serves: 5 (15 pcs) Cooking time: 50 min Preparation time: 40 min (not including soaking of mung bean for 3 hrs)

#### Ingredients

Dough 65 g (¾ cup) white glutinous flour 58 ml (¼ cup) water

Filling 8 g (2 tbsp) instant oatmeal, roasted 20 g (2½ tbsp) mung bean 0.3 g (little) salt 5.5 ml (1 tsp) water

Coconut 50 g (½ cup) coconut, steamed, grated 0.2 g (little) salt

Seasoning 30 g (2 tbsp) sugar 1.2 g (¼ tsp) salt 4 g (1 tsp) white sesame, roasted Thua Pab is a rice crepe filled with steamed mung bean and coated with grated coconut. Food colourings or extract from butterfly pea flowers are often added to the crepe dough to make the dessert look more appetizing. Normally, the sugar-sesame topping is sprinkled shortly before serving. The use of roasted oat partly substitutes mung bean to add on the flavour complexity of the filling and to increase the whole grain content of *Thua Pab*.

#### Instructions



Soak mung bean in warm water for 3 hours and steam until cooked. Mix the mung bean with salt, roasted oat and water.



Knead glutinous flour with water until it forms smooth elastic dough. Cover the dough with a damp cloth for 20 mins.



Mix roasted sesame, sugar and salt until well distributed.

Pick about a tablespoon of the dough; roll it in between your palms to get a round shape. Pat the ball into a flat patty, and then boil it until it starts floating.



Place the boiled patty/crepe on grated coconut, fill with steamed mung bean and roasted oat, and pinch its edges together to enclose the filling.



Serve with roasted sesame topping.

Protein 2.0 g

Fiber 1.0 g



## Oat Soft Candy (Khao Tu)

Serves: 7 (21 pcs)

Preparation time: 50 min

Cooking time: 30 min

#### Ingredients

60 g (¾ cup) quick cook oat 100 g (1 cup) coconut, freshly shredded 90 g (6 tbsp) palm sugar 0.3 g (little) salt 75 ml (⅓ cup) water Khao Tu is a traditional Thai dessert made mainly with roasted rice, coconut, and palm sugar. It is a way to preserve and use leftover or day-old rice. Typically, leftover rice is sun dried before roasting. In this modified recipe, roasted oat is used to replace rice wholly. Oat is a perfect alternative ingredient to rice and the resulting candy has a higher content of fibre and several nutrients.

#### Instructions



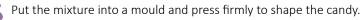
Roast the oat and grind.

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Simmer grated coconut and palm sugar in a pan over low heat; stir until the mixture thickened.



Add roasted oat and mix until well distributed.



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Smoke the candies with a scented candle. The candies should be kept in an air-tight container before serving.

Nutrient Content Per Serving

Protein 1.7 g



## RAISING AWARENESS AND CHANGING BEHAVIOUR FOR PROPER NUTRITION

VINUTAS, as a professional organization, has been working to addressing under-nutrition and overnutrition and making it a reality for people's health in the whole country.

The Vietnam Nutrition Association support the Government's efforts in implementing the National Strategy for Nutrition 2011-2020 by appropriate and effective approaches and by promoting the healthy diet and lifestyle for Vietnamese people with the vision towards 2030. On November 2017, the Prime Minister signed the Derective No. 46 / CT-TTg to enhance nutrition activities on new period. For that reason, it is necessary to have promoting programmes for raising awareness and changing behaviour of Vietnamese people for proper nutrition. The targets of these programmes are: the diet of

Vietnamese people will be improved in terms of quantity, balanced in quality, hygienic and safe; child malnutrition will be further reduced, especially prevalence of stunting, contributing to improved physical status and stature of Vietnamese people; and obesity/overweight will be managed, contributing to the control of nutrition-related chronic diseases.

In recent years, NCDS have been rising rapidly in Vietnam. Being aware of the important role of nutrition in preventing nutrition-related NCDs, VINUTAS has conducted annual scientific symposium and Nutrition Month with different topics to reinforce NCD prevention and to improve population health. The topics in recent years are:

In **2015**: "Appropriate diet and more physical exercise to prevent overweight/ obesity and NCDs"

In **2016**: *"Proper nutrition and regular exercise to prevent diabetes"* 

In **2017**: "Proper nutrition and exercise to prevent osteoporosis"

In **2018**: "Proper nutrition and regular exercise to prevent blood lipid disorder"

In **2019**: "Nutrition in the first 1000 days for improved Vietnamese stature"

We -VINUTAS always demonstrate a strong commitment to promoting nutrition and improve Vietnamese physical status.

