## Sambal Fish Recipe

## **Ingredients:**

600 g meaty fish, cut into thick steaks or slices

Oil for deep-frying

- 1 tablespoon tamarind pulp
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt

Juice of 2 calamansi

sliced cucumber, for garnish

## Sambal paste:

- 10 shallots, peeled
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 tablespoon shrimp paste (belachan)
- 8 dried chilies, soaked till soft

## **Method:**

Heat oil and fry fish until crisp and golden brown. Set aside to keep warm. Knead tamarind with water until pulp dissolves, then strain. Grind spice paste ingredients until fine. Remove all but 4 tablespoons of oil and fry paste over medium heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until aromatic. Add tamarind liquid, tomato puree, sugar and salt and stir for 2 minutes. Add fish to paste and stir well to incorporate. Dribble calamansi juices all over before serving with sliced cucumber.

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