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**PITON DE LA FOURNAISE** (VNUM #233020)

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**Summit elevation:** 2632 m

*Piton de la Fournaise is a basaltic hot spot volcano located in the southeastern part of La Réunion Island (Indian Ocean).*

*The volcano first erupted about 500,000 years ago. Its volcanic activity is characterized by frequent effusive eruptions (with emissions of lava fountains and lava flows) that occur on average twice a year since 1998. More rarely, larger explosive eruptions (with blocks covering the summit area and ash emissions that can disperse over long distances) have happened in the past with a centennial recurrence rate.*

*Most of the current eruptive activity (97% during the last 300 years) occurs from vents inside the Enclos Fouqué caldera. A few eruptions, however, have occurred from vents outside the caldera (most recently in 1977, 1986, and 1998). Such eruptions can potentially threaten communities that live in the surrounding areas.*

*Since late 1979, the activity of Piton de la Fournaise is monitored by the Piton de la Fournaise Volcanological Observatory (Observatoire Volcanologique du Piton de la Fournaise - OVPF), which belongs to the Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris (IPGP).*

**Alert level: No alert**

**(Since June 20, 2025)**

*(cf. table in the appendix)*



## A. Piton de la Fournaise activity

### Seismicity

In June 2025, the OVPF-IPGP recorded at Piton de La Fournaise:

- 10 shallow volcano-tectonic earthquakes (0 to 2.5 km above sea level) below the summit craters;
- 4 deep earthquakes (below sea level);
- 3 long-period earthquakes;
- 74 rockfalls.

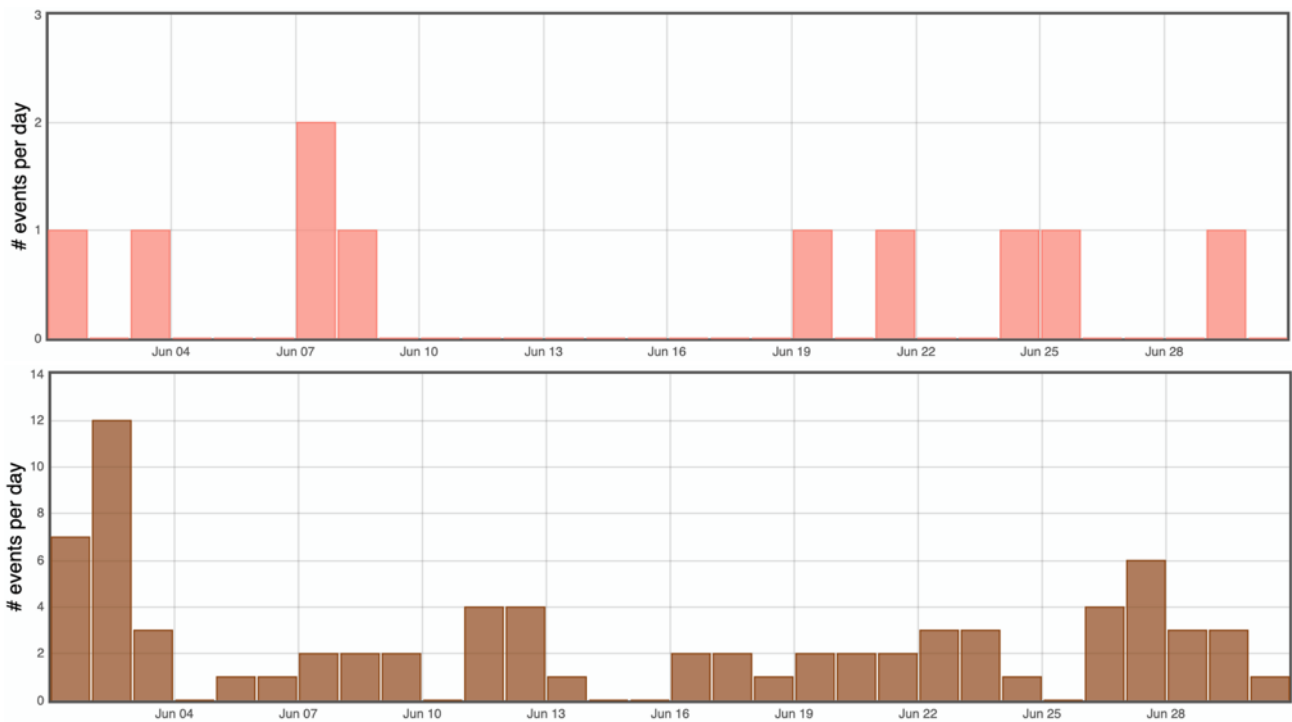


Figure 1: Number of (top) shallow volcano-tectonic earthquakes and (bottom) rockfalls per day recorded in June 2025 (© OVPF-IPGP).

The seismic activity in June 2025 was low, with only 10 shallow volcano-tectonic earthquakes (Figure 1) and 4 deep earthquakes.