#### Activities

- Annual scientific conferences and Nutrition Month.
- The Journal of Food and Nutrition Science
- Consultation in nutrition, food hygiene and health fields,
- Technical assistance to provincial societies of nutritionists to develop professional activities,
- Public talks and workshops,
- Nutrition promotion programmes in collaboration with other professional bodies and private sectors (eg Nutrition Month Vietnam, Nutrition Awards, the programme of nutritional education and community health care on a national scale),
- Conduct research on specific community groups.



#### **Major Publications**

- The Journal of Food and Nutrition Science
- The book "Questions and Answers for children's nutrition and health care"
- The book "Causes of food poisoning and prevention"
- The book "Natural water and principles for filtration and disinfection"
- The book "Nutrition and health care for children under 5 years old"

## Oats create tastier and healthier meals for Vietnamese people

Generally, besides the role of providing nutrients for the body, food also provides good taste and smell for the people. Therefore, one of the purposes of cooking is to create dishes with attractive colours, delicious tastes and smells so as to stimulate people's appetite, thus to ensure good nutrition and health.

Each country, ethnic group, and region has its own typical cuisine. A Vietnamese meal is called "a rice session" because the staple food is rice and rice products (eg fresh noodles, dried noodles and vermicelli). In the past, in the traditional meal, rice was often accompanied by "salty dishes" (eg meat, fish, shrimp and egg), "green dishes" (eg boiled or stir-fried vegetables, vegetable soup and pickles) and condiments (eg fish sauce, soya sauce, lime, chili and pepper). However, in modern cuisine, there are so many fried foods and ready-to-eat foods appearing in Vietnamese meals.

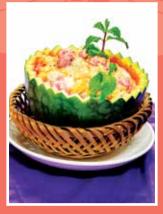
The prominent feature of Vietnamese cuisine is the combination of many food items in a single dish. For example, a stir-fried beef mix is the combination of beef marinated with ginger, garlic, pepper and fish sauce that is cooked with many kinds of greens, such as cauliflower, carrot, kohlrabi, celery, leek and onion. This amazing mixture creates a colourful, delicious and nutritious dish. Oatmeal corn sticky rice is a common breakfast of Vietnamese people. This is quite a diversified meal that provides essential nutrients for a breakfast with ingredients from sticky rice, corn, green bean, coconut milk, cooking oil, fried onion. The addition of oats would make it more delicious and nutritive!

Another typical feature of Vietnamese cuisine is the use of many condiments and sauces. Each dish often goes with its own spices: chicken goes with lemon leaves, beef/buffalo meat goes with garlic and ginger. The diverse use of spices and sauces not only creates many dishes of different tastes from one type of food, but also helps to stimulate people's appetite. Pizza with oatmeal Jambon sauce is a favourite food of youths with the combination of diverse items: wheat, oats, baking powder, sugar, olive oil, Jambon, German sauces, tomato sauce, bell pepper, garlic and grated cheese. If you have the opportunity to come to Hanoi, do not forget to visit Ho Tay (West Lake) and enjoy the taste of Ho Tay prawn cake – A famous specialty of Hanoi! This is a delicious, attractive and nutritive meal with the combination of many food items such as wheat, rice flour, sweet potato, oats, fresh prawn, chicken eggs, sugar, cooking oil, ground pepper...

Some foods like oats (a wholegrain cereal) are very common in the West but are not as common in Vietnam. Oats are rich in micronutrients, including several minerals such as manganese, phosphorus, magnesium and zinc and B vitamins. Oats also have low glycemic index and a good source of edible fibre. Oats have not been commonly used on its own or as an ingredient in many Vietnamese dishes. Oats can be used to cook many delicious dishes, such as oat porridge, oat cookies, or to be added with meat, seafood, or to be fried or grilled.

