



## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



PRIMARY GROWING REGION 

PRIMARY ARABICA COFFEE AREAS 

The Democratic Republic of Congo is the third largest nation in Africa, and it has some of the most fertile land in the world. Since the 1940s, Congolese coffee farmers have nurtured *arabica* trees on small farms along Lake Kivu, a massive body of freshwater on the Rwandan border. This area is ideal for growing coffee with cool temperatures at night that help cherries mature slowly and evenly.

Decades of ongoing conflict has brought the coffee industry to a standstill, leaving farmers without the means to produce and sell coffee. But recent years have seen concerted effort from international humanitarian aid organizations to help revitalize the nation's coffee production. Coffee Farmers in the Democratic Republic of Congo are supported by the Starbucks Farmer Support Center (FSC) in Rwanda. Our agronomists and quality specialists train farmers on increasing productivity and mitigating the effects of climate change.

**ARABICA ALTITUDE**  
4,593 ft - 6,562 ft  
(1,400 m - 2,000 m)

**PRIMARY VARIETALS**  
Bourbon, Typica, Rumangabo

**PRIMARY PROCESSING METHODS**  
Washed, Natural

**HARVEST**  
North DRC:  
September - December  
South DRC:  
February - May

**STARBUCKS**



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