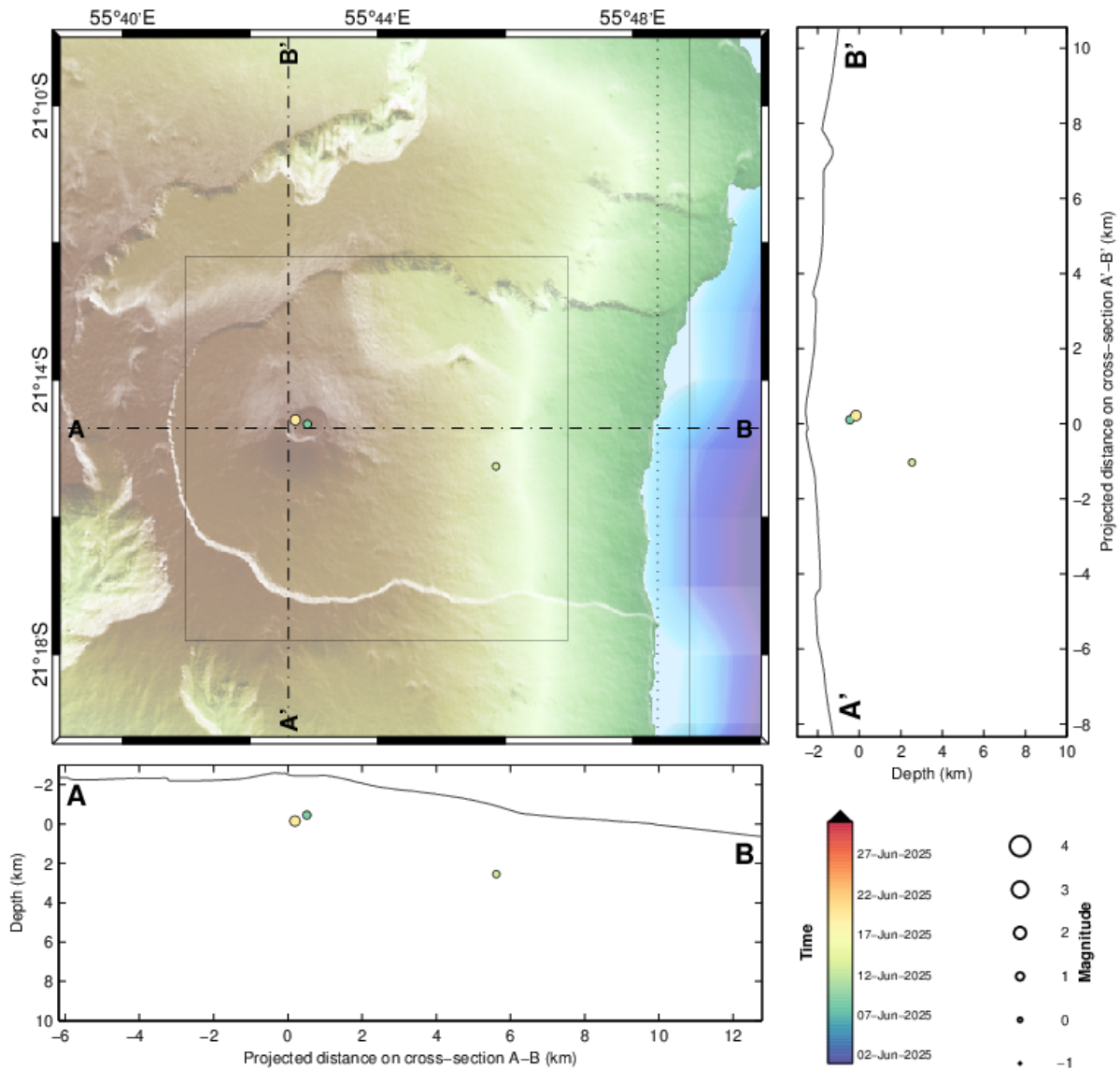
Only 2 shallow and 1 deep volcano-tectonic earthquakes could be located below the summit craters and the eastern flank, respectively (Figure 2). The other ones – of lesser magnitude – could not be located.

Numerous rockfalls (74) also occurred inside the *Dolomieu* crater, along the cliffs of the *Enclos Fouqué* caldera and *Rivière de l'Est* (Figure 1).



