# Effects of different types of cooking in nutritional quality of fish



# Cooking methods of fishery products

- Curry
- Frying
- Grilling
- Boiling
- Canning



## Fish curry - Boiling

High in Niacin, phosphorus, vitamin, selenium; and low in sugar

- Minerals show changes during boiling due to their solubility
- Cholesterol will increase.
- Omega 3 fatty acids will decrease



# Frying - Changes in fat

- Frying fat penetrates into it, replaces part of water and omega-3 fatty acids, it contains
- Typical fried flavour is due to lipid degradation products originating from frying oils.
- Frying tuna degrades its omega-3 content up to 70-85%.
- If oil is heated to a high temperature for a long period of time, toxic aldehydes are formed.
- Aldehydes increase risk of cancer and other diseases



#### Frying - Changes in carbohydrate & minerals

Carbohydrates varies from only 95% to 100%, indicating frying method has no influence

Minerals changes during frying but negligible

#### Frying - Changes in Protein

- Frying does not change digestibility of the protein.
- When reducing substances are added to fried food, ie. carbohydrates (fish balls), it lowers slightly protein digestibility

State of fish	Hake	Sword fish	Fish balls
Raw	0.92	0.94	0.92
Fried	0.91	0.96	0.89

# Frying - Changes in Vitamin

- Several vitamins are very sensitive to higher temperatures and oxidation
- Loss is certainly very high in surface layers.

#### Vitamin E

Lost along with oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids during heating.

#### Vitamin B and C

Vitamins B1, B2, B6 and C retained in frying than in boiling, steaming, or stewing



## Canning - Changes in Protein

Proteins are denatured, coagulated & precipitated.

- Coagulation & precipitation adversely affect protein digestability and hence impair nutritive value
- Enzymes are completely inactivated
- Arginine, threonine, cysteine partially destroyed.



## Canning - Changes in Fat and oils

- Undergoes hydrolytic and oxidative rancidity
- Oxidative rancidity is prominent accelerated by <u>heat</u>, <u>metal ions</u>, <u>moisture</u>.
- ► For every increase of 10°C rate of oxidation doubled.
- Moist heating reduce fat rancidity.



### Canning - Changes in vitamins

- Fat soluble vitamins A and D, relatively stable to heat, but loss occurs in the presence of oxygen
- Heat liable water soluble vitamin thiamin and ascorbic acid are lost but riboflavin instable to heat.
- High temperature short processing less destructive to water soluble vitamins

#### Canning - Changes in carbohydrates

- Browning reaction occurs at higher temperature degrades carbohydrates.
- Caramelization also degrades CHO at high temperature.

## Grilling

- Grilling & broiling are similar to cooking but at dry heat.
- Grilling heat source comes from below.
- Grilling imparts great flavour to food.



## Grilling - Loss of nutrients

- Up to 40% of B vitamins and minerals lost during as nutrient-rich juice drips from meat.
- Formation of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), potentially cancer-causing substances when fat drips onto a hot surface.



### Raw fish

- Health-conscious people consume raw foods.
- Raw fish good source of Omega 3, fats and proteins - easy to digest - easily assimilated in the body.
- Vitamins and minerals not lost



## Raw fish

- Popular fishes common in raw fish cuisines: Salmon Herring Tuna Carp
- Sushi and Sashimi
- Two popular dishes that are made with raw fish. Quite popular in Japanese, Chinese and Thai cuisines



### Common effects of cooking in fish

- Texture tend to be soft compared to raw fish.
- Heat induce conversion of collagen to gelatin
- Levels of EPA and DHA almost doubled
- Fat content lowered when boiling because of absorption of water
- Fat content increased when frying because of oil penetration
- Micro wave heating losses of EPA(25 %) and DHA (55%).
- Canning completely destroys these fatty acids

