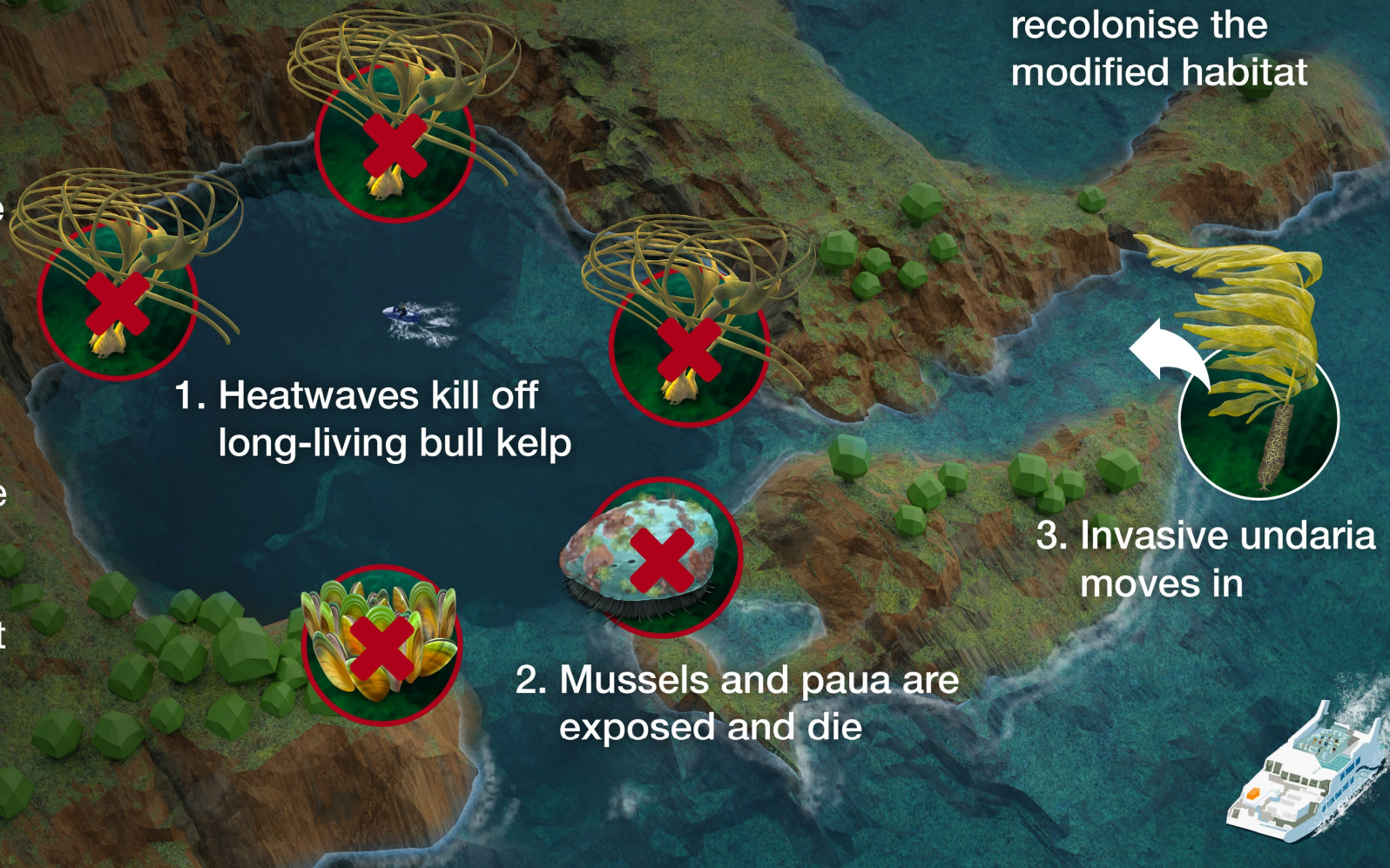


Marine heatwaves are creating local extinctions

Our oceans are affected by global warming. They have absorbed 90% of the heat we have added to the climate. In addition to long-term warming, there are short-term "marine heatwaves". Marine species who can not adapt can die and even go extinct after such events.



1. Heatwaves kill off long-living bull kelp

2. Mussels and paua are exposed and die

3. Invasive undaria moves in

4. Bull kelp can't recolonise the modified habitat



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