PdF Enclos

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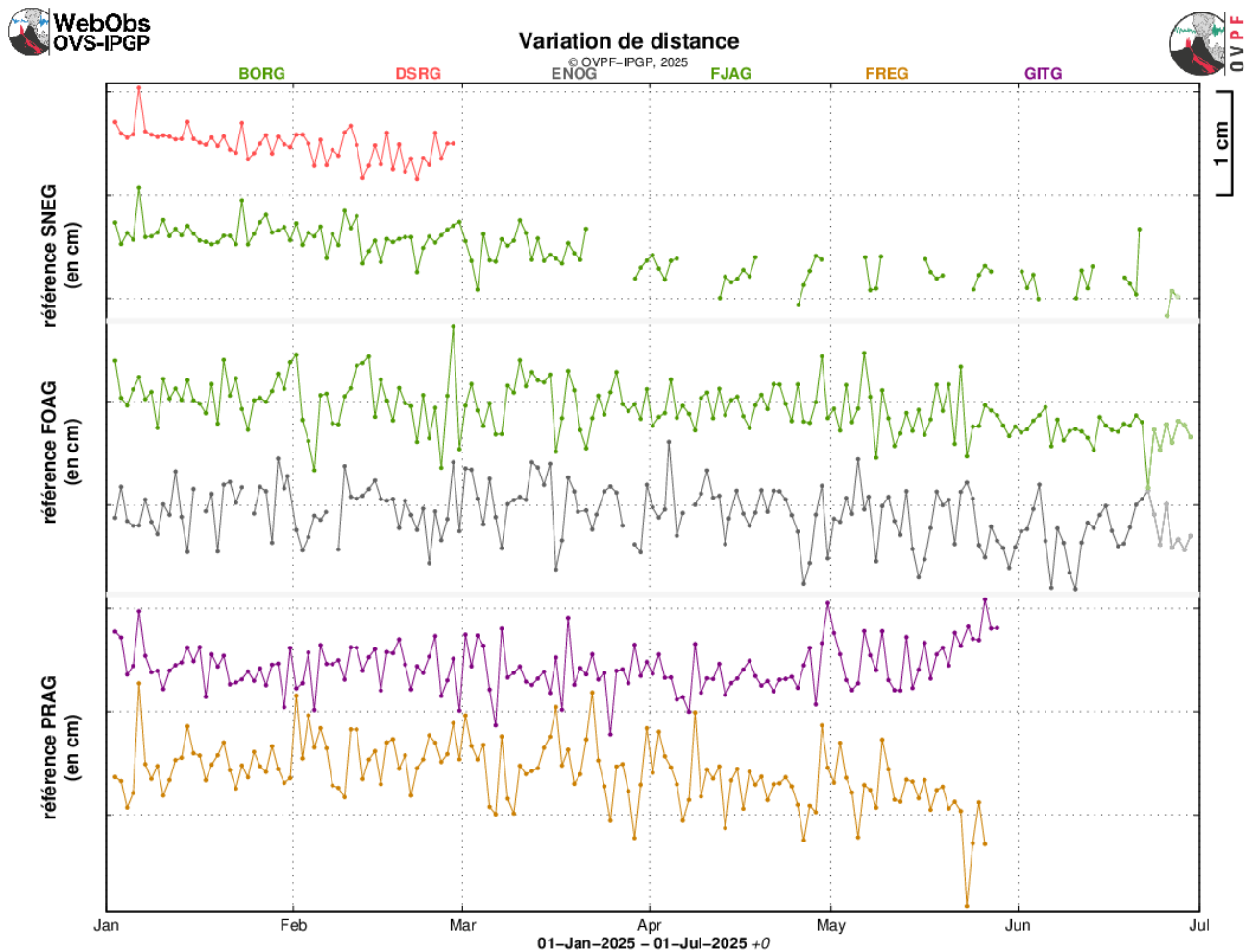
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Figure 2: Seismicity below Piton de la Fournaise in June 2025. Location map (epicenters) and north-south and east-west cross-sections (hypocenters) of earthquakes as recorded by OVPF-IPGP. Only manually located earthquakes are shown on the map (© OVPF-IPGP).



