
Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Volcanic activity remains low with **a total of 15 volcano-tectonic earthquakes** of very low-energy recorded this week.

Between September 15, 2023 at 16:00 (UTC) and September 22, 2023 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM recorded:

14 volcano-tectonic earthquakes of low energy ($M_d < 0,7$). These earthquakes were clearly identified as originating from one of the well-known seismically active zones below Mount Pelée, located between 1.0 and 1.4 km below the summit of the volcano;

1 low-energy hybrid earthquakes, which was located at about 2,6 km depth at the south of the summit.

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. Hybrid signals contain low frequencies and are associated with the presence of fluids (gas, hydrothermal fluids).

These earthquakes were not felt by the population.

Last week, the OVSM had recorded 7 earthquakes of volcanic origin. As of 22 September, OVSM recorded an average of 9 to 10 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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