

# **Plantain Custard Beignets**

(Use of Big Banana® Ripe Plantain Mash)



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## **Plantain Drop Beignets**

- 135g all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 teaspoon Baking powder
- 50g granulated sugar



- 1 teaspoon Vanilla paste
- 50g Egg (1 large)
- 59g evaporated milk
- 135g baked plantain puree
- Oil, for frying
- Powdered Sugar, for finishing

#### **METHOD:**

- In a bowl, whisk together milk, egg and vanilla paste until thoroughly combined. Whisk in the room temperature plantain puree until smooth. A few lumps of plantain is ok.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whisk all-purpose flour, salt, baking powder, and sugar mixing well.
- 3. Combine the dry ingredients with the wet mixture until smooth. Don't over mix! The batter will be slightly thick.
- 4. Heat your frying oil to 360 F. Once the oil is hot, drop a spoonful at a time of batter into the oil depending on the size you're going for. Be careful not to fry too many at once, as the beignets will expand.
- 5. Flip the beignets and continue frying for about 2 to 3 minutes or until they are brown.
- 6. Transfer beignets to a paper towel to absorb excess oil. Immediately sprinkle a little Kosher salt on top.

### **Plantain Custard**

- 4 large egg yolks
- 1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup sugar , divided
- 2 tsp vanilla extract or vanilla paste
- 3 tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tbsp salted butter
- 240g baked plantain puree, MIC FOOD



#### **METHOD:**

- 1. In a large saucepan, add milk and bring it to a boil. Reduce heat to mediumlow to simmer and add in half the sugar.
- 2. In a medium bowl, add the remaining sugar and cornstarch. Whisk in the egg yolks until combined.
- 3. Slowly temper half the warm milk in the egg yolk mixture a ladle at a time. Pour egg mixture in the bowl into the saucepan and reduce the heat to low. Use a whisk to keep stirring until the custard thickens (around 4-5 minutes).
- 4. Use a thermometer to make sure the custard reaches 185F. Once it reaches this temperature, remove the pan for the heat.
- 5. Add plantain puree, vanilla extract and butter. Stir until well-combined. Pass the custard through a fine mesh strainer to make the custard smoother.
- 6. Place the custard in an airtight container with plastic film flesh against the surface of the custard. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, or until set.
- 7. Use a paring knife or piping tip to create a hole in the center of the cool beignet. Place the custard in a piping bag and begin to fill the cool beignets until full. Dust with powdered sugar and enjoy!