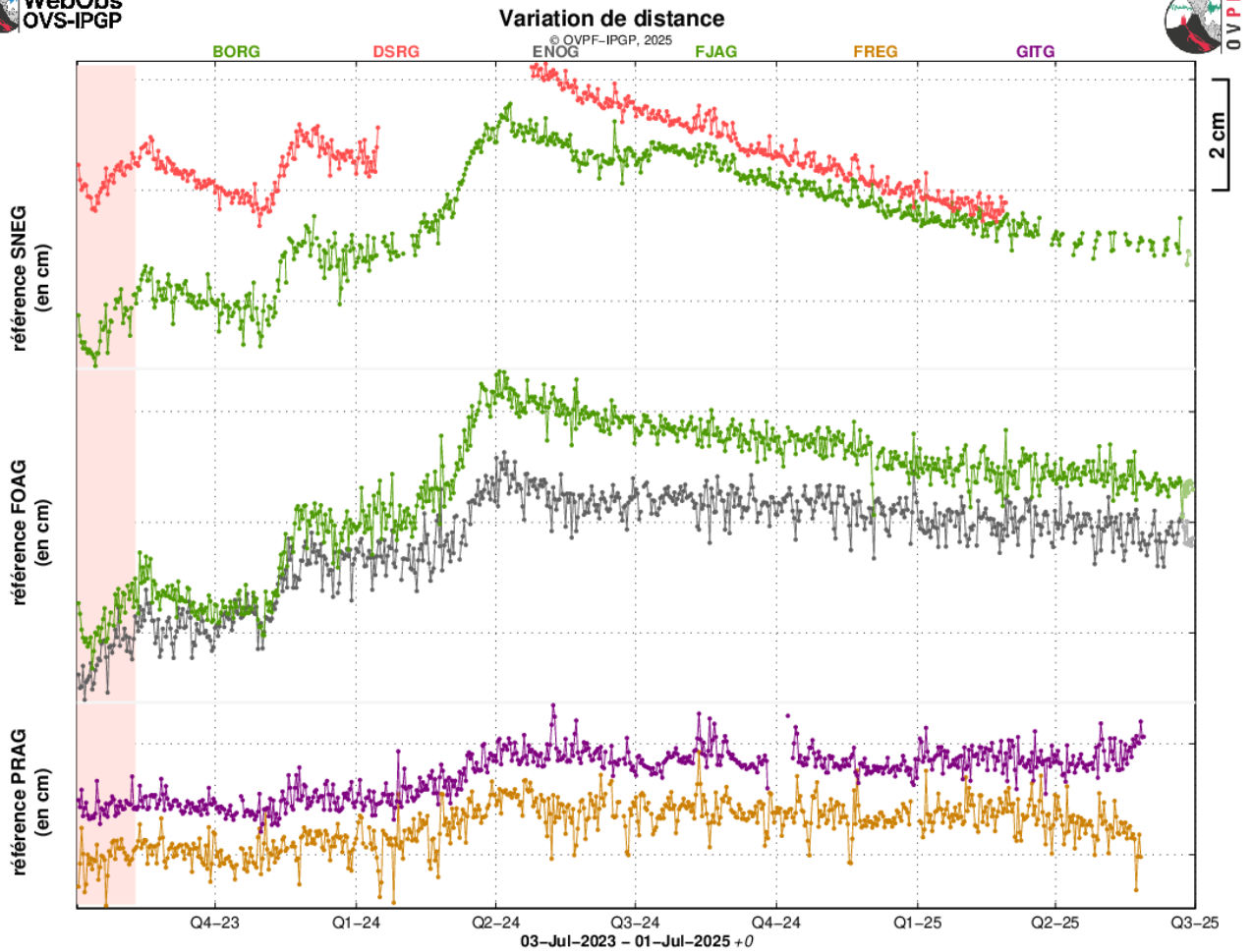
## Deformation

After its resumption in February 2024, the edifice inflation stopped at the beginning of April 2024. Since then, a slight deflation is recorded in the long-term, particularly well visible at the summit stations (Figures 3 et 4). In May 2025, deflation seems to have slowed. With the lack of data from two of the summit stations and the distant baselines (as a result of the damage caused by cyclone Garance on 28 February 2025), this trend remains to be confirmed over the coming weeks.



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Figure 3: Ground deformation records over the past six months (in case of eruptive or intrusive periods, red and green bars represent eruptions and intrusions, respectively). The time series plots show the changes in distance between pairs of GPS stations located around the Dolomieu summit crater (reference: SNEG; top graph), the terminal cone (reference: FOAG; middle graph) and the Enclos Fouqué caldera (reference: PRAG; bottom graph), from north to south (see location in Figure 5). Increasing distances (or baseline elongation) indicate volcano inflation, while decreasing distances (or baseline contraction) reflect edifice deflation (© OVPF-IPGP). **\*Following the passage of cyclone Garance on 28 February 2025, 2 summit stations were destroyed.**



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Figure 4: Ground deformation records since the last eruption in July-August 2023 (the eruptive period of July-August 2023 is shown in red). The time series plots show the changes in distance between pairs of GPS stations located around the Dolomieu summit crater (reference: SNEG; top graph), the terminal cone (reference: FOAG; middle graph) and the Enclos Fouqué caldera (reference: PRAG; bottom graph), from north to south (see location in Figure 5). Increasing distances (or baseline elongation) indicate volcano inflation, while decreasing distances (or baseline contraction) reflect edifice deflation (© OVPF-IPGP). **\*Following the passage of cyclone Garance on 28 February 2025, 2 summit stations were destroyed.**

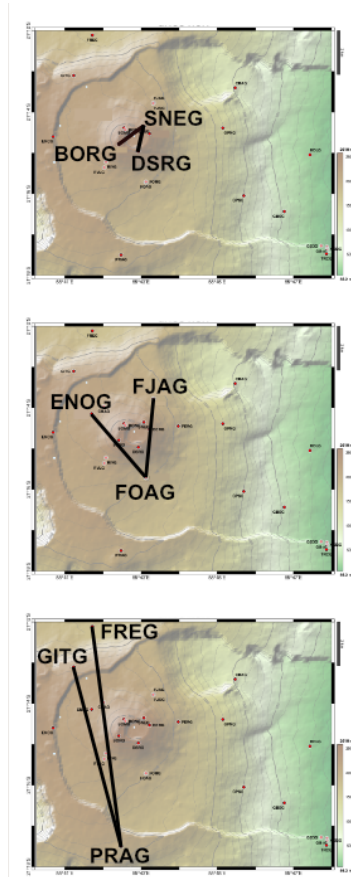


Figure 5: Location map of GPS stations and baselines as discussed in the text and shown in Figures 3 and 4 (© OVPF-IPGP).

\* Glossary: The summit GPS signals indicate the influence of a shallow pressure source below the volcano, while distant GPS signals indicate the influence of a deep pressure source below the volcano. Inflation usually means pressurization; and conversely deflation usually means depressurization.



## Gas geochemistry

### CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the soil

Since the last Piton de la Fournaise eruption (July, 2 – August 10, 2023), an overall trend of decrease in soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is recorded, associated by moderate positive pulses (Figure 6).

