



Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Volcanic activity has significantly decreased this week, with 31 volcanic earthquakes observed.

Between May 9, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC) and May 16, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded **31** 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 **256 earthquakes** of volcanic origin. As of May 16, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 625 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **156 to 157 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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