

# Diri ak Pwa (red beans and rice)

### **INGREDIENTS**

1/4 cup of butter

1 onion, finely chopped

1 bell pepper, finely chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 cup tomato sauce

2 cups red kidney beans, cooked (canned okay, drain first)

1 tsp thyme

2 tsps oregano

1 bay leaf

1 cup long-grain white rice

1 3/4 cups water (or stock)

Tabasco chipotle sauce to taste



## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Heat the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and bell pepper; sauté until theonion is translucent. Add the garlic and sauté for another 1-2 minutes. Add tomato sauce, beans, herbs, and Tabasco chipotle sauce. Simmer for 5-10 minutes to meld flavors.
- 2. Stir in the rice, stock or water, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low, cover tightly and simmer for 15-18 minutes.
- 3. Remove from heat and let set covered for another 5-10 minutes. Then stir lightly with a fork and serve.



# Haitian Spaghetti

### **INGREDIENTS**

1/4 cup oil
1 medium onion
5 cloves garlic
1/2 tsp thyme
Pinch of ground cloves
Pinch of pepper
1 lb spaghetti
1/2 cup ketchup



### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Chop onion and mince garlic.
- 2. Sauté onion, garlic, thyme, cloves, and pepper in oil until onions are clear, but not brown.
- 3. Stir in ketchup over medium heat.
- 4. Combine cooked pasta with sauce and "stir fry" for about 5-10 minutes until it's just a little "crispy" (kindof like lo mein noodles)

Serves 4.

# **Oven Fried Plantains**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

5 ripe plantains (bananas are NOT a substitution for plantains!) Cooking oil spray



### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
- 3. Slice plantains, not too thin or they will burn! (slices should be between 1/2 and 3/4 inch thick)
- 4. Arrange plantain slices on foil, spray tops with oil.
- 5. Bake for 5 minutes or until top edges begin to brown.
- 6. Remove from oven. Flip plantain slices. Spray uncooked side with additional oil.
- 7. Bake for an additional 5 minutes or until edges appear golden brown.

The difference between plantains and bananas: Many people confuse plantains with bananas. Although they look a lot like green bananas and are a close relative, plantains are very different. They are starchy, not sweet, and they are used as a vegetable in many recipes. Plantains are sold in the fresh produce section of the supermarket here in the states. They usually resemble green bananas; ripe plantains may be brown or black in color. Plantains are longer than bananas and they have thicker skins. They also have natural brown spots and rough areas.



## Haitian Potato Salad

### **INGREDIENTS**

4 potatoes, peeled and cubed 1 carrot, peeled and minced 2 1/4 tsps salt 1 small beet 2 eggs 1/2 cup sweet peas 1/2 onion, minced 1/3 cup red bell pepper diced 2 Tbsps mayonnaise 1/4 tsps black pepper



#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Boil potatoes and carrot in water with 1 teaspoon salt for 10 minutes or until tender.
- 2. Boil beet separately in water with 1 teaspoon salt until tender, then peel and mince.
- 3. Boil eggs separatelyin water with 1/4 teaspoon salt until hard.
- 4. In a bowl, place cubed potatoes, minced beet, sweet peas, carrots, onion, red and green bell peppersand mix with mayonnaise. Add black pepper.