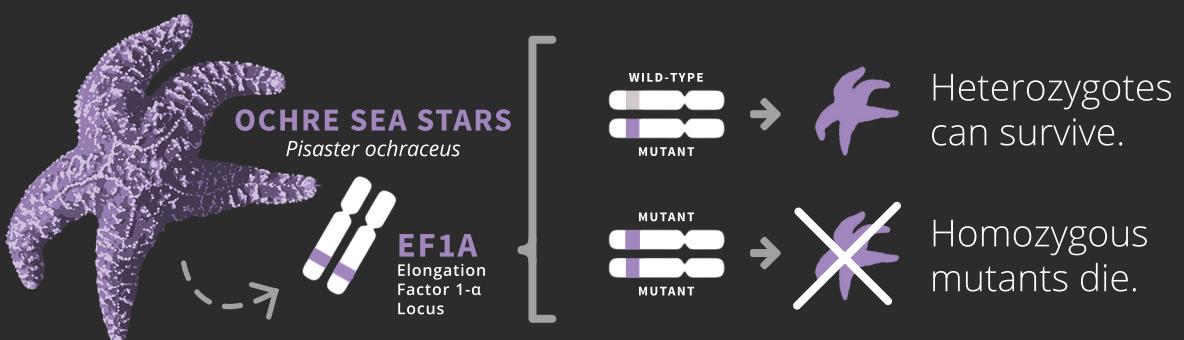
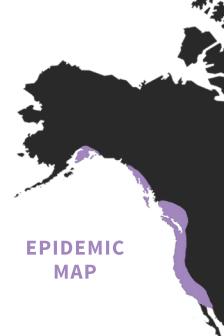


Epidemic sea star wasting disease (SSWD) along the Pacific Coast killed millions of sea stars.



A mutation in the EF1A allele is **overdominant** in ochre sea stars.

Heterozygotes survive the epidemic better than wild-type homozygotes.

CONCLUSION