

Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Between April 10, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC) and April 17, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded **576 volcanic earthquakes**:

- **568 shallow volcano-tectonic** type earthquakes. Among them, 44 have a magnitude (local magnitude M_{lv} or duration magnitude M_d) higher than 0.5, and 9 have a magnitude higher than 1, the others are of lower energy. The largest has a magnitude **$M_{lv} = 2.51$** . These earthquakes are located at depths between 0.8 and 3.8 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.
- **5 shallow long-period** type and **1 shallow hybrid** type earthquakes. Among them, 1 was located and occurred in the same area as the volcano-tectonic type earthquakes. The seismic signals from these types of earthquakes are enriched in (or contain only) low frequencies and are associated with the circulation of fluids (gas, hydrothermal fluids) in the volcanic edifice.
- **2 deep long-period** type earthquake located at approximately 24 km and 27 km depth to the southwest of Mont Pelée and with a magnitude $M_{lv} = 1.07$ and $M_{lv} = 0.96$. 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 recorded 125 earthquakes of volcanic origin. As of April 17, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 735 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **183 to 184 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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