Spicey Mexcian Ceviche

Ingredients

450gms fresh, skinless snapper, bass, halibut, or other ocean fish fillets, cut into 1/2-inch dice

- 1 1/2 cups fresh lime juice
- 1 medium white onion, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 medium-large tomatoes (about 1 pound), chopped into 1/2-inch pieces

Fresh hot green chiles (2 to 3 serranos or 1 to 2 jalapeños), stemmed, seeded and finely chopped

- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro, plus a few leaves for garnish
- 1/3 cup chopped pitted green olives (manzanillos for a typical Mexican flavor)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (optional)

Salt

- 3 tablespoons fresh orange juice or 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 large or 2 small ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and diced

Tostadas, tortilla chips or crostini for serving

Instructions

Step 1:

In a large stainless steel bowl, combine the fish, lime juice and onion. Use enough juice to cover the fish and allow it to float freely; too little juice means unevenly "cooked" fish.

Step 2:

Cover and refrigerate for about 4 hours, until a cube of fish no longer looks raw when broken open. Drain in a colander.

Step 3:

In a large bowl, mix together the tomatoes, green chiles, cilantro, olives and optional olive oil. Stir in the fish and season with salt, usually about 1/2 teaspoon. Add the sugar. Cover and refrigerate if not serving immediately. Just before serving, gently stir in the diced avocado.



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