Weekly report
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Activity of Mount Pelée

Saint-Pierre, July 12, 2024, 15:00 local time (GMT-4)

Volcanic activity has remained low this week with 2 volcanic earthquakes observed.
Between July 5, 2024 at 16:00 (UTC) and July 12, 2024 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded:

- 1 low-energy volcano-tectonic type earthquake. It was 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.
- 1 low energy and superficial hybrid earthquake, located under the southwestern flank of the volcano. Hybrid signals contain low frequencies and are associated with the presence of fluids (gas, hydrothermal fluids) within the volcanic edifice.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded 1 earthquake of volcanic origin. As of July 12, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 9 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of 2 to 3 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.

Informations
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