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Argentina has experienced a significant decline in tree cover over the years, with a net decrease of 10.45%. The latest report from Córdoba Province highlights a single fire incident, underscoring the ongoing challenges the country faces in forest conservation.

The data reveals that the primary drivers of tree cover loss include shifting agriculture, forestry, wildfires, and urbanization. Shifting agriculture has been the most significant contributor, with forestry following closely. Wildfires, although less frequent, still pose a serious threat to the remaining forest areas.

Over the past two decades, Argentina has seen a fluctuating but overall downward trend in tree cover. The country's tree cover extent, which is a critical part of its natural heritage and a vital carbon sink, has been consistently compromised by human activities and natural disturbances.

The impact of these losses is not just ecological but also economic, as forests provide numerous resources and services essential for the country's sustainability. The recent fire incident in Córdoba Province is a stark reminder of the vulnerability of Argentina's forests and the need for concerted efforts to protect and restore these vital ecosystems.

