

## Weekly report

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### Activity of Mount Pelée

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Between March 13, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC) and March 20, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded **3 volcanic earthquakes**:

- **2 shallow volcano-tectonic** type earthquakes of low 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.
- **1 deep long-period** type earthquake located at approximately 24 km depth to the southwest of Mont Pelée and with a magnitude  $M_{lv} = 0.4$ . Deep long-period earthquakes are characterized by signals that contain only low frequencies and are associated with the circulation of magmatic fluids deep within the Mount Pelée volcanic system.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had not recorded any earthquake of volcanic origin. As of March 20, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 10 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **2 to 3 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, considering the observations accumulated over the past several years, particularly in recent months, an evolution of the situation in the medium term (weeks to months) cannot be excluded.

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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You can also find us on our [Bluesky](#) et [Facebook](#) accounts. Locations of volcano-tectonic and tectonic earthquakes determined by the OVSM-IPGP are available in real-time at <https://renass.unistra.fr/fr/zones/les-antilles/>.

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