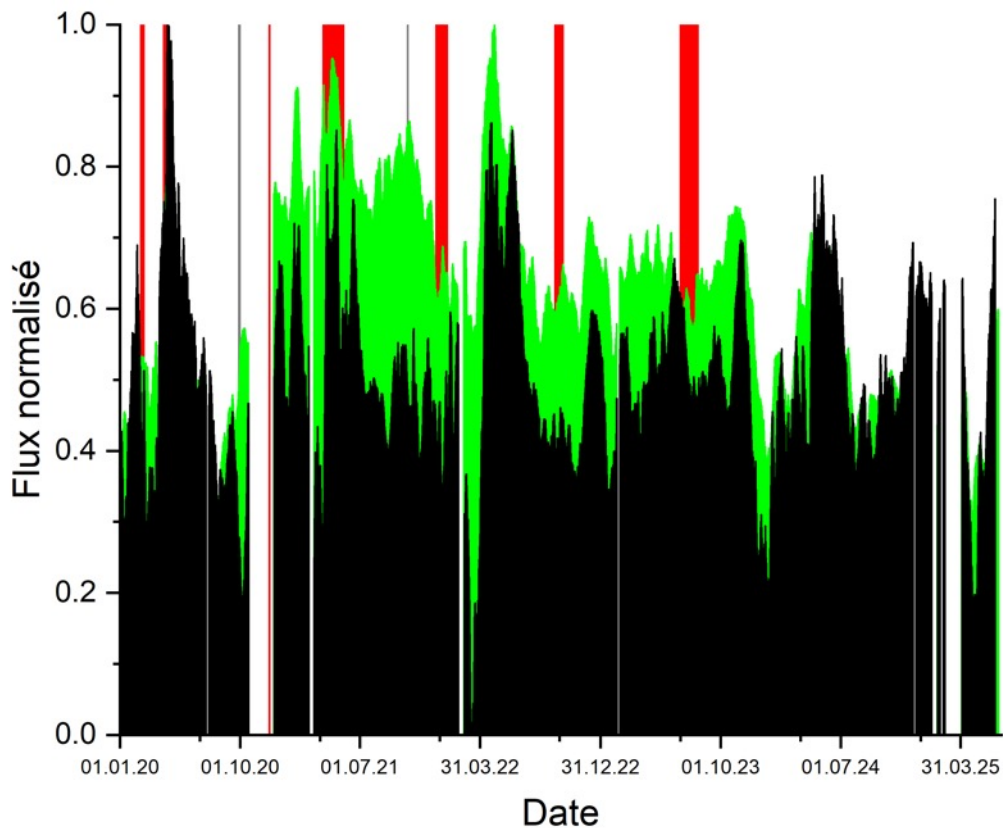


Figure 6: Comparison between the normalized average of corrected for short (OVPF-model; 15 days moving average; in green) and long-term influence of environmental parameters (INGV MALFIT model; in black) soil CO<sub>2</sub> flux from all distal stations since October 2016 (last station set). Red bars: eruptions; Gray bars: intrusions (© OVPF-IPGP).

A first positive pulse was recorded from mid-october 2023 and it stopped in mid-november 2023.

Following the cyclonic event of January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, a rapid increase in soil CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes was observed from January 19<sup>th</sup> in both proximal and distal locations on the western flank of Piton de la Fournaise. This second phase of slow progressive increase lasted till May 2024 and attained unusually high values in the proximal GITN site. Isotopic fluid compositions did not show an increase of the magmatic component in the fluids during this phase (Figure 7).

A third phase of moderate increase in soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, recorded mostly by the distal stations, was detected between November and December 2024, when concentrations started to decrease again (Figure 6).

A new pulse in soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the distal sites has started during June 2025.

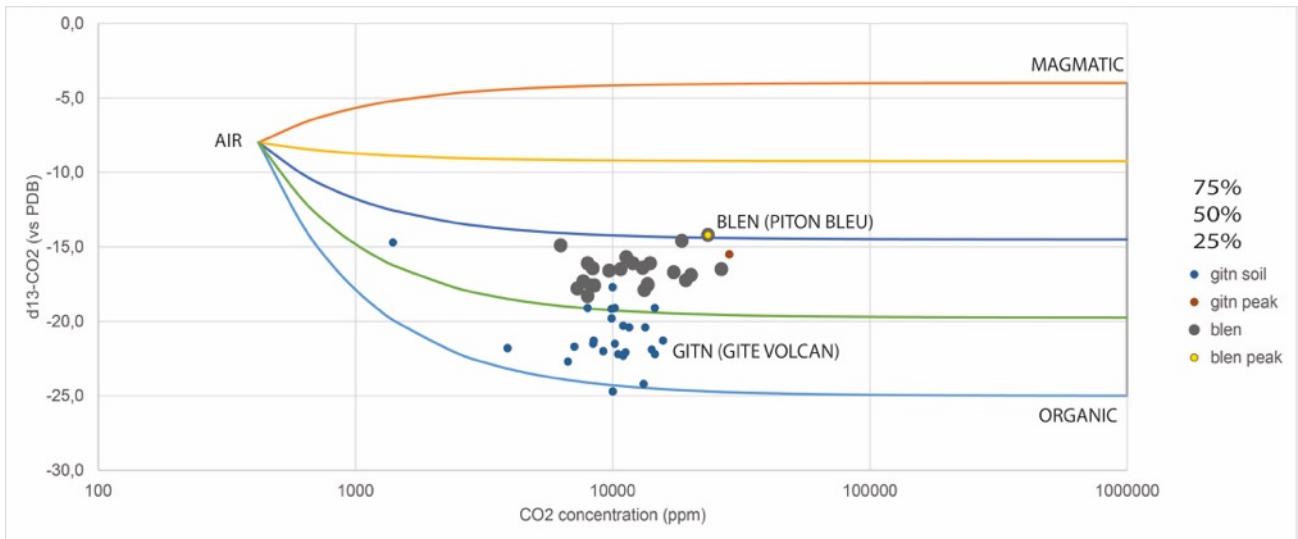


Figure 7: Carbon isotope ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) variations in  $\text{CO}_2$  from soil gas emitted from a proximal (GITN) and distal (BLEN) station. Measurements performed at the beginning (March 2024) of the peak phase in  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions do not show a strong increase in the percentage of magmatic contribution.

