Squid Salad with Cucumber, Watercress, and Cilantro

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Ingredients

1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus more for grill

1 pound squid (bodies and tentacles), cleaned

Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper

2 tablespoons (or more) unseasoned rice vinegar

1 tablespoon (or more) chili oil

1 cucumber, thinly sliced lengthwise

1/2 bunch watercress, thick stems trimmed (about 2 cups)

1/2 bunch cilantro, thick stems trimmed (about 1 cup)

Preparation

Prepare grill for medium-high heat; oil grate. Toss squid with 1 tablespoon oil in a large bowl; season with salt and pepper.

Grill squid, turning occasionally, until lightly charred and cooked through, about 4 minutes. Transfer squid to a cutting board and slice bodies into bite-size pieces.

Toss squid with vinegar and chili oil in a clean large bowl. Add cucumbers, watercress, and cilantro and toss to combine. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt, pepper, and more vinegar and chili oil, if desired.

Cooks' Note

When buying the cephalopod du jour, order a mix of bodies and tentacles for different textures and visuals, and ask your fishmonger to clean the squid, if it's not already. It's basically foolproof, needing little more than a hot grill, a drizzle of oil, and a squeeze of lemon.