

Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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The volcanic activity decreased this week but remains sustained, with **369 volcanic earthquakes** observed.

Between August 22, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC) and August 29, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded:

- **358 volcano-tectonic** type earthquakes. Among them, 18 have a duration magnitude greater than $M_d = 0.5$, with the largest having a magnitude of $M_d = 0.9$. The others are of lower energy. 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.
- **3 shallow hybrid** type earthquakes, with a maximum local magnitude $M_{lv} = 0.85$, located approximately 1 km below the domes of Mount Pelée in the same area as the volcano-tectonic earthquakes. Hybrid seismic signals are enriched in low frequencies and are associated with the presence of fluids (gas, hydrothermal fluids) in the volcanic edifice.
- **8 deep** earthquakes of **hybrid** (6) and **long-period** (2) types, with local magnitudes ranging from $M_{lv} = 0.65$ to $M_{lv} = 1.55$, located east and southeast of Mount Pelée at depths between 34 and 39 km. The seismic signals of these types of earthquakes are enriched in (or contain only) low frequencies and are generally associated with the circulation of magmatic fluids in the depths of the Mount Pelée volcanic system.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded **659 earthquakes** of volcanic origin. As of August 29, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 1414 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **353 to 354 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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