\* Glossary:  $\text{CO}_2$  is the first gas to be released from deep magma (rising from the mantle), so its detection in the far field often means a deep rise of magma. Its near-field evolution may be related to magmatic transfer in the shallowest part of the feeding system (< 2-4 km below the surface).

#### Summit fumaroles composition obtained by the MultiGas method

- Since the installation of the new MultiGaS station at the summit in June 2024,  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  concentrations at the volcano summit remain below detection levels.

Weak concentrations of  $\text{SO}_2$  (<0.3 ppmv, Figure 8) and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , associated with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  pulses recorded between November 2024 and March 2025 - showing a potential weak regain in activity of the hydrothermal system - have reverted to lower levels, close to the detection limit.



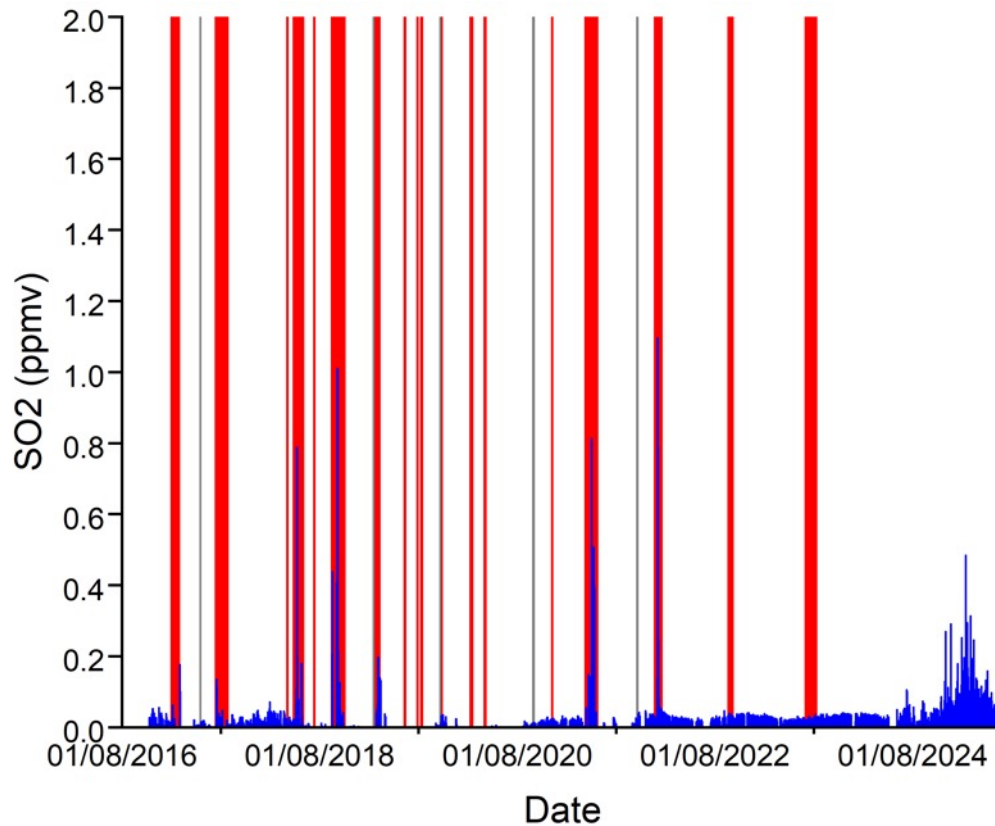


Figure 8: Raw (in blue) concentrations of  $\text{SO}_2$  in the atmosphere at the summit of Piton de la Fournaise (MultiGaS station). Red bars: eruptions; Gray bars: intrusions.

\* Glossary: The MultiGaS method allows measuring the concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  in the atmosphere at the summit of the Piton de la Fournaise volcano. Magmatic transfer in the Piton de la Fournaise feeding system can result in an increase in  $\text{SO}_2$  concentrations and in the C/S ratio (carbon/sulfur).

#### $\text{SO}_2$ flux in the air obtained by DOAS method

The  $\text{SO}_2$  fluxes in the air were low; close or below the detection threshold.

\* Glossary: During rest periods,  $\text{SO}_2$  flux at Piton de la Fournaise is below the detection threshold. The  $\text{SO}_2$  flux may increase during magma transfer in the shallowest part of the feeding system. During eruptions, it is directly proportional to the amount of lava emitted at the surface.

## Phenomenology

No eruptive activity reported in June 2025.



## Summary

Since April 2024, magma recharge and pressurization of the shallow magma reservoir stopped. In June 2025, seismicity remained low with only 10 shallow volcano-tectonic earthquakes and 4 deep earthquakes. A slight summit deflation is still observed, whereas a new pulse in soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the distal sites has started during June 2025.