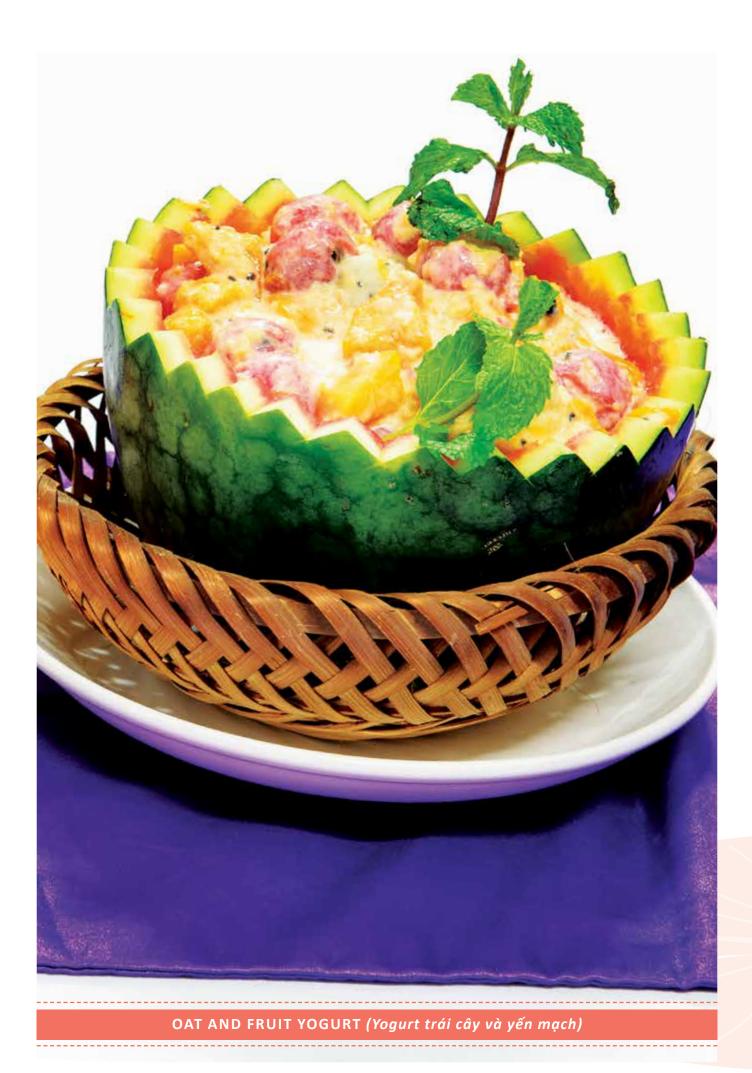
Oats can also be used in many other dishes for dietary diversification, thus to improve people's nutrition and health. Reconising this, several traditional popular Vienamese dishes have been modified by the addition of oats to create tastier and healthier meals.

Please enjoy your Vietnamese delicious and healthy foods with added oats!









## Oat and Fruit Yoghurt (Yoghurt trái cây và yến mạch)

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 20 min

Cooking time: 10 min

#### Ingredients

100 g ripe mango 100 g dragon fruit 100 g watermelon 120 g ripe banana 60 g oatmeal 120 ml yoghurt 30 ml condensed milk Fruit yoghurt is a common dessert in Vietnam that is favoured by kids and all people. It is made from sweet ripe mango, banana, dragon fruit, watermelon and yoghurt. In this modified recipe, oat is introduced to increase whole grain intake.

#### Instructions

Dice the fruits into small cubes. Put oatmeal in a cup, add hot water to soak, and leave to cool down.

Blend the soaked oat with yoghurt and condensed milk.

Add the fruit cubes and shake slightly.



Calories 148 kcal

Protein 4.8 g



## Oatmeal Corn Sticky Rice (Xôi ngô lúa mạch)

Serves: 5 (1 bowl per serving)

Preparation time: 6 hrs

Cooking time: 40 min

#### Ingredients

500 g glutinous rice 50 g green beans, peeled 50 g oatmeal 80 g sweet corn kernels 100 ml coconut milk 5 g onion 30 ml cooking oil Salt Corn sticky rice is a traditional dish made of sticky rice, sweet corn, green bean, coconut milk, and fried onion. It is a popular breakfast dish. Oat is mixed with sticky rice in this modified recipe to add more nutrients and fibre to our diet.

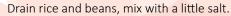
#### Instructions

#### Preparation



Soak glutinous rice and green beans in water for 5 to 6 hours.

Sweet corn is used in this recipe as it is tastier. However, you may also use normal corn on the cob. In that case, ensure that the kernels are almost of even maturity.





Add corn kernels with oat and mix well.

