README.

The file consists of life tables for 24 species stacked into a single large table. Below is a description of each column name:

Common: Common name; **Species**: genus and species;

Age: age in years;

Ix: number alive at age x (i.e. at the start of the interval);

dx: number dying between ages x and x+1;

mx: death rate in the cohort between ages x and x+1;

ax: average time lived in the interval by those dying in the interval;

qx: probability of dying between ages x and x+1;

px: probability of surviving between ages x and x+1;

Lx: 'person' years lived between ages x and x+1;

Tx: 'person' years lived above age x;

ex: life expectancy at age x.