Less than 45 minute (plus chilling time)
Serves 6-8

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- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 1½ cups (375ml) cake flour + extra for dusting
- 1 tsp (5ml) baking powder
- ½ tsp (3ml) salt
- 3/4 cup (180ml) water
- Salt and milled pepper
- 1kg yellowtail or longline kingklip, cut into large chunks

Pickling liquid:

- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tsp (10ml) ground coriander
- 1 Tbsp (15ml) medium curry powder
- 1 tsp (5ml) ground cumin
- 2 tsp (10ml) turmeric
- 1 Tbsp (15ml) fish masala
- 2 cups (500ml) white vinegar
- 1 cup (250ml) water
- 4 cloves
- 2 bay leaves
- ½ tsp (3ml) peppercorns
- 1 cup (250ml) sugar

- 3 onions, sliced into rings
- Salt and milled pepper
- Fresh dill, for garnishing

Method

- 1. Heat oil in a large pot.
- 2. Combine flour, baking powder, salt and water to create a thick batter.
- 3. Season yellowtail, dust with extra flour and dip into batter one by one.
- 4. Deep-fry for 5-7 minutes, or until golden and cooked through.
- 5. Drain on kitchen paper.
- 6. Place pickling ingredients, except onions, in a pot and bring to a boil.
- 7. Simmer for about 10 minutes then add onions.
- 8. Simmer for 5-7 minutes, season and remove from heat (take care not to overcook, onions should still be crunchy).
- 9. Place fish in a large baking dish.
- 10. Pour over pickling liquid, making sure that fish is covered.
- 11. Cool completely.
- 12. Marinate in the fridge for at least two days.
- 13. Garnish pickled fish with dill just before serving.

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