



# Montserrat Volcano Observatory

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## MVO Weekly Report for the Period 15 to 22 April 2022

Activity at the Soufrière Hills Volcano remains low.

The seismic network recorded 13 volcano-tectonic earthquakes and one rockfall this week. Six of the volcano-tectonic events occurred in a brief swarm on 17 April.

SO<sub>2</sub> flux measurements were taken by helicopter on 20 April and by boat on 21 April. The average flux values were 220 tonnes per day on the 20 April from 12 traverses and 393 tonnes per day on 21 April from ten traverses.

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](http://www.mvo.ms). Old weekly reports can be downloaded from [http://www.mvo.ms/pub/Activity\\_Reports/](http://www.mvo.ms/pub/Activity_Reports/). You can also follow @mvoms on both Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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### Monitoring Data Summary

#### Seismic Activity (number of events)

	This week	Last week	Last 4 weeks (weekly average)
Rockfalls	1	0	0
VT earthquakes	13	7	7
Hybrid earthquakes	0	0	0
LP earthquakes	0	0	0

#### Sulphur Dioxide Flux (tonnes per day)

	This week	Last week	Last 4 weeks
Average	306	392	396
Maximum	448	642	640
Minimum	172	249	237

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