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The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with its vast expanse of 233 million hectares, is facing a significant challenge in preserving its 199 million hectares of tree cover. Over the years, the country has experienced a substantial loss of tree cover, primarily due to shifting agriculture, which accounts for the majority of the deforestation. The data reveals a net loss of over 6 million hectares of tree cover, which represents a 3.55% decrease from the stable tree cover. This loss has been partially offset by a gain of approximately 1.60 million hectares.

In recent times, the region of Lualaba experienced a solitary fire incident, reflecting a broader issue of environmental disturbances that have plagued the country. Wildfires, although not the leading cause of tree cover loss, still contribute to the country's environmental challenges. The cumulative effect of these disturbances has resulted in a net change that has seen a decrease in tree cover, further emphasizing the need for sustainable management and conservation efforts.

