Weekly report
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Activity of Mount Pelée

Saint-Pierre, March 08, 2024 14:00 local time (GMT-4)

Volcanic activity diminished this week with 9 volcanic earthquakes observed.

Between March 1, 2024 at 16:00 (UTC) and March 08, 2024 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM recorded 9 very low-energy volcano-tectonic type earthquakes. These earthquakes were clearly identified as originating from one of the well-known seismically active zones on Mount Pelée, 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.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded 14 earthquakes of volcanic origin. As of March 08 and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 71 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of 17 to 18 volcanic earthquakes per week.

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.