
Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Volcanic activity has increased this week, with **598 volcanic earthquakes** observed.

Between September 5, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC) and September 12, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded:

- **545 volcano-tectonic** type earthquakes. Among them, 8 have a duration magnitude greater than $M_d = 0.5$, with the largest having a magnitude of $M_d = 1.15$. 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.
- **34 shallow hybrid** type earthquakes, with a maximum local magnitude $M_{lv} = 1.12$, 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 circulation of fluids (gas, hydrothermal fluids) in the volcanic edifice.
- **19 shallow long-period** type earthquakes of low energy, located in the same area as the volcano-tectonic earthquakes. Long-period earthquakes are characterized by signals that contain only low frequencies and are associated with the circulation of fluids in the volcanic edifice.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded **517 earthquakes** of volcanic origin. As of September 12, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of **2143** volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **535 to 536 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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