Desserts of the World: Haiti

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Pain Patate

Ingredients

- 1 large WHITE sweet potato
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 can coconut cream
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ripe banana
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup Haitian rum (Barbancourt preferred)



Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Peel and cut the sweet potato into small, manageable chucks for shredding. Shred sweet potato you should have about 3 cups.
- 3. Put 3 cups shredded sweet potato into a large cooking pot. Add evaporated milk, coconut cream, brown sugar, salt, nutmeg and butter.
- 4. Bring mixture to a boil, and boil for 45 minutes.
- 5. While mixture is shimmering (slightly boiling), soak ½ cup of raisins in ½ cup of Haitian Rum (you can substitute ½ cup of water for the rum).
- 6. After 45 minutes, mash ripe banana in a small dish and add to the shimmering mixture.
- 7. Add soaked raisins to the mixture.
- 8. Add ginger, vanilla and cinnamon. Stir well and allow mixture to cook for 10 to 15 more minutes. Mixture should be thick like cake batter.
- 9. Placed mixture in a glass or nonstick 9x12 baking dish. Cook for 1 hour at 350 degrees.
- 10. Remove and allow to cool.

Tip: Allow Pain Patate to sit in the refrigerator for 24 hours before serving.