
Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

Saint-Pierre, August 18, 2023 14:30 local time (GMT-4)

Volcanic activity remains low with **a total of 1 volcano-tectonic earthquake** of very low-energy recorded this week.

Between August 11, 2023 at 16:00 (UTC) and August 18, 2023 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM recorded 1 volcano-tectonic earthquake of very low energy. This earthquake, which could not be precisely located, although it was clearly identified as originating from one of the well-known seismically active zones below Mount Pelée, is located between 1.0 and 1.4 km below the summit of the volcano.

Superficial volcano-tectonic seismicity is associated with micro-fracturing in the volcanic edifice related to the overall reactivation of the volcano observed since late 2018.

This earthquake was not felt by the population.

Last week, the OVSM had recorded 4 earthquakes of volcanic origin. As of 18 August, OVSM recorded an average of 4 to 5 volcanic earthquakes per week during the last 4 weeks.

During phases of volcanic unrest on volcanoes similar to Mount Pelée, it is usual to observe seismic activity that varies over time in intensity and frequency.

For more details on longer-term observations and interpretations of volcanic activity, please refer to the monthly bulletins of the OVSM.

The alert level is currently YELLOW: vigilance.

The Director's office of OVSM-IPGP.

Informations

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to change depending on their subsequent analysis.

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