#### Cooking

Put mixture in steamer. The water for steaming must be at a reasonable level; too much water will soak the lower layer of rice and prevent the upper layer from cooking properly. You can also use a clean wet towel to cover the steamer to keep the heat in to prevent the rice from drying out.



While waiting, put the coconut milk in a small pot with a little seasoning, cook until fairly thick and put in a bowl.

Pour the sauce over the sticky rice, gradually mix to soak.

Calories 342 kcal

Protein 10.5 g



## Banana Sweet Dessert with Oat (Chè chuối với yến mạch)

Serves: 4 (1 bowl/serving)

Preparation time: 30 min

Cooking time: 10 min

#### Ingredients

200 g (3-4 small) bananas 200 ml coconut milk 30 g oat 100 g white sugar 3 g salt 30 g tapioca balls 20 g grated coconut copra 20 g peanut, roasted Banana sweet dessert with oat is a favourite dessert for kids in Vietnam, and can be served hot or cold (add ice) as preferred. Oat is added to this popular dish to make it more nutritious by increasing its whole grain content.

#### Instructions

#### <u>Preparation</u>

Peel and slice banana. If you use a large banana, slice in half.

Put sliced bananas in a bowl with salt and sugar and leave for 15-20 minutes. Optional: Arrange in layers, e.g. banana slices, then salt and sugar, and repeat until all ingredients used; this allows the banana slices to be covered well and keep their form.



Roast peanuts and lightly pound to crush them.

Soak tapioca balls in cold water for 15 minutes until they swell and soften. Remove and boil until they float.

Soak the oats in hot water.

#### Cooking



Pour the coconut milk in a pot. If you don't have canned coconut milk, you can buy coconut copra, grate it and extract the milk.



Gradually add banana in coconut milk and simmer till the banana gets tender. Add tapioca balls and oats to cook for 5 more minutes, gently stir to prevent mashing bananas, season to taste.

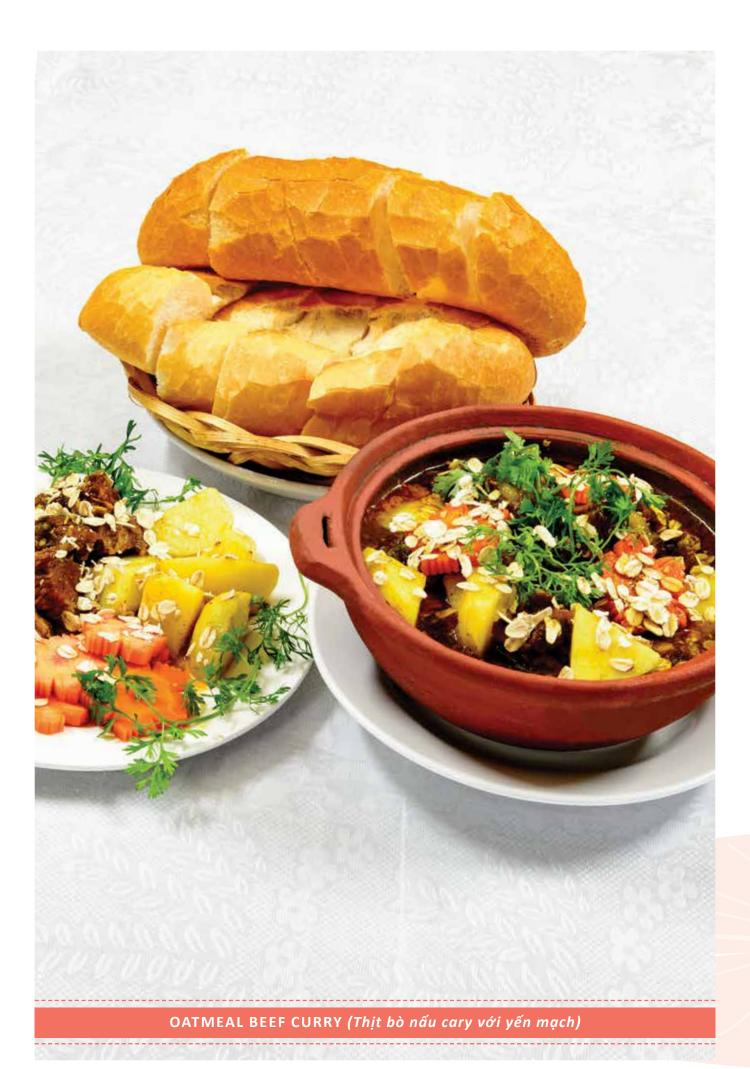


When it is done, put in a bowl, sprinkle grated coconut and crushed roasted peanuts on top. Serve hot or cold (add ice) as preferred.

