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Subject: Re: Out of Africa

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 11:32:42 GMT

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Craig Markwardt writes:

> Who knew that Ethiopia was such a hot-bed of IDL-using water resource  
> analysts!

Indeed. This is a five year USAID grant to bring some attention to this critical program in developing countries. If it goes well in Ethiopia, it will be extended to other developing countries. IDL will soon be in every nook and cranny of the developing world. ;-)

> I'm also curious to know if authentic Ethiopian food is anything like  
> what you get at home in the States.

Exactly like you get in the US, only much, much better!  
(There is a HUGE contingent of Ethiopians in the US, mostly due to an anti-intellectual, Maoist-like government, the Derg, which was in power before the present administration.)  
I think the food is so good because it is absolutely fresh, local, and mostly organically grown. The only exception is the goat meat, which tastes pretty much like you would expect these often abused animals to taste. You could wear your teeth out chewing it!

I'm told (I haven't eaten enough Ethiopian food in the US to know for sure) that the injera (the sponge-like bread you use to pick the food up with) tastes different in the US because it is hard to get the grain, tef, to make it here. Tef is only grown in Ethiopia, and since it is used extensively, there are export controls that require most of it to be sold locally and at a price the locals can afford.

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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