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Weekly report on the activity of la Montagne Pelée for the period from 15th to 22nd January 2021

The seismicity of volcanic origin has increased slightly in the last week. None of these earthquakes were felt by the population.

Between January 15, 2021 at 4 p.m. UT (local time + 4 hours) and January 22, 2021 at 4 p.m. UTC (local time + 4 hours), the OVSM recorded at least 36 volcano-tectonic earthquakes of magnitude less than or equal to 1 located at shallow depth inside the volcanic edifice, between 100 m below sea level and 1000 m above sea level. This volcano-tectonic type seismicity, characterized by high frequency signals, is associated with micro-fracturing in the volcanic edifice.

During phases of volcanic reactivation, it is common for periods of increased seismic activity to alternate with phases of lower seismic activity. The seismicity of volcanic origin remains above the average base level recorded between January 1, 2015 and April 2019 (the date of the start of its increase).

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The alert level remains yellow: vigilance.

The Director's office of OVSM IPGP.