

Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Volcanic activity has increased this week with **119 volcanic earthquakes** observed.

Between December 26, 2025 at 16:00 (UTC) and January 2, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded:

- **115 shallow volcano-tectonic** type earthquakes. Among them, 4 have a magnitude (duration magnitude M_d or local magnitude M_{lv}) higher than 0.5. The largest has a magnitude **$M_{lv} = 1.1$** . The others are of lower energy. These earthquakes originate from well-known seismically active zones at 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 2019.
- **4 shallow hybrid** type earthquakes of low energy. Among them, 2 were located at approximately 1.5 km below the summit of the volcano. The largest has a magnitude $M_{lv} = 0.65$. The seismic signals of hybrid earthquakes are enriched in low frequencies and are associated with the circulation of fluids (gas, hydrothermal fluids) in the volcanic edifice.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded 54 earthquakes of volcanic origin. As of January 2, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 224 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **63 volcanic earthquakes** per week.

During phases of volcanic unrest on volcanoes similar to Mount Pelée, it is usual to observe seismic activity variable in intensity and frequency. The probability of eruptive activity in the short term remains low. However, given all the observations collected since the end of 2018 and their nature, and based on the recent observations of the OVSM-IPGP, we cannot exclude a medium-term evolution of the situation (weeks, months).

For more details on longer-term observations and interpretations of volcanic activity, please refer to the monthly bulletins of the OVSM.

The alert level, in accordance with the provisions planned by the authorities, 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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