**Nutrient Content per Serving** 

Calories 334 kcal

Protein 4.3 g



## Oatmeal Beef Curry (Thịt bò nấu cary với yến mạch)

Serves: 5

Preparation time: 10 min

Cooking time: 20 min

#### Ingredients

500 g beef 50 g oatmeal 60 g (1 whole) onion 80 g (1 whole) carrot 130 g potato 100 ml coconut milk 20 g cooking oil 5 g sugar 10 g garlic 5 g (small) onion 5 g curry powder Seasoning and salt to taste

#### Instructions

#### Preparation

C<mark>ube the beef</mark>.

Peel and dice onion.

Peel and chop garlic.

#### Cooking

Heat the cooking oil in a pan and stir fry beef (medium rare), put on a plate.

Sauté onion, reduce heat after 3 minutes and add garlic, and curry powder. Continue stir-frying for 2 minutes.

Use 1 litre of broth (chicken or pork bones) and bring to a boil. Add sugar and seasoning, stir well. Add beef and simmer until tender. Add oatmeal, peeled and diced carrot and potato. Cook for 15 more minutes. When it boils again, pour coconut milk, and season to taste.

Serve with fresh rice vermicelli. If to be served with bread, add tapioca flour to thicken curry.

Put on a bowl and sprinkle green onion and coriander for decoration.

#### Beef curry is a famous dish served during weekends and on special occasions in Vietnam. The coconut milk and curry powderin the recipe give this dish its special taste. The addition of oat to this recipe can increase our whole grain intake.

Protein 28.9 g



## Ho Tay Prawn Cake with Oat (Bánh tôm Hồ tây)

Serves: 4 (4 pcs per serving)

Preparation time: 20 min

Cooking time: 15 min

#### Ingredients

100 g sweet potato
40 g all-purpose wheat flour
40 g rice flour
70 g (2 whole) chicken eggs
50 g oatmeal
200 g fresh prawn
30 ml cooking oil
Salt, water, seasoning, ground pepper, vinegar to taste

Dipping sauce 20 g green papaya, sliced 20 g carrot, sliced 25 g fish sauce *Ho Tay* prawn cake isvery famous in Vietnam and has a special taste only found in "West Lake- *HồTây*" of Hanoi! Whoever comes to Hanoi should go to West Lake and enjoy this dish. Oat is added for a crunchy texture and to increase whole grain in the diet.

15 g lemon juice 30 g sugar 15 g vinegar 3 g chilli

#### Instructions

#### **Preparation**

Clean and peel swe<mark>et potato, shred t</mark>o fine julienne.



Add wheat flour, rice flour, egg, and seasoning in a mixing bowl mix well. Pour over a strainer to remove clumps. Add sweet potato and oat to the bowl and mix to cover sweet potato with flour mix.



Use a spatula to scoop the mix (potato and flour mix), dip prawn in the flour mix and put on top of the spatula.



Heat the cooking oil, bring the spatula to the pan and gently pour the contents into oil to shape the cake. When the cake turns golden brown and crispy, remove and use kitchen towel to absorb the excess oil.

Serve with lettuce and green herbs.

#### For dipping sauce

Peel green papaya and carrot, clean and slice to julienne. Immediately soak in cold water to get crunchy.

Combine fish sauce, lemon juice, sugar, vinegar, and chilli in a bowl and mix well. Add the above papaya and carrot and season to taste. This sweat and sour sauce is served with the prawn cakes.

Calories 364 kcal



## Baked Oat-Stuffed Snakehead Fish (Cá quả nhồi yến mạch bỏ lò)

Serves: 6

Preparation time: 20 min

Cooking time: 30 min

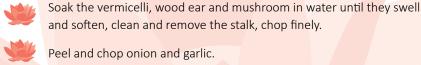
#### Ingredients

20 g taro vermicelli 5 g wood ear 5 g dried Chinese mushroom 5 g dried onion 5 g garlic 6 g green onion 6 g dill 1 kg (whole) snakehead fish 30 g oatmeal 50 ml cooking oil 20 g soya sauce Seasoning, MSG, ground pepper, vinegar to taste

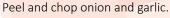
Baked stuffed snakehead fish is a very special and delicious dish that requires a combination of various foods to be served together during festivals or special occasions in Vietnam. Oat is introduced into this traditional dish to give it a crunchy texture while enhancing its nutritional value by increasing the whole grain content of the dish.