## B. Seismic activity on La Réunion and in the Indian Ocean basin

### Local and regional seismicity

In June 2025, the OVPF-IPGP recorded:

- 86 local earthquakes (below the island, within a radius of 200 km around the island, Figures 9 and 10);
- 1 regional earthquake (in the Indian Ocean basin).

In June 2025, the OVPF-IPGP recorded 86 local earthquakes located mainly below the *Roche Ecrue and Salazie areas* (Figure 10). Most of these earthquakes have magnitude less than 1 and are difficult to locate.

These earthquakes were located between 10 km and 25 km depth in oceanic lithosphere on which was built the volcanic edifice at the origin of La Réunion island.

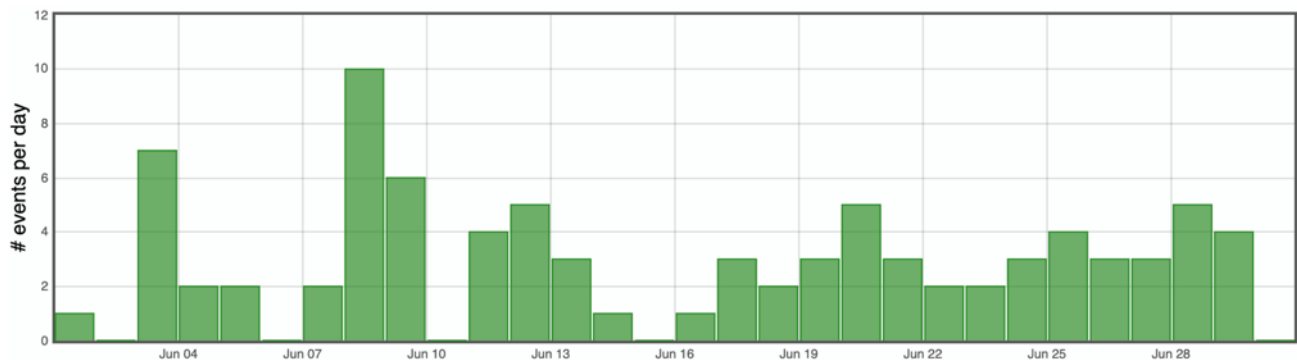
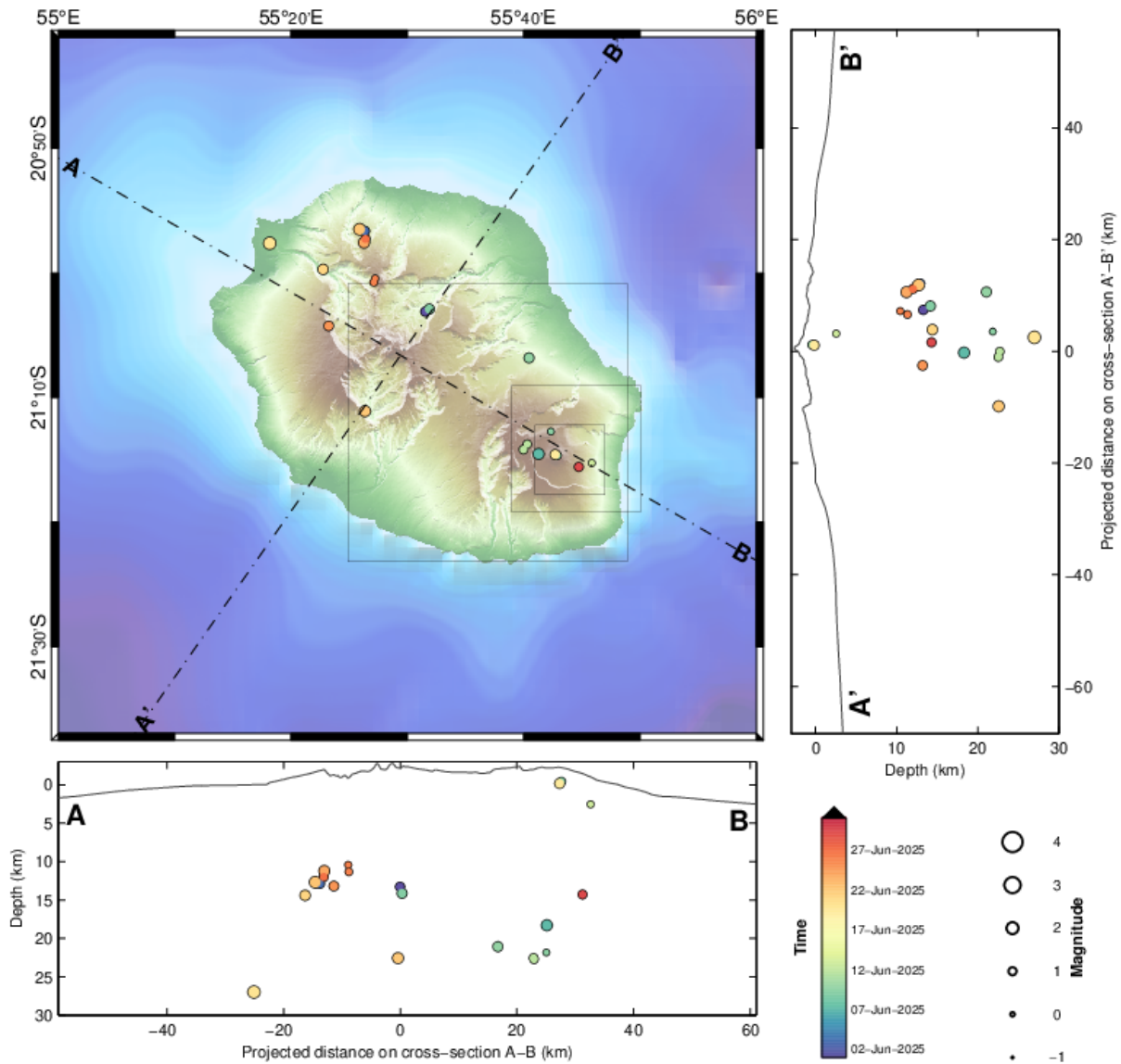


