

Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Volcanic activity remained high this week, with **256 volcanic earthquakes** observed.

Between May 2, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC) and May 9, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded:

- **243** 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.
- **9 long-period** type earthquakes. 8 of these earthquakes were located and their depth is between 17 and 34 km. Their magnitude ranges from $M_{lv} = 0.4$ to $M_{lv} = 1.2$. Deep long-period events contain only low frequencies and are associated with the circulation of magmatic fluids deep within the Mont Pelée volcanic system.
- **4 deep hybrid** earthquakes located at depths between 20 and 24 km, with magnitudes ranging from $M_{lv} = 0.9$ to $M_{lv} = 1.7$. Hybrid seismic signals are enriched in low frequencies and are also generally associated with the circulation of magmatic fluids in the deep part of Mount Pelée volcanic system.

The preliminary hypocentres of localized long-period and deep hybrid earthquakes are mainly concentrated in the southeast quadrant of Montagne Pelée.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded **137 earthquakes** of volcanic origin. As of May 9, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 632 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **158 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

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

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