#### Instructions

#### Preparation



and soften, clean and remove the stalk, chop finely.



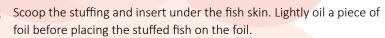
Remove inedible portions from green onion and dill, clean and chop.

Scale the fish and clean it with vinegar. Debone and chop the fish meat finely. Leave the fish skin intact for stuffing later.

#### Cooking



Sauté onion and garlic till fragrant. Stir in fish meat and season to taste. Next add oat and other chopped ingredients and continue to mix well and set aside.



Wrap and bake in oven at 175°C for 25 minutes.

When done, remove and cut fish into sections. Serve hot with the soaked vermicelli, wood ear and mushroom.

Protein 4.8 g



# Pizza with Jambon Sauce & Oatmeal (PIZZA sốt thịt nguội với yến mạch)

Serves: 8 (2 pcs Pizza)

Preparation time: 40 min

Cooking time: 25 min

#### Ingredients

Base 10 g baking powder 150 ml water 300 g wheat flour 30 g oatmeal 10 g salt 15 g sugar 20 g olive oil

#### **Toppings**

100 g jambon (turkey ham) 60 g (2 pcs) German sausage 5 g dried garlic 60 g onion 15 g butter Pizza with jambon sauce is not an original Vietnam dish; however, it has now become a favourite among kids and youths. Pizza can be made from variety of foods. In this modified recipe, oat is added because it is an excellent way to introduce whole grain early to children.

50 g bell pepper 30 g oat 10 g sugar 30 ml cooking oil Seasoning, pepper, thyme 60 ml tomato ketchup 80 g grated cheese

#### Instructions

#### <u>Base</u>

Put baking powder in warm water and mix well with wheat flour and oat. Gradually add olive oil, sugar, salt and water. Leave to rest for 30 - 35 minutes. Divide to 4 portions, flatten to round shape. Bake.

#### <u>Toppings</u>

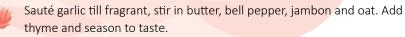


Clean all ingredients.

Chop garlic and onion finely; dice onion and bell pepper.

Cut jambon to 1x3 cm pieces; bevel the sausages to slices.

Spread ketchup over base, add toppings, and sprinkle cheese on top.



#### **Combination**



Bake to golden brown.

Nutrient Content per Serving

Calories 335 kcal

Carbohydrate 36.1 g

Protein 12.9 g



# Rice Rolls with Meat & Oat (Banh cuon) (Bánh cuốn thịt với yến mạch)

Makes: 25 pcs (5pcs/serving)

Preparation time: 25 min

Cooking time: 15 min

#### Ingredients

30 g shallots 30 g wood ear mushroom 400 g rice flour 120 g minced pork or other meat 40 g oat 10 g seasoning 30 g fish sauce 10 g sugar 20 ml vegetable oil Mint leaves, crushed pepper Rice rolls with meat is a delicious traditional breakfast food that is very famous in Thanh Tri – Hanoi. Oat is introduced into this traditional dish for a crunchy texture and to increase whole grain content of the food.

#### Instructions

#### Preparation

Peel shallots. Thinly slice ⅔ of the shallots, finely dice and chop ⅓ of the shallots.

Put mushrooms in a bowl, cover and soak with water for 20 minutes, then drain and thinly slice.



Combine rice flour with 250 ml of cold water.

#### <u>Cooking</u>

When oil is heated, add thinly sliced shallots. When the shallots have turned golden brown, turn off the heat, and separate the shallots from the oil using a slotted ladle.



Fry the finely diced and chopped shallots until fragrant, then add meat, mushrooms, oat, fish sauce, sugar, seasoning and pepper. Stir-fry for 4 to 5 minutes, and then transfer to a bowl.

Prepare thin noodle sheets by pouring the wheat flour mixture onto a steamer or a non-stick pan.

Place a thin noodle sheet in a plate, then scoop 1 tablespoon of meat mixture on it, then fold over to form an open-ended roll. Repeat this process using the remaining batter and meat mixture.

Top up with fried shallots and arrange mint leaves around the plate. Enjoy with fish sauce.

Protein 12.3 g

Calories 416 kcal

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