



Montserrat Volcano Observatory

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MVO Weekly Report for the Period 17 to 24 September 2021

Activity at the Soufrière Hills Volcano remains low.

The seismic network recorded 17 volcano-tectonic earthquakes and two rockfalls this week.

Measurements of the SO₂ flux were made by boat on 17 September. There were eight traverses with an average flux of 296 tonnes per day. Due to the light winds from the south on some days in the past week, the smell of the gas may have been noticed in northern parts of the island.

Due to the large size of the lava dome, pyroclastic flows can occur at any time without warning on any side of the volcano, including Gages from where they can travel rapidly into Plymouth. Tracks across the Belham Valley can be destroyed or heavily modified by flash flooding or lahars, and caution should be exercised crossing the valley during and after rainfall.

The Hazard Level is 1. There is no public access to Zone V, including Plymouth. Maritime Zones E and W are daytime transit only between sunrise and sunset (boats may sail through the zone but must not stop). Anyone who ignores these restrictions is liable to be prosecuted.

This report along with additional information on the Soufrière Hills Volcano and the Hazard Level System can be found at the MVO website: www.mvo.ms. Old weekly reports can be downloaded from http://www.mvo.ms/pub/Activity_Reports/. You can also follow @mvoms on both Facebook and Twitter.

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Monitoring Data Summary

Seismic Activity (number of events)

	This week	Last week	Last 4 weeks (weekly average)
Rockfalls	2	2	3
VT earthquakes	17	5	17
Hybrid earthquakes	0	0	0
LP earthquakes	0	0	1

Sulphur Dioxide Flux (tonnes per day)

	This week	Last week	Last 4 weeks
Average	296	265	306
Maximum	378	327	406
Minimum	211	210	218

Note: The numbers provided in the tables above are provisional and may be subject to change after further analysis of the data.