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Report

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Platnick, N. I. (2010). The world spider catalog, version 10.5.
<http://research.amnh.org/entomology/spiders/catalog/index.html> *American Museum of Natural History*. Retrieved February 12, 2016, from
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	Average (t)	Min (t)	Max (t)	CV (%)
Export (000 USD)	105,693	97,583	114,098	5.74
Import (000 USD)	260,256	180,337	343,095	27.52
Trade balance (000 USD)	-154,563	-76,815	-245,513	-47.95
Coverage rate (%)	43.4	57.4	28.4	-

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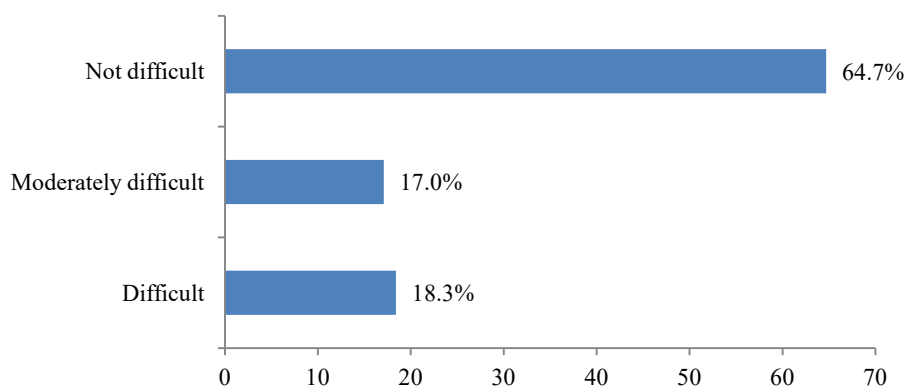


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