

Weekly report

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Activity of Mount Pelée

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Between May 15, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC) and May 22, 2026 at 16:00 (UTC), the OVSM has recorded:

- **61 volcano-tectonic** type earthquakes. Among them, 6 have a magnitude (local magnitude M_{lv} or duration magnitude M_d) higher than 0.5. The largest one has a magnitude **$M_{lv} = 0.8$** . 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. Volcano-tectonic seismicity is associated with micro-fracturing in the volcanic edifice related to the overall reactivation of the volcano observed since 2019.

No earthquake was felt by the population.

The week before, the OVSM had recorded 80 earthquakes of volcanic origin. As of May 22, and during the last 4 weeks, the OVSM recorded a total of 971 volcanic earthquakes, and an average of **242 to 243 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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