Figure 9: Number of local earthquakes (La Réunion island) per day recorded in June 2025 (© OVPF-IPGP).



**La Réunion**  
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Figure 10: Seismicity below La Réunion in June 2025. Location map (epicenters) and north-west – south-east and south-west – north-east cross-sections (hypocenters) of earthquakes as recorded by OVPF-IPGP. Only localizable earthquakes are shown on the map (© OVPF-IPGP).



## Seismic-volcano activity in Mayotte

The « REseau de surveillance VOlcanologique et Sismologique de MAyotte (REVOSIMA) » is the structure in charge of the volcano and seismic monitoring of Mayotte. IPGP and BRGM coordinate and manage REVOSIMA. Operational monitoring of seismic-volcanic activity is carried out by IPGP (OVPF), under the joint responsibility of BRGM and in close association with IFREMER and CNRS. REVOSIMA is supported by a scientific and technical partnership. The REVOSIMA consortium: IPGP and Université Paris Cité, BRGM, IFREMER, CNRS, BCSF-RéNaSS, ITES and Université de Strasbourg, IGN, ENS, SHOM, TAAF, Météo France, CNES, Université Grenoble Alpes and ISTerre, Université Clermont Auvergne, LMV and OPGC, Université de La Réunion, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse and GET-OMP, Université de la Rochelle, Université de Bretagne Occidentale, IRD and collaborators.

All information on the REVOSIMA and the activity in Mayotte can be found on the dedicated webpages:

- <https://www.ipgp.fr/observation/infrastructures-nationales-hebergees/revosima/>
- <https://www.ipgp.fr/actualites-du-revosima/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/ReseauVolcanoSismoMayotte/>
- <https://bsky.app/profile/revosima.bsky.social>

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## C. Appendix

### Definition of Volcanic Alert Levels for Piton de la Fournaise

from *disposition spécifique « Volcan Piton de la Fournaise » - arrêté n°2242*- Emergency plan set up by the department responsible for the protection of the population in the event of unrest or activity of the Piton de la Fournaise

• **“Vigilance”**: possible eruption in medium term (a few days or weeks) or presence of risks on the sector (rockfalls, increase of gas emissions, still hot lava flows...).

Access to the Enclos Fouqué caldera and to the summit volcano are allowed with restrictions.

• **“Alert 1”**: probable or imminent.

Access to the Enclos Fouqué caldera and to the summit are closed and prohibited.

• **“Alert 2”**: ongoing eruption.

Alert 2-1: ongoing eruption inside the Enclos Fouqué caldera without threat to the safety of people, property or the environment

Alert 2-2: ongoing eruption inside the Enclos Fouqué caldera with direct or indirect threat to the safety of people, property or the environment.

Access to the Enclos Fouqué caldera and to the summit are closed and prohibited. For Alert 2-2, evacuation of the people and vehicles depending on the issues.

• **“Alert 2-3”**: ongoing eruption outside the Enclos Fouqué caldera with threat to the safety of people, property or the environment.

Access to the Enclos Fouqué caldera and to the summit are closed and prohibited. Evacuation of the people and vehicles depending on the issues.

• **“Sauvegarde”**: end of eruption.

Evaluation of a partial reopening of the Enclos Fouqué caldera access.



### Acknowledgments

Thank you to organizations, communities and associations for publicly posting this report for the widest dissemination

### Information

All information on the Piton de la Fournaise activity can be found on the OVPF-IPGP media:

- Internet website : [ipgp.fr/fr/ovpf/actualites-ovpf](http://ipgp.fr/fr/ovpf/actualites-ovpf)
- Bluesky : [@ovpf.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/ovpf.bsky.social)
- Facebook : [facebook.com/ObsVolcanoPitonFournaise](https://www.facebook.com/ObsVolcanoPitonFournaise)

A preliminary automatic daily bulletin of the OVPF-IPGP, relating to the activities of the day before, validated by an analyst, is published daily. It can be accessed directly at this link:

[http://volcano.ipgp.fr/reunion/Bulletin\\_quotidien/bulletin.html](http://volcano.ipgp.fr/reunion/Bulletin_quotidien/bulletin.html)

The seismicity validated in continuous by OVPF-IPGP can also be followed on the RENASS portal: <https://renass.unis-tra.fr/fr/zones/la-reunion>

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